

A Summary of the EQC's Specific Statutory Responsibilities from the Montana Code Annotated

2-4-402 through 2-4-412 set out the administrative rule oversight powers and duties of the EQC.

2-15-1514 requires participation of a Legislative Services Division staff person on the natural resource data system advisory committee.

2-15-1523 states that a representative of the Legislative Services Division may serve on the ground water assessment steering committee.

5-5-202, 5-5-211 and 5-5-215 discuss the organization and duties of interim committees. Title 5, chapter 5, part 2 requires the EQC and the Water Policy Interim Committee to coordinate on water issues.

5-16-101 through 5-16-105 discuss the composition and terms of the EQC.

75-1-201 calls for state agencies to assist the EQC and to provide copies of all environmental reviews to the EQC for review. (Agency MEPA administrative rules also require agencies to submit environmental review documents to the EQC.)

75-1-208 allows the sponsor of a project under MEPA review to appear before the EQC at a regularly scheduled meeting. The EQC is required to ensure that state agency personnel are available for questions.

75-1-314 requires the DEQ, DNRC and Department of Agriculture to report specific compliance and enforcement information to the EQC.

75-1-324 outlines the specific duties of EQC members.

75-5-313 mandates that the DEQ provide a summary of the status of the development of temporary nutrient criteria to the EQC on or before July 1 of each year.

75-10-111 obligates the DEQ to circulate solid waste management and resource recovery plans to the EQC for its review.

76-13-145 requires the DNRC to report its progress in designating wildland-urban interface parcels to an appropriate interim committee assigned to study wildland fire suppression or to the EQC.

77-2-366 mandates that the DNRC submit a detailed report of the land banking program to the EQC by July 1 of even-numbered years.

82-2-701 requires the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology to report to the EQC and the Education and Local Government Interim Committee on its investigation of the state's sand and gravel deposits within one year of starting its investigations.

85-1-203 obligates the DNRC to submit a copy of the State Water Plan or any plan changes to the EQC.

85-1-621 requires the DNRC to submit a biennial report to the EQC describing the status of the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program.

85-2-105 establishes the EQC's water policy duties. Requires the EQC to analyze and comment on the state water plan, the state water development process, water-related research, and the adequacy of the water resources data management system.

85-2-281 mandates that the Water Court and the DNRC report to the EQC on the progress of the adjudication process until 2020.

85-2-350 requires the Clark Fork River Basin Task Force to report annually to the EQC.

85-2-436 obligates the DFWP to submit a summary report to the EQC by December 1 of odd-numbered years of all appropriation rights changed to an instream flow purpose in the previous 2 years.

87-1-230 requires the DFWP to provide an annual report regarding deposits into and withdrawals from the Good Neighbor Policy state water and land maintenance account to the Oversight Subcommittee of the Environmental Quality Council.