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## **ADLEY ADDRESSES SOUTH'S ENERGY PROBLEM**

### **SENATOR ROBERT ADLEY LENDS EXPERIENCE TO REGIONAL ENERGY PANEL**

September 13, 2010 (White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia) – Senator Robert Adley, will share his views on state and national energy policy at a high-powered regional energy conference September 15-17, 2010 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The conference, the Southern States Energy Board 2010 Annual Meeting, brings together a wide range of elected officials and energy and environment industry leaders to focus on regional, national, and international energy issues.

Adley, a member of the Board's Executive Committee, will be one of four regional lawmakers to address the participants on state perspectives on America's energy future.

This year's meeting celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the regional energy and environmental organization, which was founded by means of an interstate compact in 1960. The Board, originally called the Southern Interstate Nuclear Board, elects a new chair annually and is comprised of 18 member states and territories. Although the organization originally focused on nuclear issues, its purview now encompasses all forms of energy and related environmental policies.

Issues ranging from the greater availability of natural gas through the process of hydraulic fracturing to the development of technologies to capture and store carbon dioxide emissions have dominated policy conversations across the country, and are expected to command much attention among southern leaders over the next few years.

“Now, more than ever before, Louisiana and the South are at the forefront of national energy policy,” said Adley. “Our input will be vitally instrumental in meeting the needs of our citizens while finding new ways to secure America's energy independence. Responsible environmental and economic legislation will be a large part of that work.”

Adley also took time to draw attention to SSEB's involvement in his own state. The organization has secured a total of more than \$221,800 in U.S. Department of Energy grants for

**Louisiana’s Department of Environmental Quality and the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness since July 1, 2009 alone. The grants support the safe transportation of transuranic waste from Savannah River Site to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, New Mexico.**

**“Senator Adley brings to the table vast experience in the energy and environment field, and a thorough comprehension of the need to take advantage of all our energy resources to increase our national security,” said SSEB Executive Director, Kenneth Nemeth. “He clearly understands the importance of our region on the national and international energy front.”**

**The Southern States Energy Board is an interstate compact, comprised of governors and state legislators from sixteen southern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as a presidential appointee. The Board’s mission is to promote economic development and enhance the quality of life in the South, through innovations in energy and environmental programs, policies and technologies.**

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