

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2327

Introduced by

Senators Unruh, Armstrong, Wardner

Representatives Carlson, Kempenich, Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24,  
2 title 23.1, and subdivision v of subsection 1 of section 54-06-04 of the North Dakota Century  
3 Code, relating to the creation of the department of environmental quality, the transfer of duties  
4 and responsibilities of the state department of health relating to environmental quality to the  
5 department of environmental quality, and biennial reports of the department of environmental  
6 quality; to amend and reenact section 4-35.2-01, subdivision b of subsection 5 of section  
7 6-09.4-03, sections 11-33-01, 11-33-02.1, and 11-33-22, subdivision d of subsection 2 of section  
8 12.1-06.1-01, section 15-05-16, ~~subsection 1 of section 19-01-01~~, sections 20.1-13-05,  
9 20.1-17-01, and 23-01-02, subsection 8 of section 23-01.3-01, sections 23-20.2-02, 23-20.2-03,  
10 and 24-03-23, subsection 5 of section 28-32-50, sections 38-08-04.5, 38-11.1-03.1,  
11 38-11.1-04.1, and 38-11.2-02, subsection 12 of section 38-14.1-03, subsection 2 of section  
12 38-14.1-21, sections 38-22-07, 38-22-12, 40-47-01, 43-18-02, 43-18-09, 43-35-03, 43-35-19,  
13 43-35-19.1, 43-35-19.2, 43-35-20, and 43-35-23, subsection 11 of section 43-48-03,  
14 ~~subsection 6 of section~~ sections 43-62-01 and 43-62-03, subsection 1 of section 43-62-15,  
15 subsection 3 of section 44-04-18.4, section 44-04-32, subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2,  
16 subsection 3 of section 54-12-08, section 54-44.3-30, subsection 33 of section 57-43.2-01,  
17 sections 58-03-11, 58-03-11.1, and 58-03-17, subsection 13 of section 58-06-01, section  
18 61-04.1-04, subsections 1 and 2 of section 61-28-02, ~~sections 61-28-03 and 61-28-05,~~  
19 subsection 2 of section 61-28.1-02, subsection 15 of section 61-28.1-03, subsection 2 of  
20 section 61-28.2-01, and sections 61-29-04, 61-33-09, and 61-35-24 of the North Dakota  
21 Century Code, relating to the transfer of duties and responsibilities of the state department of  
22 health to the department of environmental quality and the regulation of x-ray operators; to  
23 repeal chapters 19-10 and 19-16.1, sections 23-01-01.2, 23-01-04.1, 23-01-23, 23-01-30, and  
24 23-01-36 ~~and~~, chapters 23-20, 23-20.1, 23-20.3, 23-20.5, 23-25, 23-26, 23-29, 23-29.1, 23-31,  
25 23-32, 23-33, 23-37, and 39-26, and sections 61-28-03 and 61-28-05 of the North Dakota

1 Century Code, relating to the transfer of duties and responsibilities of the state department of  
2 health to the department of environmental quality; to provide a penalty; to provide a continuing  
3 appropriation; to provide for transition; and to provide an effective date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TRANSITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL**  
6 **QUALITY FUNCTIONS.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the 2017-18 interim,  
7 the state department of health shall take all necessary and appropriate steps to transfer the  
8 authority, powers, and duties of the department related to environmental quality, as provided in  
9 this Act, to the department of environmental quality before the start of the sixty-sixth legislative  
10 assembly. Before July 1, 2019, the state department of health shall obtain the required  
11 approvals from, and amend the necessary agreements with, federal agencies and other public  
12 and private entities to ensure the state will continue to meet all primacy requirements. When the  
13 chief of the environmental health section of the state department of health has assurance from  
14 the necessary federal agencies that the state will meet all the primacy requirements after the  
15 transfer of authority, powers, and duties to the new department, the chief shall certify the same  
16 to the legislative management. Until the time of the certification, the chief of the environmental  
17 health section of the state department of health has the authority to operate, administer,  
18 manage, and restructure the environmental health section, reassign employees of the section,  
19 and control the funds appropriated for the section, to operate the section in the most efficient  
20 manner possible. To the extent required by the environmental health section, the state  
21 department of health shall continue to provide support and administrative services to the  
22 section. The chief of the environmental health section may adopt rules under this Act contingent  
23 and effective upon the establishment of the department of environmental quality.

