

Natural Resource Related Legislation -- 2003  
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1. **House Bill No. 7.** Appropriates money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for grants for designated projects under the Reclamation and Development Grants Program; prioritizes grants and amounts; and establishes conditions for grants.
  - a. Amends section 2, Chapter 419, Laws of 1999.
  - b. Amends section 2, Chapter 232, Laws of 200.
  - c. Effective July 1, 2003.
  
2. **House Bill No. 10.** Allocates revenue from the resource indemnity and ground water assessment tax to make debt service payments on CERCLA bonds; creates a CERCLA cost recovery special revenue account; and coordinates certain provisions of the CERCLA match debt service account, CERCLA bonds, the hazardous waste/CERCLA special revenue account, and the CERCLA cost recovery special revenue account.
  - a. Amends sections 15-38-106, 75-10-621, 75-10-622, and 75-10-623, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
  
3. **House Bill No. 43.** Eliminates the requirement that asbestos control permit fees for each annual permit reflect actual costs for that permit; and provides that fees must be commensurate with costs of permit issuance and administration.
  - a. Amends sections 75-2-503 and 75-2-504, MCA.
  - b. Effective February 17, 2003.
  
4. **House Bill No. 79.** Provides that an individual or a nonprofit organization is not liable for civil damages resulting from the individual's or organization's placement of a sign or marker warning of a hazard in water that is under the jurisdiction of the state and that is legally accessible to the public; provides criteria for the placement of the signs or markers; and requires the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to inform the public of the placement, use, and significance of water hazard signs and markers.
  - a. Intended to be codified in Title 87, chapter 1, part 2.
  - b. Effective March 26, 2003.

5. **House Bill No. 83.** Generally revises well log reporting requirements; requires well log reports to be filed with the Montana State Bureau of Mines and Geology; requires the well log report form or format to be specified by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in consultation with the Board of Water Well Contractors and the Montana State Bureau of Mines and Geology; and authorizes the submission of well log reports in an electronic format.
  - a. Amends section 85-2-516, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
  
6. **House Bill No. 89.** Extends the schedule for completing total maximum daily loads for streams listed in 1997.
  - a. Amends section 75-5-703, MCA.
  - b. Effective October 1, 2003.
  
7. **House Bill No. 102.** Eliminates the requirement that money received from the Federal Government be deposited in the radon control account.
  - a. Amends section 75-3-607, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
  
8. **House Bill No. 142.** Requires the state official responsible for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to consult with any local government that may be directly impacted by a project.
  - a. Amends sections 75-1-104 and 75-1-201, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 26, 2003.
  - c. Applies to environmental impact statements commenced on or after March 26, 2003.
  
9. **House Bill No. 144.** Revises certain underground storage tank laws; increases the time limit for submitting cleanup expense reimbursement requests; amends definitions; changes the annual tank registration fees; and revises requirements for compliance inspections and permits.
  - a. Amends sections 75-11-307, 75-11-503, 75-11-505, and 75-11-509, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 27, 2003.
  - c. Applies to all claims for reimbursement of expenses on file with the department of environmental quality on March 27, 2003.
  
10. **House Bill No. 160.** Appropriates money from the coal severance tax permanent fund to the department of justice for technical, legal, and administrative activities for

the State of Montana Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Litigation in the Clark Fork River Basin; and requires repayment of the expended amounts from any recovery in the litigation.

