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# **Materials of Interest for the Environment and Agriculture & Energy Committees: Legislative Summit 2012**

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### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

- Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR)
  - Main Page: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) <http://www.epa.gov/crossstaterule/>
  - Basic Information - <http://epa.gov/crossstaterule/basic.html>
  - Presentation - <http://www.epa.gov/crossstaterule/pdfs/CSAPRPresentation.pdf>
- EPA's Updated Pesticide General Permit (PGP) website ([http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program\\_id=410](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=410))
  - Webinar Series addressing the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court's decision on the Clean Water Act National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and reviewing EPA-state partnership in implementing the NPDES permit requirements for pesticide discharges. [http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/courseinfo.cfm?program\\_id=0&outreach\\_id=625&schedule\\_id=1157](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/courseinfo.cfm?program_id=0&outreach_id=625&schedule_id=1157)
  - EPA's NPDES Training Courses and Workshops website <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/training/>
  - Fact Sheet providing information specifically for agricultural stakeholders on the Pesticide General Permit - [http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/pgp\\_agfactsheet.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/pgp_agfactsheet.pdf)
- Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) - <http://www.epa.gov/mats/>
- EPA Oil and Gas Production Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Final Rule - <http://www.epa.gov/airquality/oilandgas>
  - Online Data Tool - <http://ghgdata.epa.gov/ghgp/main.do>
- EPA's annual "Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2010" (Inventory) draft report - <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/usinventoryreport.html>
- EPA released its Retrospective Study of the Costs of EPA Regulations: An Interim Report of Five Case Studies – [http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/pages/RetroCost.html/\\$file/retro-cost-3-30-12.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/pages/RetroCost.html/$file/retro-cost-3-30-12.pdf)
- EPA's new Nutrient Pollution Policy website - <http://epa.gov/nandppolicy>
- EPA Fuel Economy Report: Light-Duty Automotive Technology, Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2011 - <http://www.epa.gov/oms/cert/mpg/fetrends/2012/420r12001a.pdf>

### **Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports**

EPA's Utility MACT: Will the Lights Go Out  
(R42144 – January 9, 2012)  
[http://op.bna.com/fcr.nsf/id/jcos-8qlmmx/\\$File/lights.pdf](http://op.bna.com/fcr.nsf/id/jcos-8qlmmx/$File/lights.pdf)

Effects of Radiation from Fukushima Dai-ichi on the U.S.  
Marine Environment (R41751 – January 20, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc87177/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/R41751\\_2012Jan20.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc87177/m1/1/high_res_d/R41751_2012Jan20.pdf)

The Army Corps of Engineers' Nationwide Permits Program: Issues and Regulatory Developments (97-223 – January 30, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc83832/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/97-223\\_2012Jan30.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc83832/m1/1/high_res_d/97-223_2012Jan30.pdf)

Energy Storage for Power Grids and Electric Transportation: A Technology Assessment (R42455 – March 27, 2012)  
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Legislative Options for Financing Water Infrastructure (R42467 – April 3, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc84025/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/R42467\\_2012Apr03.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc84025/m1/1/high_res_d/R42467_2012Apr03.pdf)

Hydraulic Fracturing: Chemical Disclosure Requirements (R42461 – April 4, 2012)  
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Hydraulic Fracturing and Safe Drinking Water Act Issues (R41760 – April 10, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc83959/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/R41760\\_2012Apr10.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc83959/m1/1/high_res_d/R41760_2012Apr10.pdf)

Water Infrastructure Financing: History of EPA Appropriations (96-647 – January 30, 2012)  
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Unfunded Mandates Reform Act: History, Impact, and Issues (R40957 – April 24, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85379/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/R40957\\_2012Apr24.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85379/m1/1/high_res_d/R40957_2012Apr24.pdf)

EPA Regulations: Too Much, Too Little, or On Track? (R41561 – April 25, 2012)  
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Federal Agency Actions Following the Supreme Court's Climate Change Decision in Massachusetts v. EPA: A Chronology (R41103 – May 1, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85381/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/R41103\\_2012May01.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85381/m1/1/high_res_d/R41103_2012May01.pdf)

U.S. Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage (R42513 – May 3, 2012)  
[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85420/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/R42513\\_2012May03.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc85420/m1/1/high_res_d/R42513_2012May03.pdf)

Keystone XL Pipeline Project: Key Issues (R41668 – May 9, 2012)  
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Closing Yucca Mountain: Litigation Associated with Attempts to Abandon the Planned Nuclear Waste Repository (R41675 – June 4, 2012)  
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- White House Regulatory Review Plans
  - Department of Energy - May 2012 Update  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/May\\_2012\\_Report\\_DOE\\_052512.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/May_2012_Report_DOE_052512.pdf)
  - Department of the Interior - May 2012 Update  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/DOI\\_Status\\_Report\\_on\\_Retrospective\\_Review\\_051712.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/DOI_Status_Report_on_Retrospective_Review_051712.pdf)
  - Environmental Protection Agency - May 2012 Update  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/epamayprogressreporteo135632.5.24.pdf>

