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April 2015

?Budget

- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Space Subcommittee holds hearing on President's FY 2016 budget for NASA

Congress

- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee passes COMPETES reauthorization bill cutting Geosciences Directorate funding
- House Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee passes funding bill
- Senate committee passes EPA reform act
- House and Senate hold hearings on energy efficiency legislation

?Energy

- Administration proposes new offshore drilling regulations
- Administration releases Quadrennial Energy Review
- Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee holds hearing on Deepwater Horizon, five years later
- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee holds hearing on BLM hydraulic fracturing rule

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- GAO examines NOAA in annual report on duplication

?Natural Hazards

- USGS to incorporate induced seismicity in earthquake prediction modeling

?Natural Resources

- Representative Issa introduces Monuments Protection Act of 2015

?Space

- Multi-agency partnership aims to understand harmful algal blooms
- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee passes NASA reauthorization bill cutting Earth science funding

?Federal Register

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