



The Express

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127th General Assembly Gets Starts Off Slowly, Awaits State of the State

The new legislative year has slowly rolled to a start. The priority bills have been introduced and the legislature awaits to hear Governor Strickland's first State of the State address. Until then, legislators in both chambers have introduced some bills regarding energy topics.

In the Senate, the focus seems to currently be on renewable and alternative energy resources. The main bill is Senate Bill 12, sponsored by Sen. Jason Wilson (D - Columbiana). Senate Bill 12 is a bill that creates an energy policy of job growth, reducing the state reliance on foreign energy sources and improves the environment. The bill is currently a "placeholder bill" as the details are still being discussed.

Senate Bill 28, sponsored by Senator Eric Kearney (D - Cincinnati), would create the ethanol and bio-diesel grant fund. This fund would be appropriated by the Director of the Ohio Department of Development and would be funded by an appropriation from the General Assembly.

Two additional measures have been introduced by Senator John Bocchieri (D - New Middletown). The first, Senate Bill 32, regards the promotion of alternative fuels and clean coal technologies in Ohio. The second, Senate Bill 86, regards expanding the sales and use tax exemption for sales of natural gas while exempting home heating oil and propane sales for home use.

Over in the House, Representative Michael Skindell (D - Lakewood) has reintroduced a bill to create the Sustainable Energy Council - House Bill 40. This measure would create such a council that would have a one year period to give their recommendations on creation of an Ohio renewable energy portfolio.

OOGA will continue to update members on the latest bills and any energy policies discussed in the upcoming State of the State address.

Access to State Owned Lands Creating Quite a Buzz in Columbus

As OOGA discusses the upcoming legislative year with members of the General Assembly, it is very encouraging that several are both receptive and open to accessing publicly owned minerals under state owned lands for oil and gas exploration. OOGA looks forward to the upcoming discussion and hopes to elevate the debate on this important issue for Ohio's energy future.

Thanks to Producers, 2007 Legislative Reception Is a Success!

The 2007 OOGA Legislative Reception was held on February 20, 2007 in the Statehouse Atrium in Columbus, Ohio. The event was seen as a wonderful event, in large part due to the turnout of OOGA members.

The event was also well attended by state legislators who were looking for more information on Ohio's oil and gas industry. The reception provided several producers the opportunity to meet with and discuss the issues with their respective senators and representatives.

OOGA would like to thank all of those in attendance for helping make this event a great success.

Marietta College Petroleum/Geology Students Ask: Got Summer Jobs?

Petroleum Engineering and Geology majors at Marietta College are currently looking for summer jobs. No job is too menial, as these students want nothing more than to get their first summer of experience in the petroleum industry. Jobs in OH, WV, PA, and KY are especially needed.

If you have a job available, please contact Dr. Bob Chase, Chair of the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Geology at Marietta College, by phone at 740-376-4776 or by email to: chaser@marietta.edu.

UPCOMING OOGA EVENTS

2007 OOGA Annual

Winter Meeting

March 21-23, 2007

Easton Hilton
Columbus, OH

Ohio Geological Society

Meeting

March 21, 2007

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Magnolia Room

Easton Hilton

Columbus, OH

PAC Reception

Honoring Senator Steve Stivers

March 22, 2007

5:00-6:00 p.m.

President's Suite

Easton Hilton

Columbus, OH

Wild Well Control Training

WellCAP Course

April 24-26, 2007

Edwin R. Brown

Petroleum Engineering

and Geology Building

Marietta College

Marietta, OH

2007 OOGA

Summer Meeting

August 6-7, 2007

Zanesville County Club

Zanesville, OH

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