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Budget

- Congress passes fiscal year 2015 spending bill

?Congress

- Senate committee holds hearing on bipartisan climate bill
- Senate passes public lands bill with defense authorization

?Energy

- Obama prohibits oil and gas development in Bristol Bay
- New York bans hydraulic fracturing; Maryland reinstates it

?Environment

- Lima climate negotiations create road map for 2015 Paris negotiations
- NOAA releases annual Arctic report card

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- Senate confirms energy nominees
- Interior Secretary names new director of Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Department of the Interior announces updated scientific integrity policy

?Natural Hazards

- LA mayor proposed seismic retrofit for riskiest buildings
- Joint SR 530 Landslide Commission releases final report on Oso Landslide

?Space

- NASA tests Orion capsule for human space travel

?Water

- New data measure water losses across the Western U.S.
- Draft World Ocean Assessment available for review

?Federal Register

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