- a. Loan agreement section is effective on April 11, 2003.
  - b. Appropriation is effective on July 1, 2003.
11. **House Bill No. 176.** Provides for the funding of administrative expenses associated with regional drinking water systems under the Treasure State Endowment Program; and modifies the responsibility for administration of the funds.
- a. Amends section 90-6-715, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
12. **House Bill No. 238.** Exempts local government entities from certain requirements for short-term lease of a water appropriation right for certain dust abatement activities; exempts local government entities from certain public notice requirements; and requires that a local government entity post a copy of the lease agreement at the point of diversion when water is diverted under a short-term lease agreement.
- a. Amends section 85-2-410, MCA.
  - b. Effective February 27, 2003.
13. **House Bill No. 292.** Clarifies that the law governing county acquisition of real property applies to the acquisition of conservation easements; provides for an independent appraisal of certain conservation easements by a certified general real estate appraiser prior to a county purchase of those conservation easements; and clarifies that laws governing open space and conservation easements do not supersede the procedure for county acquisition of real property and conservation easements.
- a. Amends sections 7-8-2202 and 76-6-109, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 21, 2003.
14. **House Bill No. 303.** Modifying the definition of "facility" under the Montana Major Facility Siting Act as it relates to transmission lines.
- a. Amends section 75-20-104, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 15, 2003.

15. **House Bill No. 326.** Increases the allowable time period for authorization of a temporary change of a water appropriation right in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin from 10 years to up to 30 years under certain conditions.
  - a. Amends section 85-2-407, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 25, 2003.
  - c. Terminates June 30, 2005.
  
16. **House Bill No. 368.** Extends the 2-year time limit for submitting claims for reimbursement from the petroleum tank release cleanup fund; modifies the eligibility requirements; revises procedures for reimbursement of eligible costs; provides for third-party review of claims and plans; and revises the authority of the board.
  - a. Amends sections 75-11-307, 75-11-308, 75-11-309, 75-11-313, and 75-11-318, MCA.
  - b. Effective October 1, 2003.
  - c. Changes to reimbursements for expenses caused by a release applies to all claims for reimbursement of expenses on file with the department of environmental quality on October 1, 2003.
  
17. **House Bill No. 373.** Revises the Montana strip and underground mine reclamation laws; clarifies the policy and findings; clarifies certain definitions and defines certain terms; reduces the time required for the Department of Environmental Quality to approve or disapprove minor revisions; modifies permit application requirements; clarifies hydrologic balance reclamation requirements; modifies area mining requirements; modifies the requirements for planting vegetation following grading of a disturbed area; provides standards for successful revegetation; clarifies that vegetation that is placed or seeded becomes the property of the landowner after the bond is released; and allows revision of permit and reclamation plan applications in order to incorporate the provisions of this act.
  - a. Amends sections 82-4-202, 82-4-203, 82-4-221, 82-4-222, 82-4-231, 82-4-232, 82-4-233, 82-4-234, 82-4-235, and 82-4-236, MCA.
  - b. Effective January 1, 2004.
  
18. **House Bill No. 378.** Amends the definition of "native plant".
  - a. Amends sections 7-22-2101 and 80-7-701, MCA.
  - b. Effective October 1, 2003
  
19. **House Bill No. 388.** Allows individual owners of tracts of land 3 acres or smaller in size that are located within the boundaries of irrigation districts and that are not being served by the irrigation district works to be eliminated from future services,

assessments over and above current indebtedness, and liability upon payment of a severance fee or negotiated amount; and requires that owners of tracts located within an irrigation district that has a contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation may not pay a severance fee or negotiated amount to be excluded from future services, assessments, and liability of the district if that would impair the contract unless the petitioner cooperates with the district in order to comply with federal laws and requirements.

- a. Intended to be codified in Title 85, chapter 7, part 21.
  - b. Effective April 15, 2003.
  - c. Terminates December 31, 2007.
20. **House Bill No. 420.** Decreases the fee paid by commercial applicators, pesticide dealers, and government agencies for the waste pesticide and pesticide container collection, disposal, and recycling program; and repeals the termination of the waste pesticide and pesticide container collection, disposal, and recycling program, the assessment of fees for funding the program, and the deposit and use of fees by the Department of Agriculture.
- a. Amends sections 80-8-203, 80-8-207, and 80-8-213, MCA.
  - b. Repeals section 14, Chapter 465, Laws of 1993, and Chapter 362, Laws of 1999.
  - c. Effective April 3, 2003.
21. **House Bill No. 427.** Revises laws relating to air quality; clarifies certain air quality permit applications that are subject to Department of Environmental Quality action within 60 days after the Department's receipt of the application; provides that the Department has 75 days from the receipt of certain air quality permit applications to take action; requires that the Department prepare a single environmental review for certain permit applications; and requires the Board of Environmental Review to adopt a rule that provides for a 30-day public comment period on certain permit applications.
- a. Amends section 75-2-211, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 24, 2003.
22. **House Bill No. 428.** Revises the reclamation requirements for metal mines by eliminating a provision not requiring backfilling. *\*\*\*VOID\*\*\* per coordination instruction -- SB366 passed and approved.*
- a. Amends section 82-4-336, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 8, 2003.