24 Upon the transition of the authority, powers, and duties of the state department of health to  
25 the department of environmental quality under this Act, any special funds or accounts  
26 administered or under the control of the state department of health which relate to  
27 environmental quality functions transferred to the department of environmental quality must be  
28 transferred to the administration and control of the department of environmental quality.

1 The legislative council may replace appropriate references to the state department of health  
2 in any measure enacted by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly with references to the department  
3 of environmental quality.

4 All orders, determinations, permits, grants, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses,  
5 waivers, bonds, authorizations, and privileges relating to the functions transferred which have  
6 been lawfully issued or made before the date of the transition of functions, continue to be  
7 effective until revised, amended, repealed, or rescinded. The transition of functions does not  
8 abate any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before an entity  
9 affected by the transition of functions. A suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by,  
10 against, or before the appropriate successor of an entity affected by the transition of functions.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-35.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **4-35.2-01. Pesticide and pesticide container disposal program - Pesticide container**  
14 **management - Compensation.**

- 15 1. The definitions contained in section 4-35-05 apply to this section.
- 16 2. In consultation with an advisory board consisting of the ~~state health officer~~director of  
17 the department of environmental quality, director of the North Dakota state university  
18 extension service, two individuals representing agribusiness organizations, and two  
19 individuals representing farm organizations, all of whom must be selected by the  
20 agriculture commissioner, the commissioner shall continue to implement the project  
21 authorized by section 1 of chapter 77 of the 2001 Session Laws, which is known as  
22 project safe send. The purpose of the project is to:
- 23 a. Collect and either recycle or dispose of unusable pesticides and unusable  
24 pesticide containers. The commissioner shall provide for the establishment and  
25 operation of temporary collection sites for the pesticides and pesticide containers.  
26 The commissioner may limit the type and quantity of pesticides and pesticide  
27 containers acceptable for collection.
- 28 b. Promote proper pesticide container management. In consultation with the director  
29 of the North Dakota state university extension service, the commissioner shall  
30 evaluate and promote proper methods of pesticide container management,  
31 including information on the variety of pesticide containers available.

- 1           3. Any entity collecting pesticide containers or unusable pesticides shall manage and  
2           dispose of the containers and pesticides in compliance with applicable federal and  
3           state requirements. When called upon, any state agency shall assist the commissioner  
4           in implementing the project.
- 5           4. For services rendered in connection with the design and implementation of this  
6           project, the members selected by the commissioner are entitled to reimbursement for  
7           mileage and travel expenses in the same manner and for the same amounts provided  
8           for state employees and officials. Compensation and expense reimbursement must be  
9           paid from the environment and rangeland protection fund.

10           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 5 of section 6-09.4-03 of the North  
11           Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 12           b. The state department of health environmental quality, or any other state agency or  
13           authority, or any member-owned association or publicly owned and nonprofit  
14           corporation:
- 15           (1) Operating any public water system that is subject to chapter 61-28.1.  
16           (2) Operating any facility, system, or other related activity that is eligible for  
17           financial assistance under chapter 61-28.2.

18           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-33-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19           amended and reenacted as follows:

20           **11-33-01. County power to regulate property.**

21           For the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, public convenience, general prosperity,  
22           and public welfare, the board of county commissioners of any county may regulate and restrict  
23           within the county, subject to section 11-33-20 and chapter 54-21.3, the location and the use of  
24           buildings and structures and the use, condition of use, or occupancy of lands for residence,  
25           recreation, and other purposes. The board of county commissioners and a county zoning  
26           commission shall state the grounds upon which any request for a zoning amendment or  
27           variance is approved or disapproved, and written findings upon which the decision is based  
28           must be included within the records of the board or commission. The board of county  
29           commissioners shall establish zoning requirements for solid waste disposal and incineration  
30           facilities before July 1, 1994. The board of county commissioners may impose tipping or other  
31           fees on solid waste management and incineration facilities. The board of county commissioners

1 may not impose any fee under this section on an energy conversion facility or coal mining  
2 operation that disposes of its waste onsite. The board of county commissioners may establish  
3 institutional controls that address environmental concerns with the state department of  
4 health ~~environmental quality~~ as provided in section ~~23-20.3-03.1~~ ~~23.1-04-03~~ 23.1-04-04.

