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Materials of Interest for the Energy, Transportation & Agriculture Committee and Environment Committee: Fall Forum 2012

Below is information that NCSL Environment Committee staff and NCSL Energy, Transportation & Agriculture Committee staff have identified as possible materials of interest to members of the two committees. We have included a URL for each item; however, if you have any problems retrieving the documents, please contact Tamra Spielvogel at 202.624.8690 or via email at tamra.spielvogel@ncsl.org or Ben Husch at 202.624.7779 or via email at ben.husch@ncsl.org for assistance.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Renewable Fuel Standards
 - Overview: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/renewablefuels/index.htm>
 - Fact Sheet on Recent Decision: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/renewablefuels/documents/420f12075.pdf>
 - Notice of Decision: [http://www.ofr.gov/\(S\(rhfgwatq2atjnof4s4cvh33r\)\)/OFRUpload/OFRData/2012-28586_PI.pdf](http://www.ofr.gov/(S(rhfgwatq2atjnof4s4cvh33r))/OFRUpload/OFRData/2012-28586_PI.pdf)
 - Renewable Identification Number (RIN) Fraud Prevention Draft Proposal: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/renewablefuels/documents/420b12063.pdf>
- EPA Recommend New Recreational Water Quality Criteria
 - News Release: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/9AE00CDEF4FCBB9B85257AC20067E738>
 - Additional Information: <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/health/recreation/index.cfm>
- EPA Revision to Stormwater Regulations Under the Clean Water Act: http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw_forestroa_d_prepub11302012.pdf
 - EPA Released Anticipated Questions with Answers: http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw_forestroa_d_faq.pdf
- New Consideration to Mercury and Air Toxic Standards: <http://epa.gov/mats/pdfs/20121116proposal.pdf>
 - Fact Sheet: <http://epa.gov/mats/pdfs/20121116factsheet.pdf>
- Request for Information on Hydraulic Fracturing Related to Drinking Water: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-ORD-2010-0674-1659>
 - Draft Study - Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water: [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/0/D3483AB445AE61418525775900603E79/\\$File/Draft+Plan+to+Study+the+Potential+Impacts+of+Hydraulic+Fracturing+on+Drinking+Water+Resources-February+2011.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/0/D3483AB445AE61418525775900603E79/$File/Draft+Plan+to+Study+the+Potential+Impacts+of+Hydraulic+Fracturing+on+Drinking+Water+Resources-February+2011.pdf)
- Addition of Cadmium to Health and Safety Data Reporting: http://www.epa.gov/oppt/chemtest/pubs/Prepublication_Copy_Cadmium-8d-FRM.pdf

- Hurricane Sandy Response and Recovery Website: <http://epa.gov/sandy/>
- Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards Requirements: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OW-2012-0813-0001>

Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports

- *The President's Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP): Issues for Congress* (RL34736 November 26,2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34736.pdf>
- *Controlling Air Emissions from Outer Continental Shelf Sources: A Comparison of Two Programs – EPA and DOI* (R42123, November 26, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42123.pdf>
- *Update on Controlling Greenhouse Gases from International Aviation* (R42828 November 19th, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42828.pdf>
- *Energy Policy: 112th Congress Issues and Legislative Proposals* (R42756 – November 8th, 2012) http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R42756_20121108.pdf
- *U.S. Renewable Electricity: How Does Wind Generation Impact Competitive Power Markets?* (R42818 November 7, 2012) http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R42818_20121107.pdf
- *Natural Gas in the U.S. Economy: Opportunities for Growth* (R42814 November 6, 2012) http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R42814_20121106.pdf
- *Keystone XL Pipeline Project: Key Issues* (R41668 November 5, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41668.pdf>
- *Reallocation of Water Storage at Federal Water Projects for Municipal and Industrial Water Supply* (R42805 October 31, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42805.pdf>
- *Climate Change and Existing Law: A Survey of Legal Issues Past, Present and Future* (R42613 October 25, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42613.pdf>
- *Energy and Water Development: FY2013 Appropriations* (R42498 October 23, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42498.pdf>
- *Wind Energy: Offshore Permitting* (R40175 October 17, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40175.pdf>
- *EPA Regulations: Too Much, Too Little, or On Track?* (R41561 October 5,2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41561.pdf>
- *Farm Safety Net Provisions in 2012 Farm Bill: S. 3240 and H.R. 6083* (R42759 September 28,2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42759.pdf>
- *Surface Transportation Funding and Programs Under MAP-21: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141)* (R42762 September 27,2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42762.pdf>
- *Residential Energy Tax Credits: Overview and Analysis* (R42089 September 25,2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42089.pdf>
- *Waiver Authority Under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)* (RS22870 September 25, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS22870.pdf>
- *Clean Water Act and Pollutant Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)* (R42752 September 21,2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42752.pdf>
- *Energy Tax Incentives: Measuring Value Across Different Types of Energy Resources* (R41953 September 18, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41953.pdf>
- *Carbon Tax: Deficit Reduction and Other Considerations* (R42731 September 17, 2012) http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R42731_20120917.pdf