- c. Applies retroactively to permits and permit amendments approved by the Department of Environmental Quality after September 30, 1995.
23. **House Bill No. 436.** Eliminates compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act for state land leases that are subject to further permitting requirements.
- a. Amends section 77-1-121, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 27, 2003.
24. **House Bill No. 437.** Generally revises laws governing the environment; provides that the enactment of certain legislation is the legislative implementation of Article II, section 3, and Article IX of the Montana Constitution and provides that compliance with the requirements of the legislative implementation constitutes adequate remedies as required by the constitution; requires that a challenge to a permit issued pursuant to the air quality laws or opencut mining reclamation laws, a challenge to a license or permit issued pursuant to the metal mine reclamation laws, a challenge to a certificate issued pursuant to the montana major facility siting act, or an amendment issued pursuant to the opencut mining reclamation laws must provide for costs and attorney fees if the challenge was for an improper purpose; provides that an action challenging the issuance of a permit under the air quality laws, the issuance of an amendment under the opencut mining reclamation laws, the issuance of a license or permit under the metal mine reclamation laws, a petition for review challenging a licensing or permitting decision under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, an arbitration action under the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975, any action under the hazardous waste facilities laws or the Montana Environmental Policy Act, entry and inspection under the coal and uranium mine reclamation laws, or a certificate issued under the major facility siting laws must be brought in the county in which the activity subject to the permit, petition for review, amendment, license, arbitration, action, certificate, or inspection will occur; provides that for an activity that will occur in more than one county, any county in which the activity will occur is a proper venue; and provides that certain persons may not conduct remedial actions concerning cleanup activities at any facility that is subject to an administrative or judicial order.
- a. Amends sections 2-4-702, 2-4-704, 50-40-102, 75-1-102, 75-1-103, 75-2-102, 75-2-104, 75-5-101, 75-5-102, 75-7-102, 75-7-121, 75-10-202, 75-10-402, 75-10-420, 75-10-706, 75-10-902, 75-11-202, 75-11-301, 75-11-502, 75-20-102, 75-20-201, 75-20-401, 75-20-406, 76-6-102, 76-7-102, 82-4-102, 82-4-202, 82-4-239, 82-4-252, 82-4-301, 82-4-349, 82-4-402, 82-4-427, 82-4-436, and 87-5-103, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 17, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to actions for judicial review or other causes of action challenging the issuance of a permit, petition for review, amendment,

license, arbitration, action, certificate, or inspection that are pending but not yet decided on or after April 17, 2003.

25. **House Bill No. 443.** Generally revises the Montana Major Facility Siting Act; clarifies the policy of the Montana Major Facility Siting Act; modifies the definition of "certificate"; modifies the information requirements for applications; eliminates the requirement that a copy of an application be sent to other local, state, and federal governmental entities; modifies public notice requirements; revises the filing fee scale; reduces certain time requirements of the siting laws; qualifies the use of Montana Environmental Policy Act documents; includes economic importance and benefits in determining the significance of a facility's impact; revises the department's approval criteria for certain facilities; and clarifies requirements for commencement of construction.
  - a. Amends sections 7-1-111, 69-3-1205, 75-20-102, 75-20-104, 75-20-201, 75-20-211, 75-20-213, 75-20-215, 75-20-216, 75-20-223, 75-20-231, 75-20-232, 75-20-301, 75-20-303, 85-2-124, 85-2-607, 85-15-107, and 90-6-207, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 3, 2003.
  
