Missouri Seismic Safety Commission – Summary Points (April 2015)

• Established by State Statute in 1993, the Commission is set up to include 17 members
  o 15 appointed by the Governor
  o 2 seats for members of the Legislature
• A change in RsMO 44.227 in 2009 now allows for up to two appointments in any category or “seat” by the Governor
• Governor may appoint members from the following categories:
  Architecture
  Business
  Emergency Management
  Geology
  Local Government
  Planning
  Public Utilities
  Soils Engineering
  American Red Cross
  Electrical Engineering
  Fire Protection
  Insurance
  Mechanical Engineering
  Public Education (added in 2009)
  Seismology
  Structural Engineering
• Commissioners serve four-year terms and need to be re-appointed by the Governor.
• The Speaker of the House and Senate President Pro Tem are responsible for appointing one member from their chamber.
  o Staff of the legislative members may attend meetings and be counted towards a quorum but cannot vote.
• A quorum is a majority of the appointed members but no less than seven.
• The Commission meets quarterly at various locations across the state.
• Commissioners are active in earthquake outreach events and campaigns such as Earthquake Awareness Month (in February) and the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut (in October).
• As of April 2015, there are 12 members on the Commission (no legislators). Of the 12, three have indicated they would like to step down but are waiting for appointments to be made so that the MSSC can still operate. One of those three is still actively participating in Commission activities. Another member has taken another job and has indicated she no longer has the time to serve on the Commission. Therefore, we are left with only eight “active” Commissioners out of a possible 17 members.