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May 2015

?Budget

- House approves FY 2016 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill
- House Appropriations Committee passes CJS FY 2016 spending bill with cuts to NOAA and NASA programs
- House spending bill cuts NSF funding to Geoscience Directorate
- Senate Appropriations Committee approves FY 2016 Energy and Water bill
- Senate Appropriations Committee finalizes Interior, Environment spending levels for FY 2016

Congress

- Federal science bill passes House amid funding debate
- Senate bill would increase DOE basic energy research funding

?Energy

- White House conditionally approves Arctic drilling
- Texas law restricts local laws regarding oil and gas
- Murkowski, Heitkamp introduce Senate bill to allow crude oil exports

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- GAO releases report on oil and gas monitoring and venting

?Natural Hazards

- House passes Weather and Forecasting Innovation Act

?Natural Resources

- Bicameral push would give DOI discretion over pipeline permits through national parks
- Murkowski bill to overhaul minerals and mining regulations

?Space

- Asteroid mining bill passes the House

?Water

- Bureau of Reclamation sends \$50 million to water starved Western states for water conservation
- NOAA opens \$24.5 million National Water Center in Alabama

?Federal Register

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