

AGU Empowers Scientists, Expanding Our Policy Community



Already this year, AGU's community has significantly expanded its reach and deepened its impact in science policy.

With more than double the policymaker contacts compared to this time last year, AGU scientists and advocates are stepping up to influence policy decisions – supported by AGU's tools, training and resources. So far in 2025:

6,100+

emails sent to Members of Congress

1,000+

AGU members contacting their Members of Congress

670+

calls to Members of Congress

283

Congressional meetings by AGU members

184

AGU members met with their Members of Congress

111

Geosciences Congressional Visits Day applications

105

Voices for Science program applications

AGU's science policy programs — including Local Science Partners, Voices for Science and Congressional Visits Days — are empowering AGU members to confidently engage their policymakers and their communities to advance science.

Scientists in AGU's long-term outreach and advocacy programs share the science policy impact they are making in 2025:

"So far in the [AGU Voices for Science program](#), I've achieved several milestones that reflect both personal and professional growth. I've successfully organized and participated in community outreach events, developed science communication strategies, and produced engaging content for social media."

"I feel so much more comfortable sending cold emails to ask for support for legislation. I also have been able to build up a meaningful relationship with my representative."

"We participated in one of the most thoughtful and practical workshops I've attended on science communication and policymaker engagement, hosted by AGU and designed specifically for [AGU Local Science Partners](#)."

AGU-trained scientists are also using their voices to influence their local communities and policymakers through the media, such as op-eds:

[DOGE is taking a sledgehammer to science and that is hurting Maine](#), Bangor Daily News, 5 March 2025 – Yarrow Axford

[Investing in science can help make America great again](#), The Morning Call, 19 April 2025 – Dork Sahagian

[There will be a deadly price for erasing environmental data](#), Wisconsin Cap Times, 30 May 2025 – Jenny Bratburd

[Those cuts to 'overhead' costs in research? They do real damage](#), The Los Angeles Times, 24 June 2025 – David L. Valentine

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