



Environmental Policy

Federal Scientific Agencies

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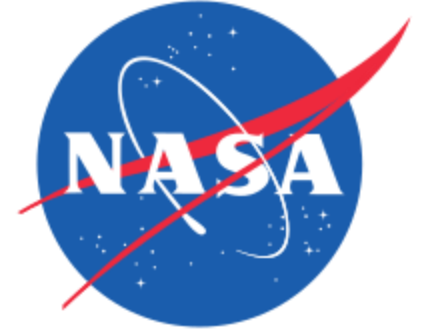
Directions: You will be working in groups to research and explain three of the Federal government's scientific agencies. Work independently to explain one of the agencies, then you will be paired with students who had the other agencies to find out information about the other agencies to fill in. Once finished, complete the thought question.

Agency 1: National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA)

Directions: Use the website below to research and answer questions about NASA

(<https://www.nasa.gov/>)

Suggested Law: National Aeronautics and Space Act



1. Copy the agency's mission statement and explain it in your own words
2. Who is the current head of the organization and what is their background?
3. What federal department is this agency a part of?
4. What operations does this agency perform? List and explain the operations this agency does in order to protect or learn more about the environment.
5. Explain the current priorities of the organization
6. What is the organization's role within a specific law? Find a law that has been passed through congress and the agency's role as part of the law.
7. What is the organization's operating budget for the current fiscal year (FY), use the most current annual budget

Agency 2: US Geological Survey (USGS)

Directions: Use the website below to research and answer questions about USGS

(<https://www.usgs.gov/>)

Suggested Laws: The Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992, The Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, The Wilderness Act of 1964, Water Resources Development Act of 1990, National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992



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Agency 3: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Directions: Use the website below to research and answer questions about NOAA

(<http://www.noaa.gov/>)

Suggested Laws: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, National Marine Sanctuaries Act, Lacey Act



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Thought Question

1. Explain if you think agencies like these should be continued to be fully funded, increased funding, or decreased funded? Explain why you think this, and give evidence or a situational example to support your assertion.