5 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-33-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **11-33-02.1. Farming and ranching regulations - Requirements - Limitations -**  
8 **Definitions.**

9 1. For purposes of this section:

- 10 a. "Concentrated feeding operation" means any livestock feeding, handling, or  
11 holding operation, or feed yard, where animals are concentrated in an area that is  
12 not normally used for pasture or for growing crops and in which animal wastes  
13 may accumulate. The term does not include normal wintering operations for  
14 cattle.
- 15 b. "Farming or ranching" means cultivating land for the production of agricultural  
16 crops or livestock, or raising, feeding, or producing livestock, poultry, milk, or fruit.  
17 The term does not include:
- 18 (1) The production of timber or forest products; or  
19 (2) The provision of grain harvesting or other farm services by a processor or  
20 distributor of farm products or supplies in accordance with the terms of a  
21 contract.
- 22 c. "Livestock" includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, horses, bison,  
23 elk, fur animals raised for their pelts, and any other animals that are raised, fed,  
24 or produced as a part of farming or ranching activities.
- 25 d. "Location" means the setback distance between a structure, fence, or other  
26 boundary enclosing a concentrated feeding operation, including its animal waste  
27 collection system, and the nearest occupied residence, the nearest buildings  
28 used for nonfarm or nonranch purposes, or the nearest land zoned for residential,  
29 recreational, or commercial purposes. The term does not include the setback  
30 distance for the application of manure or for the application of other recycled

- 1                    agricultural material under a nutrient management plan approved by the  
2                    department of health ~~and~~ environmental quality.
- 3            2. For purposes of this section, animal units are determined as follows:
- 4            a. One mature dairy cow, whether milking or dry, equals 1.33 animal units;
- 5            b. One dairy cow, heifer, or bull, other than an animal described in paragraph 1  
6            equals 1.0 animal unit;
- 7            c. One weaned beef animal, whether a calf, heifer, steer, or bull, equals 0.75 animal  
8            unit;
- 9            d. One cow-calf pair equals 1.0 animal unit;
- 10           e. One swine weighing fifty-five pounds [24.948 kilograms] or more equals 0.4  
11           animal unit;
- 12           f. One swine weighing less than fifty-five pounds [24.948 kilograms] equals 0.1  
13           animal unit;
- 14           g. One horse equals 2.0 animal units;
- 15           h. One sheep or lamb equals 0.1 animal unit;
- 16           i. One turkey equals 0.0182 animal unit;
- 17           j. One chicken, other than a laying hen, equals 0.008 animal unit;
- 18           k. One laying hen equals 0.012 animal unit;
- 19           l. One duck equals 0.033 animal unit; and
- 20           m. Any livestock not listed in subdivisions a through l equals 1.0 animal unit per  
21           each one thousand pounds [453.59 kilograms] whether single or combined  
22           animal weight.
- 23           3. A board of county commissioners may not prohibit or prevent the use of land or  
24           buildings for farming or ranching and may not prohibit or prevent any of the normal  
25           incidents of farming or ranching.
- 26           4. A board of county commissioners may not preclude the development of a  
27           concentrated feeding operation in the county.
- 28           5. A board of county commissioners may not prohibit the reasonable diversification or  
29           expansion of a farming or ranching operation.

