Science Policy Inside the Beltway and Why You Should Care

Science policy refers to an array of topics that exist at the intersection of science and policy. This includes topics where science can be used to make informed policies. However in this presentation, I will focus on the ways that policy impacts science. Issues like the authorization of federal agencies, appropriation of funds, and travel guidelines all effect the way that science is done in the US. I will describe some of the policies being debated inside the Beltway that can affect science. I will provide an overview of the current status of these policies, and hopefully convince you that it's important for scientists to be involved in the policymaking process.

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