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Fall Forum 2012 Environment Committee Federal Update

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Congress Returns: Major Fiscal Questions Remain

- Fiscal Cliff
- Sequestration
- Carbon Tax
- FY 2013 Appropriations
 - Continuing Resolutions expires March 27th (PL 112-175)



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Congress Returns: Lame Duck Update

- European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act (PL 112-200)
 - Signed by the President on November 27th
- Sportsmen's Act of 2012 (S. 3525)
- Water Resource Development Act (WRDA)
- Legislative Response to Superstorm Sandy
- Defense Authorization Legislation
 - Renewable fuels related amendments adopted
 - Cloture invoked and final vote expected this week



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Other Recent Activity of Interest

EPA

- Renewable Fuels Standard

Supreme Court

- *Decker v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center & Georgia Pacific West v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center*
 - Oral Arguments heard December 3rd
 - Complicated by release of final regulation by EPA on November 30th
- *Los Angeles County Flood Control District v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*
 - Oral Arguments heard December 4th



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Changes in the 113th Congress: Committee Leadership



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Senate Committee Leadership

- Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry
 - Chairwoman Stabenow (MI) will remain
 - Ranking Member? Senator Roberts (KS) or Senator Cochran (MS)

- Appropriations
 - Chairman Inouye (HI) will remain
 - Ranking Member Cochran (MS) → Senator Shelby (AL) likeliest

- Commerce, Science & Transportation
 - Chairman Rockefeller (WV) will remain
 - Ranking Member Hutchison (TX) → Sen. Thune (SD) likeliest



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Senate Committee Leadership

- Energy & Natural Resources
 - Chairman Bingaman (NM) → Sen. Wyden (OR) will replace
 - Ranking Member Murkowski (AK) remains

- Environment & Public Works
 - Chairwoman Boxer (CA) will remain
 - Ranking Member Inhofe (OK) → Sen. Vitter (LA)



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House Committee Leadership

- Agriculture

- Chairman Lucas (OK) & Ranking Member Peterson (MN) will remain.

- Appropriations

- Chairman Rogers (KY) will remain
- Ranking Member Dicks (WA) → Rep. Lowey (NY)

NOTE: Subcommittee shake up

- Energy & Commerce

- Chairman Upton (MI) and Ranking Member Waxman (CA) will remain.



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House Committee Leadership

- Natural Resources
 - Chairman Hastings (WA) and Ranking Member Markey (MA) will stay.

- Science, Space & Technology
 - Chairman Hall (TX) → Rep. Smith (TX) new chairman
 - Ranking Member Johnson (TX) will remain.

- Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Chairman Mica (FL) → Rep. Shuster (PA) new Chairman.
 - Ranking Member Rahall (WV) will remain.



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