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May 19, 2015 ~ Embassy Suites, Columbia

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast sponsored by [Sonoco](#)

9:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Ted Pitts, President & CEO, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

Forum Moderator: Beth Partlow, Law Offices of Elizabeth B. Partlow, LLC & Member, SC Chamber's Environmental Technical Committee

9:05 – 9:30 a.m.

DHEC Water Issues Panel Discussion

Moderator: *Elizabeth Dieck, SC Department of Health & Environmental Control*

Panelists:

David Baize, Bureau of Water, SC DHEC

Elizabeth Von Kolnitz, Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Division, SC DHEC

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

The New Definition of Solid Waste (DSW) Rule - Does It Jeopardize the Future of Recycling?

John Cain, Novesis, Inc. & Bernie Hawkins, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP

EPA finalized the new DSW rule on January 13. The new DSW rule reflects EPA's broad view of what activities (including recycling) are subject to solid and hazardous waste management requirements. Many in the regulated community believe EPA's new DSW rule extends solid and hazardous waste regulatory requirements to materials that have not been "discarded" and thus historically were not considered solid or hazardous wastes. For regulated sources, the new DSW rule includes conditions that must be satisfied in order to obtain the regulatory exclusions that accompany "legitimate recycling."

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Nuclear Energy Panel Discussion

Moderator: *Tony Ambler, Dean of the College of Engineering, University of South Carolina*

Panelists:

David Moody, Savannah River Site Manager, Department of Energy

Karen Patterson, Chair, Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Jeff Archie, SCANA

Dr. Russell Ritenour, Professor and Chief Medical Physicist, Dept. of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, MUSC

11:15 – 12 noon

Panel Discussion: Offshore Energy Exploration

Moderator: *Otis Rawl, SC Chamber of Commerce*

Panelists:

Bill Crowther, Atlantic Energy Alliance

Josh Eagle, University of South Carolina School of Law

Dr. James Knapp, Geology Professor, University of South Carolina

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

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12:45 – 1:10 p.m.

State of American Energy

Algenon Cash, National Director, America's Energy Forum (Keynote Speaker)

America is experiencing an energy revival. We are now defined by an abundance of energy resources rather than a scarcity of them. This affords us a once in a generation opportunity to think in terms of promise and potential. Algenon Cash is the National Director of Minority Engagement with the America's Energy Forum and will provide the oil and natural gas industry's perspective on policies and issues impacting America's energy future. The right public policies can fuel America's economic revival and improve energy security for future generations through the safe and responsible production, refining, and transportation of our country's oil and natural gas resources. Mr. Cash is dedicated to working with minority communities and policymakers to make these wise choices.

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

South Carolina's Recycling Industry Economic Impact

Chantal Fryer, Senior Manager, Recycling Market Development, SC Department of Commerce

While it is widely known that recycling is good for the environment, it is now also recognized that recycling has a strong economic benefit. This session will provide an overview of the recycling industry in South Carolina along with sharing examples of recycling's "cool" factor.

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

Solar Projects: An Inside look at SCE&G's Recent Proposal

Therese Griffin, Manager, Demand Side Management & Energy Efficiency, SCE&G

The speaker will provide an inside look at SCE&G's recent proposal to the SC Public Service Commission to add nearly 100 MW of solar energy to its system through utility scale and customer scale projects. The plan includes incentives for homeowners and businesses, as well as not for profit entities. Implementation of the company's Distributed Energy Resource Plan is scheduled for the fall of 2015, pending Commission approval.

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

111(d) Proposal/Clean Power Plan

Tom Effinger Director of Corporate Environmental Services, SCANA

On April 21, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) released its report of the Reliability Impacts of EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan (CPP). The NERC report discusses how the CPP will accelerate a fundamental change in the dispatch of electric generation and the resultant risk to electric grid reliability and affordability. The speaker will explore some of the unintended consequences of the proposed rule and how they may adversely impact South Carolina.

3:00 p.m.

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