26. **House Bill No. 467.** Provides that necessity must be shown before changes to the existing water quality of certain waters can be prohibited; requires the Board of Environmental Review to make a written finding when accepting a petition to classify waters as outstanding resource waters; provides criteria for the Board of Environmental Review's written finding; provides a hearing process when the Board of Environmental Review receives a petition for rulemaking to classify a water as an outstanding resource water; and provides that the costs of the environmental impact statement must be paid by the petitioner.
  - a. Amends sections 75-5-315 and 75-5-316, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 3, 2003.
  - c. Applies to petitions for rulemaking to classify waters as outstanding resource waters that are filed after April 3, 2003.
  
27. **House Bill No. 527.** Requires the Department of Environmental Quality and applicants for operating permits under the Metal Mine Reclamation Act to consider the utilization of facilities constructed in conjunction with mining operations for postmining uses in lieu of requiring the removal of the facilities; provides that ancillary industrial facilities may have an acceptable postmining use; and provides that an amendment to an operating permit for the purpose of retention of mine-related facilities that are valuable for postmining use is a minor amendment and does not require the preparation of an environmental review or an environmental impact statement.

- a. Amends sections 82-4-303, 82-4-335, 82-4-336, and 82-4-342, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 17, 2003.
28. **House Bill No. 545.** Establishes statutory water quality permit fees for suction dredge operations; and authorizes the board of environmental review to adopt rules for suction dredging subject to the permit fees.
- a. Amends sections 75-5-201, 75-5-516, and 82-4-310, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 23, 2003.
29. **House Bill No. 684.** Repeals the termination date of a provision allowing the transfer of a revoked coal mine operating permit.
- a. Repeals section 5, Chapter 522, Laws of 2001.
  - b. Effective April 9, 2003.
30. **House Bill No. 554.** Revises the criteria for awarding reclamation grants and loans; and temporarily removes priorities for abandoned mine projects and reduces priorities for oil and gas projects.
- a. Amends section 90-2-1113, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 7, 2003.
  - c. Terminates June 30, 2005.
31. **House Bill No. 584.** Revises the controlled allocation of liability laws; and eliminates the termination date for the Controlled Allocation of Liability Act.
- a. Amends section 75-10-743, MCA.
  - b. Repeals section 75-10-752, MCA.
  - c. Repeals section 30, Chapter 415, Laws of 1997.
  - d. Effective April 17, 2003.
32. **House Bill No. 610.** Modifies the public hearing procedures of water and sewer districts relating to rate increases.
- a. Amends section 7-13-2275, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 18, 2003.
33. **House Bill No. 617.** Revises the metal mine reclamation laws; and prohibits an increase in a mine reclamation bond until a mine operating permit modification is complete.



- a. Amends section 82-4-337, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 11, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to permits and permit amendments that were approved by the Department of Environmental Quality after September 30, 1995.
34. **House Bill No. 676.** Clarifies the definition of "project" under the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975.
- a. Amends section 75-7-103, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 21, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to all notices of projects pending before a conservation district on April 21, 2003.
35. **House Bill No. 677.** Clarifies the jurisdiction of justices' courts with regard to violations of the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975; and clarifies criminal fines and civil penalties.
- a. Amends sections 3-10-301, 3-10-601, and 75-7-123, MCA
  - b. Repeals section 75-7-124, MCA.
  - c. Effective April 23, 2003.
  - d. Applies retroactively to all notices of projects pending before a conservation district on April 23, 2003.
36. **House Bill No. 678.** Establishes a declaratory ruling process under the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975; authorizes the board of supervisors of a conservation district to issue declaratory rulings; and provides for judicial review of a declaratory ruling
- a. Intended to be codified in Title 75, chapter 7, part 1.
  - b. Effective April 11, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to all notices of a project pending before a conservation district on April 11, 2003.
  - d. Does not apply retroactively to a declaratory ruling proceeding that was initiated before April 11, 2003.
37. **House Bill No. 683.** Revises requirements for a change in a water appropriation right; authorizes a change in a water appropriation right without prior approval of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for a replacement well for a municipal well when the appropriation does not exceed 450 gallons a minute; and authorizes the construction of certain redundant wells without the prior approval of the Department, subject to certain requirements.

