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Congress

- House Science Committee leads investigations into NOAA climate study
- Congress approves legislation to legalize space mining

Energy

- DOE partners with cities and states to share energy data via open-source software
- Senate bill would increase tech transfer from DOE's national labs to the marketplace
- Senators introduce legislation that will finance carbon capture and storage projects

Environment

- Draft bill introduced to reform and reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Sportsmen's Act approved by Senate Energy and Natural Resources includes amendment to renew LWCF
- Senate introduces hardrock mining legislation regarding cleanup royalties for abandoned mines

Federal Agencies & Administration

- President Obama rejects the Keystone XL pipeline
- White House announces federal agencies' greenhouse gas emissions targets for 2016

Natural Hazards

- White House Wildland Fire Science and Technology Task Force calls for increased communication about wildfire mitigation and research
- House passes legislation preparing the nation for an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) event

Natural Resources

- Hearing on H.R. 3844 to establish energy and minerals reclamation foundation

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