- 1           6.    A board of county commissioners may adopt regulations that establish different  
2                   standards for the location of concentrated feeding operations based on the size of the  
3                   operation and the species and type being fed.
- 4           7.    If a regulation would impose a substantial economic burden on a concentrated feeding  
5                   operation in existence before the effective date of the regulation, the board of county  
6                   commissioners shall declare that the regulation is ineffective with respect to any  
7                   concentrated feeding operation in existence before the effective date of the regulation.
- 8           8.    a.    A board of county commissioners may establish high-density agricultural  
9                   production districts in which setback distances for concentrated feeding  
10                  operations and related agricultural operations are less than those in other  
11                  districts.
- 12           b.    A board of county commissioners may establish, around areas zoned for  
13                   residential, recreational, or nonagricultural commercial uses, low-density  
14                   agricultural production districts in which setback distances for concentrated  
15                   feeding operations and related agricultural operations are greater than those in  
16                   other districts; provided, the low-density agricultural production districts may not  
17                   extend more than one and one-half miles [2.40 kilometers] from the edge of the  
18                   area zoned for residential, recreational, or nonagricultural commercial uses.
- 19           c.    The setbacks provided for in this subsection may not vary by more than fifty  
20                   percent from those established in subdivision a of subsection 7 of section  
21                   ~~23-25-11~~23.1-06-15.
- 22           d.    For purposes of this subsection, a "related agricultural operation" means a facility  
23                   that produces a product or byproduct used by a concentrated feeding operation.

24           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-33-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26           **11-33-22. Regulation of concentrated animal feeding operations - Central repository.**

- 27           1.    Any zoning regulation that pertains to a concentrated animal feeding operation and  
28                   ~~which is promulgated by a county after July 31, 2007,~~ is not effective until filed with the  
29                   state department of ~~health~~environmental quality for inclusion in the central repository  
30                   established under section ~~23-01-30~~23.1-01-10. ~~Any zoning regulation that pertains to~~  
31                   ~~concentrated animal feeding operations and which was promulgated by a county~~

1           before August 1, 2007, may not be enforced until the regulation is filed with the state-  
2           department of health for inclusion in the central repository.

3           2. For purposes of this section:

4           a. "Concentrated animal feeding operation" means any livestock feeding, handling,  
5           or holding operation, or feed yard, where animals are concentrated in an area  
6           that is not normally used for pasture or for growing crops and in which animal  
7           wastes may accumulate, or in an area where the space per animal unit is less  
8           than six hundred square feet [55.74 square meters]. The term does not include  
9           normal wintering operations for cattle.

10          b. "Livestock" includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, horses, and  
11          fur animals raised for their pelts.

12          **SECTION 7.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 of the North Dakota  
13 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

14                 The department of environmental quality for a final applicant for or an employee  
15                 specified in occupation with the department; an individual being investigated by  
16                 the department; or, when requested by the department, an applicant for  
17                 registration, certification, or licensure by the department.

18          **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 12.1-06.1-01 of the  
19 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20          d. "Illegal transportation or disposal of radioactive waste material or hazardous  
21          waste" means the transportation or disposal into a nonhazardous waste landfill or  
22          the intentional and unlawful dumping into or on any land or water of radioactive  
23          waste material in violation of section 23-20.2-09 or rules adopted pursuant to that  
24          section which were in effect on January 1, 1997, or hazardous waste in willful  
25          violation of chapter ~~23-20.3~~23.1-04 or the rules adopted pursuant to that chapter-  
26          which were in effect on January 1, 1997, except for the handling of conditionally  
27          exempt small quantities of hazardous waste as was referenced in section  
28          33-24-02-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

29          **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-05-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
30 amended and reenacted as follows:



1       **15-05-16. Reports - State geologist - State department of health - Department of**  
2 **environmental quality.**

3       The state geologist ~~or the~~, state department of health, or department of environmental  
4 quality, on the request of the board of university and school lands, shall visit any land leased  
5 under section 15-05-09 and shall make a report of the visit to the board. The state geologist ~~or~~  
6 ~~the~~, state department of health, or department of environmental quality may not receive a fee  
7 for making the examination and report but must be paid necessary expenses incurred in  
8 connection ~~therewith~~with the examination.

