

**Missouri Environmental Conference**

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Osage Beach, MO

On July 30, 2009, AEEG representatives participated in the Missouri Chamber of Commerce's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Conference. U.S. Chamber Environment & Energy Counsel Ross Eisenberg briefed conference attendees on the contents and status of the Waxman-Markey climate bill currently moving through the Congress, as well as the prospects for EPA's endangerment finding and actions to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. Eisenberg then participated in a panel discussion with Steve Mahfood, former Secretary of Missouri's Department of Natural Resources, and Roger Walker, Executive Director of the Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri (REGFORM).

The two-day conference drew roughly 200 attendees and featured exhibits from local energy and environmental sector businesses. Topics included greenhouse gas reporting compliance, energy and climate policy, air and water regulation, and enforcement.

This was the second time AEEG representatives visited Missouri to discuss climate change policy. The first was the Missouri Climate Change Dialogue, which took place in late March. Early indications are that both Senators from Missouri oppose the Waxman-Markey bill, although Senator McCaskill is reportedly lobbying Democratic leadership to delay a vote on the bill until after 2009.