

A Summary of the EQC's Specific Statutory Responsibilities

Under MEPA

75-1-201, MCA, 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, MCA, 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, MCA, requires the Departments of Environmental Quality, Agriculture, and Natural Resources and Conservation to report specific compliance and enforcement information to the EQC.

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

Other

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

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

2-15-1523, MCA, requires participation of a representative of the Legislative Services Division on the ground water assessment steering committee.

5-5-202 and 5-5-215, MCA, discuss the organization and duties of interim committees.

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

75-10-111, MCA, requires the Department of Environmental Quality to circulate solid waste management and resource recovery plans to the EQC for its review.

75-10-743, MCA, requires the Department of Environmental Quality to report quarterly to the EQC on the use of money from the Orphan Share State Special Revenue Account for certain projects during calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007. Also provides that if investigations indicate the need for additional

information the DEQ shall prepare a report identifying the rationale and estimated costs for additional work and present it to the EQC during the spring of 2007.

75-10-913, 75-10-918, and 75-10-927, MCA, require EQC participation in the Megalandfill Siting Act review process.

77-2-366, MCA, requires that a detailed report of the land banking program be submitted to the EQC by July 1, 2008.

77-5-301, et seq., MCA, The legislative statement of intent requires the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, along with the technical committee charged with advising the department on implementation of the streamside management zone laws, to evaluate and report on the implementation of the act to the EQC.

85-1-203, MCA, requires the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to submit a copy of the State Water Plan to the EQC.

85-1-621, MCA, requires the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to submit a biennial report to the EQC describing the status of the renewable resource grant and loan program.

85-2-105, MCA, establishes the EQC's water policy duties. The EQC is specifically required 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, MCA, requires the Water Court and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to report to the EQC on the progress of the adjudication process until 2020.

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

85-2-436, MCA, requires the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks 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.