MLC ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Hyatt Regency Columbus | Columbus, Ohio

Agenda

Sen. Laura Ellman, Illinois, Co- Chair | Rep. Ethan Manning, Indiana, Co-Chair

Rep. Sharon Ray, Ohio, Vice Chair

SUNDAY, JULY 21 | COMMITTEE MEETING | *Fairfield Room, 2ⁿᵈ Floor*

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.   Welcome and Introductions

2:40 – 3:30 p.m.   Protecting our Drinking Water from PFAS

The "forever" chemicals known as PFAS (or PFOA) are a newer contamination problem vexing state policymakers. They have drawn legislative action in recent years; from bans on use in firefighting foams or food-related packaging, to state/provincial groundwater standards. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this spring released new national standards for PFAS, and there are emerging hints they may not be as "forever" as suspected, with cutting-edge technologies seemingly able to break them down. This presentation will provide the latest information on PFAS policy and tech.

Presenters

Dr. Gavin Dehnert, *Emerging Contaminants Scientist, Wisconsin Sea Grant*

Jake Wilhelm, *Environmental Scientist, GSI Environmental*

Bill Kramer, *Vice President of Policy, MultiState*

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.   Roundtable Discussion: Recent Developments in State and Provincial Energy or Environmental Policy

This will be an opportunity for committee members to learn from each other with an exchange of information on developments in legislation, laws and regulation from their states and provinces pertaining to energy and environmental policy.

MONDAY, JULY 22 | JOINT COMMITTEE-SPONSORED LEARNING SITE TOUR | *Departure location TBD*

2:00– 5:00 p.m.   Savion Solar Project and Molly Caren Agricultural Center Site Tour

Following a visit to The Ohio State University's Molly Caren Agricultural Center, which will include demonstrations of precision agricultural technplogies that can reduce dependence on pesticides and fertilizer, attendees will visit Savion's nearby Madison Fields Solar Project. This is a 180 megawatt facility that came online earlier this year incorporating innovative ideas. *Close-toed footwear is required*. Separate registration is required; please contact Jon Davis at (630) 925-1922, to reserve a seat or for more information. This site tour is jointly sponsored with the MLC Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 23 | COMMITTEE-SPONSORED POLICY SESSION | *Regency Ballroom, 3ʳᵈ Floor*

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.   Implications of the U.S. Supreme Court cases pertaining to the *Chevron doctrine*

The MLC Energy & Environment and Agriculture & Rural Affairs committees are partnering to produce this session focused on the relationship between legislatures and state and federal executive-branch agencies.

The 40-year-old *Chevron doctrine* is used by the federal courts to determine when to defer to an administrative agency's interpretation of the statute it administers. By early July, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue decisions in two cases that are likely to limit the deference given to administrative agencies under the *Chevron doctrine*.

Panelists will provide opening remarks on the matter followed by a discussion moderated by North Dakota Rep. Paul Thomas, co-chair of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

Presenters
David Doniger, *Senior Strategist, National Resource Defense Council*
Kali Murray, *Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School*
Rusty Rumley, *Senior Attorney, National Agricultural Law Center*
Mathura Sridharan, *Deputy Solicitor General and Director, Ohio Tenth Amendment Center*

Moderator
North Dakota Rep. Paul Thomas, *Vice Chair, MLC Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 | OPTIONAL SITE TOUR | *Departure location TBD*

12:00– 3:00 p.m.   Ohio State University Energy Tour

This will be a site visit to The Ohio State University's energy research facilities. Exact details are still being determined, but the bus will return to the Hyatt Regency by 3 p.m. *Close-toed footwear will be required.* Separate registration is required; please contact Jon Davis at (630) 925-1922, to reserve a seat or for more information.