9       ~~SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 19-01-01 of the North Dakota~~  
10 ~~Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows: —~~

11       ~~1. "Department" means the state department of health~~department of environmental  
12 quality.

13       **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-13-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15       **20.1-13-05. Equipment - Penalty.**

- 16       1. Every vessel must have aboard:
- 17           a. If equipped with a marine toilet or other similar device for the disposition of  
18 sewage or other wastes, only that type of marine toilet equipped with a treatment  
19 device meeting standards established by the ~~state water pollution control~~  
20 ~~board~~environmental review advisory councildepartment of environmental quality.  
21 The department of ~~health~~environmental quality shall furnish a list of the types of  
22 treatment devices currently available and considered acceptable for use with  
23 marine toilets under this subdivision. No person owning or operating a vessel  
24 upon the waters of this state may use, operate, or permit the use or operation of  
25 any marine toilet or similar device unless it is approved under this subdivision. No  
26 person may discharge into the waters of this state, directly or indirectly from a  
27 vessel, any untreated sewage or other wastes. No container of untreated sewage  
28 or other wastes may be placed, left, discharged, or caused to be placed, left, or  
29 discharged in or near any waters of this state from a vessel in such a manner or  
30 quantity as to create a nuisance or health hazard, or pollute such waters.

1           b. Such additional equipment designed to promote the safety of navigation and of  
2           persons as the game and fish department may find appropriate and for which it  
3           has provided in its rules.

4           2. No person may operate or give permission for the operation of a vessel that is not  
5           equipped as required by this section.

6           3. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class 2 noncriminal offense.

7           **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-17-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9           **20.1-17-01. Prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species.**

10          The director, to prevent and control aquatic nuisance species, shall:

- 11          1. Prepare a statewide management plan for aquatic nuisance species to be approved  
12          by the governor.
- 13          2. Organize an aquatic nuisance species committee, as provided for in the statewide  
14          management plan, composed of the director or the director's designee;  
15          representatives of the agriculture commissioner, state water commission, parks and  
16          recreation department, ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality,  
17          and tourism division; up to five private entities or individuals; and a representative of  
18          tribal entities. The director or the director's designee is the chairman of the aquatic  
19          nuisance species committee.
- 20          3. Develop and adopt the state's list of aquatic nuisance species after consulting with the  
21          aquatic nuisance species committee. The list must be updated annually.
- 22          4. Provide for a permitting system to import listed aquatic nuisance species into or move  
23          those species within the state.
- 24          5. Develop rules to prevent the movement of aquatic nuisance species into or within the  
25          state. In addition to requirements under chapter 28-32, the department shall conduct a  
26          cost-benefit analysis for any rule proposed for adoption under this chapter.
- 27          6. Conduct aquatic nuisance species education and prevention efforts.
- 28          7. Provide for the partnership of the federal government, state agencies, and private or  
29          public organizations to fund aquatic nuisance species prevention efforts.

30          **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **23-01-02. Health council - Members, terms of office, vacancies, compensation,**  
2 **officers, meetings.**

3       The health council consists of ~~eleven~~nine members appointed by the governor ~~in the~~  
4 ~~following manner:~~ including four persons from the health care field, and five persons  
5 representing consumer interests, ~~one person from the energy industry, and one from the~~  
6 ~~manufacturing and processing industry.~~ The governor may select members to the council from  
7 recommendations submitted by trade, professional, and consumer organizations. On the  
8 expiration of the term of any member, the governor, in the manner provided by this section, shall  
9 appoint for a term of three years, persons to take the place of members whose terms on the  
10 council are about to expire. The officers of the council must be elected annually. Any state  
11 agency may serve in an advisory capacity to the health council at the discretion of the council.  
12 The council shall meet at least twice each year and at other times as the council or its chairman  
13 may direct. The health council shall have as standing committees any committees the council  
14 may find necessary. The chairman of the council shall select the members of these committees.  
15 The members of the council are entitled to receive sixty-two dollars and fifty cents as  
16 compensation per day and their necessary mileage and travel expenses as provided in sections  
17 44-08-04 and 54-06-09 while attending council meetings or in the performance of any special  
18 duties as the council may direct. The per diem and expenses must be audited and paid in the  
19 manner in which the expenses of state officers are audited and paid. The compensation  
20 provided for in this section may not be paid to any member of the council who received salary or  
21 other compensation as a regular employee of the state, or any of its political subdivisions, or  
22 any institution or industry operated by the state.

