The Missouri Geologists’ Consortium
A Grassroots Success Story

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Outline

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2. Lessons Learned
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1. History of the MGC
   • 2013 Bill
   • “Call to Action”
   • AEG, AIPG-MO, AMG
   • Formed MGC
   • Mission Statement
   • Logo
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Mission Statement- The Missouri Geologists' Consortium (MGC) is a non-partisan grassroots organization that was created to support the sound practice of geology in the best interest of Missouri’s citizens. The MGC monitors the Missouri legislature for proposed and pending legislative impacts to geologists and the practice of geology in Missouri. The MGC may endorse or oppose specific legislation. The MGC is dedicated to the best interest of long term public safety and will advocate for actions that help to achieve this goal. The MGC will not endorse or oppose specific candidates for any elected office. With communication, participation, and coordination, the MGC also supports the activities of other Missouri geology entities and organizations that benefit this mission.
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2. Lessons Learned
   • What is power?
   • Affiliations with Non-Geoscientists
   • Clear messages
   • Pick and Choose
   • Attacks on science are broad, frequent and flagrant to well disguised
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3. Actions and Accomplishments
   • MGC Meetings
   • Special Meetings with MDNR, DGLS and Board
   • Legislative tracking – key word search tools
   • MGC website
   • Letter writing and testimony
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3. Actions and Accomplishments
- Missouri Seismic Safety Commission seats
- Missouri Board seats
- Shaking Hands in Jefferson City
- Press Release
- Recognition
- 2017 Governor’s Task Force on Boards and Commissions
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HB 1973 (Wiemann) Modifies Clean Water Law, same as SB 823. With both chambers passage more likely. My interpretation makes agriculture exempt from any authority of the CWC. I find others agree. Exception: Irrigated Waters. Point source with qualifications on that. Exempts pollution from land erosion carrying contaminants. Definition confusion as well. Risk to environment, to waters of the state regardless of definition. Recommend Red* Passed Rules Committee, March 12. Very concerned about this bill. Based on incorrect geologic premises and with intent to remove any soil protection from erosion, flushing CAFO wastes into streams Is being pushed by agriculture legislature lobbyists.

HB 2041 (Fitzwater) Allows DNR to make rules for closure of coal combustion residue surface impoundments and landfills. Recommend White as informational Referred to Rules Committee, sent back to original committee, Feb 28

HB 2075 (Lauer) Professional Employer Organization Act Recommend White Referred to General Laws Committee Reported Do Pass Feb 14
## Senate Bills

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<td>Director of the DNR Hazardous Waste Management Commission, Missouri Mining Commission, and Clean Water Commission may take certain actions to modify their respective fee structures. Similar to HB 1801</td>
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<td>Formal Calendar Perfection - close to Senate Passage, Committee Voted Do Pass 32; SCS Voted Do Pass 206; Hearing Scheduled 1/29/2PM Agricultural Committee SCR 2.</td>
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<td>Voted Do Pass Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee. 2/19. The House Companion HB 1973 is closer to passage in the House, Hearing Agriculture at (Committee Feb. 12, 2 PM) SCR 2.</td>
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<td>Transfers certain appointments powers to the Division of Registration, does not include geologists, engineers, etc.</td>
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<td>Makes teachers hired after 8/2018 to apply for new contract each term.</td>
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<td>Has not moved from Education Committee 1/25; fund expires 12/31/2020</td>
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<td>Fly ash located in KC is exempt from all solid waste permitting requirements. This act repeals the act.</td>
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<td>Waves licensing fees for low income and others</td>
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<td>Any school district or charter school that offers instruction in any grade or grades not lower than the ninth nor higher than the twelfth grade may provide a career and technical education program at the high school level that includes the following: pathway programs, three career clusters in need of business and industries in MO</td>
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Checked through SB 545 to 1102
4. The Road Ahead

• We expect the battle to continue
• Engaging the next generation
• Expand affiliations, define common concerns and establish mutually beneficial alliances
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Questions
Comments
Discussion

Thank You