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Senate Committee Discussing Odor, Energy to Hold Local Hearing

Macon to Host Special Committee on Waste, Fuel & Environment Roundtable Discussion

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Senators seeking innovative solutions to farming odor issues and our nation's energy supply will be hitting the road for public input. The Special Senate Committee on Waste, Fuel and the Environment will be holding a roundtable discussion at the Macon County University of Missouri Extension office on Monday, April 24 at 11 a.m.

"Our goals are simple: work with entrepreneurs and academia to solve the odor issue, and see who can help our energy needs," said Sen. John Cauthorn, R-Mexico, chairman of the committee. "We are looking for homegrown solutions and there is no better place than Missouri's heartland to have this discussion."

The committee is charged with the task of conducting hearings for the purpose of exploring the feasibility and effectiveness of fueling innovative animal and human waste management practices to create energy, protect Missouri's environment, solve odor issues, and sustain rural economic development. The committee will issue to the Senate a report of findings and proposed recommendation of actions to address this issue.

During a previous hearing the committee took testimony from entitles than hope to turn swine manure into crude oil, use poultry liter for cement kilns, and university researchers discussing best practice techniques for animal operations.

At Monday's roundtable discussion, the committee's goal is to further discuss emerging technologies and the feasibility for implementing such practices.

"We are looking forward to bridging the gap between university research, entrepreneurial spirit, and practicality," said Cauthorn. "County leaders, farmers, and anyone looking to constructively find solutions are all invited. This is about working together to solve problems, not point fingers. Sustaining rural development is about finding answers and neighbors working together. "

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