- U.S. Department of Agriculture - May 2012 Update  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/USDA\\_Retrospective\\_May%202012\\_FINAL.PDF](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/21centgov/USDA_Retrospective_May%202012_FINAL.PDF)
- White House National Ocean Council
  - Executive Order Establishing the National Ocean Council - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/2010stewardship-eo.pdf>
  - National Ocean Policy - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/implementationplan>
- White House Rural Website - [www.whitehouse.gov/issues/rural](http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/rural)

## Reports & Material from Other Federal Government Sources

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
  - EPA Mercury and Air Toxics Rule White Paper - <http://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases/2012/2012-1/01-30-12-white-paper.pdf>
- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
  - The Department of the Interior recently released a report outlining the consolidation of Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) - <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=283745>

- Government Accountability Office (GAO)

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*Air Emissions and Electricity Generation at U.S. Power Plants (GAO-12-545R, April 18, 2012)*  
<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-545R>

### ELECTRONIC WASTE

*Actions Needed to Provide Assurance That Used Federal Electronics Are Disposed of in an Environmentally Responsible Manner (GAO-12-74, February 17, 2012)*  
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### SUPERFUND

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### ENERGY-WATER NEXUS

*Information on the Quantity, Quality, and Management of Water Produced during Oil and Gas Production (GAO-12-156, January 9, 2012)*  
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*Opportunities and Challenges of Oil Shale Development (GAO-12-740T, May 10, 2012)*  
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### CYBERSECURITY

*Challenges in Securing the Modernized Electricity Grid (GAO-12-507T, February 28, 2012)*  
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- Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

- CBO Releases Report On Federal Efforts To Reduce The Cost Of Capturing And Storing Carbon Dioxide (June 28, 2012) - <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/43360>
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- CBO Releases Study On How Proposed Fuel Economy Standards Would Affect The Highway Trust Fund (May 2, 2012) - <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/43036>
- CBO Cost Estimate of 2012 "Farm Bill" - <http://www.cq.com/pdf/govdoc-4070483>
- CBO Cost Estimate on Title I Commodity Payments - [http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s3240\\_0.pdf](http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/s3240_0.pdf)
- CBO Score of the FAARM Act of 2012 - <http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/LettertoLucasDraftLegis.pdf>

- Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future (BRC)

- Final Report - [http://brc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/brc\\_finalreport\\_jan2012.pdf](http://brc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/brc_finalreport_jan2012.pdf)

## NCSL Information

- *Capitol to Capitol: An Information Service of the National Conference of State Legislatures Standing Committees* (<http://www.ncsl.org/?TabID=773&tabs=854,14,822#854>)
- *Agriculture and Energy Standing Committee Page* (<http://www.ncsl.org/Default.aspx?TabID=773&tabs=855,19,608#855>)
- *Environment Standing Committee Page* (<http://www.ncsl.org/Default.aspx?TabID=773&tabs=855,23,635#855>)
- *NCSL Letters and Communications* (<http://www.ncsl.org/Default.aspx?TabID=773&tabs=854,48,684#684>)
- *Committee Newsletter (Most Recent Editions)*
  - *Agriculture & Energy Committee* - <http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/FY13HouseAgriculture.pdf>
  - *Environment Committee* - [http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/Environment\\_NewsletterJuly27.pdf](http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/Environment_NewsletterJuly27.pdf)
- *Issue Updates*
  - NCSL Letter to Congress Regarding Interim Storage  
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=24923>
  - NCSL Letter to Congress Regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on America's Nuclear Future  
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=24439>
  - NCSL Letter to Congress Regarding the Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012  
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=24738>
  - NCSL Letter to the National Ocean Council Commenting on the National Ocean Plan  
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=24525>
  - Highlights of Select Agriculture, Energy, & Environment Programs in the President's FY 2013 Budget Request  
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=24447>
  - Issue Update - FY 2013 Appropriations Update Environmental Programs of Interest  
<http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/DraftFY2013AppropriationsUpdateEnviron.pdf>
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<http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/FY2013EnergyWaterApprops.pdf>
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<http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/HouseFarmBillwithEnvirolInterest.pdf>
  - Issue Update - Congressional and Agency Update On EPA's Utility Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) [http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/MACT\\_Brief.pdf](http://www.ncsl.org/documents/statefed/MACT_Brief.pdf)
  - Issue Update: Nuclear Waste Storage  
[http://www.ncsl.org/Documents/standcomm/scagen/Nuclear\\_Issue\\_Update\\_08-02-2012.pdf](http://www.ncsl.org/Documents/standcomm/scagen/Nuclear_Issue_Update_08-02-2012.pdf)
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