- a. Amends section 85-2-402, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 28, 2003.
38. **House Bill No. 700.** Revise laws relating to the environment; provide the Board of Environmental Review with authority for staying certain actions; allows the board to require a written undertaking; authorizes the board to adopt rules for registration of sources of air contaminants and general permits and multiple similar sources; and authorizes the Board of Environmental Review to adopt rules for general permits for discharges from categories of point sources.
- a. Amends sections 75-2-111, 75-2-204, 75-2-211, 75-2-218, 75-2-221, and 75-5-401, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 4, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to a request for a hearing or an appeal filed on or after January 1, 2003.
39. **House Bill No. 720.** Revises the laws governing water use permits and changes in appropriation rights; requires the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to adopt rules regarding determination of whether or not an application for a water use permit and an objection to an application for a water use permit are correct and complete; and provides that an application must be treated as if it is correct and complete if deficiencies are not identified within 180 days.
- a. Amends sections 85-2-302 and 85-2-308, MCA.
  - b. Effective October 1, 2003.
40. **House Joint Resolution No. 4.** A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requesting an interim study to investigate options for improving the supply and distribution of water in Montana and to evaluate the water storage policy established in section 85-1-703, MCA; and requiring that the final results of the study be reported to the 59th legislature and the Montana Congressional delegation
41. **House Joint Resolution No. 35.** Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requests an interim study regarding Montana's share of water from the interstate tributaries pursuant to the Yellowstone River Compact.
42. **House Joint Resolution No. 40.** Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requests the Legislative Council to designate an interim committee to study issues associated with water rights for private ponds for fish, wildlife, recreational, wetland, aesthetic, and gravel mining

uses; and requests a report of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study to the 59th Legislature and the Governor.

43. **House Joint Resolution No. 43.** Joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requests an interim study of the surface water and ground water impacts of the abandoned Zortman and Landusky mine sites on the Milk and Missouri River watersheds and the effectiveness of the state reclamation efforts at the Zortman and Landusky mine sites in protecting the watersheds; and requests that the results of the study be reported to the 59th Legislature.
44. **Senate Bill No. 14.** Extends the period for suspension of adjudication proceedings during negotiations of federal Indian and non-Indian reserved water rights.
  - a. Amends sections 85-2-217 and 85-2-702, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
45. **Senate Bill No. 69.** Amends the legislative membership requirement for the drinking water state revolving fund advisory committee.
  - a. Amends section 75-6-231, MCA.
  - b. Effective October 1, 2003.
46. **Senate Bill No. 71** Revises the definition of "low emission wood or biomass combustion device" with respect to eligibility for an income tax credit; and removes the Department of Environmental Quality's rulemaking authority for establishing emission testing and emission certification standards for low emission wood or biomass combustion devices.
  - a. Amends sections 15-32-102 and 15-32-203, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 27, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to tax years beginning after December 31, 2001.
47. **Senate Bill No. 78.** Clarifies when a Board of Land Commissioners or a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation action under Title 77, MCA, becomes a final agency action under the Montana Environmental Policy Act.
  - a. Amends section 75-1-201, MCA.
  - b. Effective March 26, 2003.
48. **Senate Bill No. 88.** Provides instruction for the renumbering and codification of section 85-2-521, MCA, concerning requirements for coal bed methane wells.

