

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Legislative – Farm Bailout Bill: SEE THREE ATTACHMENTS

Attached are documents for a comprehensive information packet on the Farm Bailout Bill, which will be distributed to Senate members. The packet contains a one-pager about the bill, a more detailed backgrounder on the bill, and a timeline of flood recovery and response actions. We will be meeting with Senators Verdin and Davis on this tomorrow.

Legislative – Fatality Review Bill:

Today, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Bill was enrolled! (Recall that this legislation was a Recommendation from the Task Force – The bill has no fiscal impact and will require local officials and stakeholders to conduct a fatality review at the local level, which will be a confidential and in-depth analysis of a DV-related killing in order to see what went wrong within the system and what could be done better. This will make SC the 37th state to have an official fatality review process.)

There may be interest from advocates and others to have some sort of media event for this bill signing. One idea is to have a small bill signing in the Governor's Office with photos, which then could be used in a press release. We have also discussed bringing in a Fatality Review expert to speak to the Governor's DV Summit later this year.

DHEC – Johnson Controls Battery Group:

Yesterday, *The State* asked questions about and requested a copy of a DHEC order for Johnson Controls Battery Group (JCI) in Florence, which includes a \$250k penalty that the company has already paid. Violations cited in the order include failure to demonstrate permit conditions, significant downtime in continuous emission monitoring systems for pollutants, and numerous deviations of operating parameters. Note that no monitor has shown any exceedances of lead. DHEC is continuing to work with JCI on compliance. The order is on the agenda for the DHEC Board meeting tomorrow.

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