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June 2015

?Budget

- Senate Appropriations passes FY 2016 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies bill
- House Interior and Environment Subcommittee approves FY 2016 Interior and Environment bill
- Senate Appropriations passes Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies spending bill

?Energy

- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee holds series of hearings on massive energy legislation package
- BLM's new hydraulic fracturing rules postponed pending court decision
- Maryland imposes 2-year moratorium on hydraulic fracturing
- Oklahoma passes law prohibiting outright bans on oil and gas activities
- Energy Information Administration testifies on EPA Clean Power Plan to House Science, Space, and Technology subcommittees
- House Natural Resources subcommittee holds hearing on proposed Arctic drilling regulations

Environment

- Senate Committee assesses drought conditions in 11 Western states

?Natural Resources

- House bill would fund research into raw materials that fuel energy innovation
- House Natural Resources subcommittee holds hearing on National Critical Minerals bill

?Space

- NOAA reports potential coverage risk for U.S. weather data

?Water

- House bill addresses water infrastructure and drought mitigation in California and the West

?Federal Register

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