- *Automobile and Truck Fuel Economy (CAFE) and Greenhouse Gas Standards* (R42721 September 11, 2012) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42721.pdf>

GAO Reports

TRANSPORTATION

Information on Materials and Practices for Improving Highway Pavement Performance (GAO-13-32R November 14, 2012) <http://www.gao.gov/assets/660/650013.pdf>

ELECTRICITY

Significant Changes Are Expected in Coal-Fueled Generation, but Coal is Likely to Remain a Key Fuel Source (GAO-13-72 October 29, 2012) <http://www.gao.gov/assets/650/649744.pdf>

RECOVERY ACT

Most DOE Cleanup Projects Are Complete, but Project Management Guidance Could Be Strengthened (GAO 13-23 October 15, 2012) <http://www.gao.gov/assets/650/649479.pdf>

ENERGY-WATER NEXUS

Coordinated Federal Approach Needed to Better Manage Energy and Water Tradeoffs (GAO-12-880 September 13, 2012) <http://www.gao.gov/assets/650/648306.pdf>

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Reports

- Offsetting Costs of a Carbon Tax on Low-Income Households (November 13, 2012) <http://cbo.gov/publication/43724>
- Effects of Federal Tax Credits or the Purchase of Electric Vehicles (September 20, 2012) http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/09-20-12-ElectricVehicles_0.pdf
- Potential Budgetary Effects of Immediately Opening Most Federal Lands to Oil and Gas Leasing (August 9, 2012) http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/08-09-12_Oil-and-Gas_Leasing.pdf

Other Government Reports/Resources

- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), DOT Overview and links to legislation and agency break down: <http://www.dot.gov/map21>
- European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act – (PL 112-200) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112s1956enr/pdf/BILLS-112s1956enr.pdf>
- FY13 Whitehouse Budget Request: Agency by Agency Outlays: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Documents/101212%20Tables%20%20and%203.pdf>
- Energy Information Administration Short-Term Energy Outlook: http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/steo/pdf/steo_full.pdf
- Department of Energy (DOE) - Latest Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) Awards http://arpa-e.energy.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Projects/OPEN2012_ProjectDescriptions_FINAL_112812.pdf
- DOE Guidance on Financing Programs for State Energy Programs (SEP): http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/sep_10-26-12.pdf
- DOE Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Energy Flow Charts: <https://www.llnl.gov/news/newsreleases/2012/Oct/NR-12-10-08.html>

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory- Strategic Sequencing for State Distributed PV Policies: A Quantitative Analysis of Policy Impacts and Interactions: <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy13osti/56428.pdf>
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Guidance on Electric Transmission Rate Incentives: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2012/111512/E-3.pdf>
- USDA Loans for Smart Grid Technologies: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2012/10/0323.xml&contentidonly=true>
- Monthly Crop Production Reports <https://explore.data.gov/Agriculture/Monthly-Crop-Production-Reports/b8mf-cejd>
- New DOI Historic Landmarks: <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Interior-Designates-27-New-National-Landmarks.cfm>
- Bureau of Indian Affairs: Regulations on Residential, Business and Wind and Solar Resources Leases on Indian Land: <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=331947>

The NCSL Environment Committee and the NCSL Energy, Transportation & Agriculture Committee will next meet during NCSL's 2013 Spring Forum to be held in Denver, May 2–4, 2013. Please plan to attend!

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