49. **Senate Bill No. 103.** Provides for contingent fund transfers from the orphan share state special revenue account to the hazardous waste/CERCLA account and to the Environmental Quality Protection Fund account; and provides for the repayment of contingent fund transfers.
- a. Amends sections 75-10-621, 75-10-704, and 75-10-743, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
  - c. If 75-10-743 terminates June 30, 2005, then changes to the environmental quality protection fund section and changes to the hazardous waste/CERCLA account section terminate June 30, 2005.
50. **Senate Bill No. 107.** Increases the yearly payment to a county for its junk vehicle collection and graveyard budget from \$1 to \$1.25 for each motor vehicle under 8,001 pounds gross vehicle weight; and increases the total payment to counties with fewer than 5,000 motor vehicles under 8,001 pounds gross vehicle weight from \$5,000 to \$6,250.
- a. Amends section 75-10-534, MCA.
  - b. Effective July 1, 2003.
51. **Senate Bill No. 194.** Authorizes water administration interim agreements to provide for joint Tribal and State administration of new water uses on a reservation pending final adjudication of Indian reserved water rights if a court of competent jurisdiction has held that the Department lacks exclusive authority to issue new water use permits within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.
- a. Amends section 85-2-708, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 24, 2003.
52. **Senate Bill No. 211.** Eliminates the junk vehicle disposal fee.
- a. Amends sections 75-10-513 and 75-10-532, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 10, 2003.
53. **Senate Bill No. 244.** Provides that a contract holder or employee of a water users' association that pays operation or maintenance costs on a state-owned reservoir may not be required to purchase a day-use permit to access that reservoir; and requires the association to issue annual identification cards to eligible contract holders and employees of water users' associations. *\*\*\*VOID\*\*\* per coordination instruction -- SB336 passed and approved.*
- a. Amends section 23-1-105, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 25, 2003.

54. **Senate Bill No. 321.** Changes the membership of the water pollution control advisory council.
  - a. Amends section 2-15-2107, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 24, 2003.
55. **Senate Bill No. 325.** Revises the restrictions on subdivision activities under the sanitation in subdivisions laws.
  - a. Amends section 76-4-121, MCA.
  - b. Effective upon Governor's signature.
56. **Senate Bill No. 366.** Revises the reclamation requirements for metal mines.
  - a. Amends section 82-4-336, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 21, 2003.
  - c. Applies retroactively to permits and permit amendments approved by the Department of Environmental Quality after September 30, 1995.
57. **Senate Bill No. 381.** Provides that the use of arbitration for dispute resolution under the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975 is not mandatory.
  - a. Amends sections 75-7-111, 75-7-112, 75-7-113, 75-7-116, 75-7-117, and 75-7-121, MCA.
  - b. Effective October 1, 2003.
58. **Senate Bill No. 383.** Provides that certain activities are not prohibited activities with regard to water quality.
  - a. Amends section 75-5-605, MCA.
  - b. Effective April 22, 2003.
59. **Senate Bill No. 386.** Eliminates the applicability of the Montana Major Facility Siting Act to certain pipelines and associated facilities.
  - a. Amends section 17, Chapter 293, Laws of 2001.
  - b. Effective April 25, 2003.
  - c. Does not apply to reclamation bonds for pipelines and associated facilities held by the board of environmental review or the department of environmental quality until October 30, 2004.
60. **Senate Bill No. 406.** Provides that a corner record may be filed in lieu of a certificate of survey in certain instances; requires that the county clerk provide an

index; provides that parcels created for rights-of-way or utility sites are exempt from the subdivision review process unless there is a subsequent change in land use; and provides guidance on exemptions that are created to provide security for mortgages, liens, or trust indentures.

- a. Amends sections 70-22-105, 70-22-109, 76-3-201, and 76-3-404, MCA.
- b. Effective October 1, 2003.

61. **Senate Bill No. 409.** Revises laws related to state lands; authorizes the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to conduct certain inventories and assessments; and authorizing the Department to conduct lease planning; eliminating duplicative environmental reviews.

- a. Amends sections 77-1-121 and 77-3-301, MCA.
- b. Effective April 14, 2003.

62. **Senate Joint Resolution No. 9.** A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana urging the members of the Montana Congressional delegation to introduce and support legislation in the U.S. Congress to establish a minimum lake level in fort peck reservoir.