

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Pat Apple, Commissioner, KCC

Jeff McClanahan, Director, Utilities Division, KCC

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

John Mitchell, Director of the Division of the Environment at KDHE requested three bills be introduced:

The first to create the environmental stewardship fund for the Bureau of Environmental Remediation and a new funding mechanism for that fund. Rep. Highberger moved to introduce the bill, Rep. Kiegerl seconded, motion carried.

The second to update the existing voluntary clean-up program statutes to allow KDHE additional flexibility to move sites to closure on a faster pace. Rep. Highberger moved to introduce the bill, Rep. Kiegerl seconded, motion carried.

The third to authorize a new process for managing low-risk contaminated sites for a risk-free management plan. Rep. Sutton moved to introduce the bill, Rep. Kuether seconded, motion carried.

KCC Presentation - CPP/Grid Reliability/State

Commissioner Pat Apple made some brief comments about the KCC. He directed attention to the handout regarding KCC staff comments to Administrator Gina McCarthy of the US Environmental Protection Agency in reference to the proposed Clean Power Plan. Commissioner Apple introduced Amy Gilbert, the new legislative liaison for the KCC. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

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Jeff McClanahan, Director, Utilities Division presented KCC's Overview of EPA's Clean Air Act Proposed Rule 111(d). [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

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Following the presentation, Commissioner Apple, Director McClanahan of the KCC and Tom Gross, Section Chief to the Monitoring and Planning Section of the KDHE stood for questions.

Chairman Hedke added that our attorney general along with attorney generals from 17 other states have filed suit against the EPA.

Announcements:

The committee will not be meeting on Friday, January 30. There will be a hearing on Monday, February 2 on **HB2132 - Injected natural gas and property rights**. The meeting on Wednesday, February 4, will be a Clean Power Plan/Grid Reliability/ Regional presentation from Southwest Power Pool. FERC Commissioner, Anthony Clark will present on the Clean Power Plan/National Grid Reliability at the meeting on Friday, February 6.

Chairman Hedke adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.