

Ground-Water Assessment Steering Committee Annual Activity

Statute:

- **Established: 2-15-1523.** The code lists who is to be on the committee. The Legislative Services Division (Environmental Quality Council) is listed in subsection 2 as one of the groups that *may* be on the committee.
- **Duties: 85-2-906.** The Ground-Water Characterization and Ground-Water Monitoring programs at the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) are subject to the direction of the steering committee

Meetings:

- **June** meeting - Primarily focused on business. The committee reviews MBMG expenditures and activities for the current year's work plan. MBMG also presents its work plan and budget for the next fiscal year. The committee reviews, may modify, and approves the next fiscal year's work plan and budget. Decisions regarding new Characterization areas, monitoring wells, or other policy-level decisions are made in June.
- **October** meeting - The October meeting is in conjunction with the Fall Montana Water conference organized by the Montana Chapter of the American Water Resources Association and the Montana Water Center. Program staff prepare reports and posters to present at the conference. Between 100 and 150 people attend the conference so the Assessment Program is able to present some of its findings to a relatively large group. The committee makes a brief review of expenditures and hears a report of program progress.

Environmental Quality Council participation:

- In the program's early years Environmental Quality Council participation was crucial while the agencies and MBMG came to agreement about what the Assessment Program was and how it was to be developed and managed. During this period the Steering Committee/Assessment Program made an annual or biennial report to the council or one of its subcommittees.
- In recent years there has been little Environmental Quality Council participation on the Steering Committee. Last biennium was the first time a report to the council was not produced. Although participation of the council has been missed, guidance from the agency members of the Steering Committee and informal direction within each study area from many local groups has kept the program moving forward.
- Future Environmental Quality Council participation on the Steering Committee is welcome because it offers a point of view from the legislative side of issues. We would encourage you to keep the statute the same with participation on the Steering Committee and our reporting to you on an "as needed" basis.

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