



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 4/12/2007

The House Environmental Affairs II Subcommittee of the House Agricultural Committee chaired by Representative Dwight A. Loftis met and discussed **H.3578 (S.428)** and **H.3486** on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. **H.3578, Gullick and Others**, is a bill providing for the permitting of the state's surface water. The bill as currently written provides exemptions for agriculture as well as dredging and sand mine operations. We are currently working with the Subcommittee and DHEC to address impact the legislation may have on districts.

H.3486, Gullick and others, is a bill that deals with river basins and inter-basin transfer and is part of the legislation dealing with interstate water use between South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. The legislation is complex and very involved. We would encourage you to review **H.3486** and **H.3578** and how it may impact your operation.

H.3578 and a similar bill in the Senate **S.428** are restructuring and re-writing groundwater and surface water use legislation. If you are having problems with groundwater reporting regulations, riparian rights regulations or the allocation, withdrawal, or use of water at the mine please contact Chris Smith at the Association Office immediately 800-344-4518 or chrissmith@as-irmo.com