

MINUTES**SENATE AND HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEES ON LABOR AND ENVIRONMENT****Monday, November 1, 2021****10:00 AM****Room B, MAC****Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Cecile Bledsoe and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Clint Penzo, Chair; Mark Perry, Vice Chair; Bruce Coleman, Jack Ladyman, and John Payton

Other members present: Senator Kim Hammer; Representatives Fred Allen, Jim Dotson, Denise Ennett, Kenneth Ferguson, and Danny Watson

Representative Penzo called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for the August 2, 2021 Meeting [Exhibit C]

Senator Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Ladyman, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Act 1092 of 2021 [Exhibit D]

Mr. Michael Grappe', Director of Special Projects, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment; and Representative Ladyman, District 59; provided an update on Act 1092, which creates a "Study on the Commercial Application of Existing Technology to Reclaim and Repurpose Spent Nuclear Fuel Rods." The department has been working toward getting information together and establishing a role that would take that information to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Discussion of Engagement Agreement for Consulting Services with Brasuell Corporation [Exhibit E]

Mr. Michael Grappe', Director of Special Projects, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, discussed the fee for hiring a consulting firm to put together a proposal regarding Act 1092 of 2021. Representative Ladyman made a motion to recommend the Department of Energy enter into a contract with Brasuell Corporation for \$10,000, seconded by Representative Payton, and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.