23       **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 23-01.3-01 of the North Dakota  
24 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 25       8. "Public health authority" means the state department of health, department of  
26 environmental quality, a local public health unit, and any authority or instrumentality of  
27 the United States, a tribal government, a state, or a political subdivision of a state, a  
28 foreign nation, or a political subdivision of a foreign nation, which is:
- 29       a. Primarily responsible for public health matters; and
  - 30       b. Primarily engaged in activities such as injury reporting, public health surveillance,  
31       and public health investigation or intervention.

1       **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-20.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **23-20.2-02. Definitions.**

4       As used in this chapter:

- 5       1. "Commission" means the industrial commission of North Dakota.
- 6       2. "Person" includes any natural person, corporation, limited liability company,  
7       association, partnership, receiver, trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, fiduciary,  
8       or other representative of any kind, and includes any department, agency, or  
9       instrumentality of the state or of any governmental subdivision thereof.
- 10      3. "Underground disposal facility" means any drilled, bored, or excavated device or  
11      installation to provide for the subsurface disposal of waste. The term does not include  
12      a solid waste management facility authorized under chapter ~~23-29~~23.1-08.
- 13      4. "Underground storage and retrieval facility" means any drilled, bored, or excavated  
14      device or installation to provide for the subsurface emplacement and recovery of  
15      materials.
- 16      5. "Waste" includes liquid wastes, gaseous wastes, and solid wastes as defined in  
17      section ~~23-29-03~~23.1-08-02 and all unusable industrial material including spent  
18      nuclear fuels and other unusable radioactive material not brought into this state for  
19      disposal.

20      **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-20.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22      **23-20.2-03. Jurisdiction of the industrial commission.**

23      The commission has jurisdiction and authority and is charged with the responsibility to  
24 enforce the provisions of this chapter. This chapter does not apply to any activity regulated  
25 under chapters ~~23-29~~23.1-08, 38-08, 38-12, 61-28, and 61-28.1. The commission acting  
26 through the office of the state geologist has the authority:

- 27      1. To require:
  - 28          a. Identification of ownership of all facilities and equipment used for the  
29          underground storage and retrieval of material and waste disposal.

- 1           b. The making and filing of all logs and reports on facility location, drilling, boring,  
2           excavating, and construction and the filing, free of charge, of samples, core  
3           chips, and complete cores, when requested, in the office of the state geologist.
- 4           c. The drilling, boring, excavating, and construction of facilities in a manner to  
5           prevent contamination and pollution of surface and ground water sources and the  
6           environment.
- 7           d. The furnishing of a reasonable bond with good and sufficient surety, conditioned  
8           upon the full compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and the rules of the  
9           commission relating to the underground storage and retrieval of material and  
10          waste disposal.
- 11          e. Metering or other measuring of all material injected, emplaced, stored, disposed  
12          into, or retrieved from any facility regulated by this chapter.
- 13          f. That every person who operates a facility for the underground storage and  
14          retrieval of material or for waste disposal in this state shall keep and maintain  
15          complete and accurate records of the quantities and nature of material stored,  
16          retrieved, or disposed of, which records must be available to the commission or  
17          its agents at all times, and that every such person file with the commission such  
18          reports as it may prescribe.
- 19          g. That upon termination of the operation of any facility or activity regulated by this  
20          chapter, the operator of such facility shall restore the surface as nearly as  
21          possible to its original condition and productivity.
- 22          2. To regulate:
  - 23              a. The drilling, boring, excavating, and construction of all underground storage,  
24              retrieval, and waste disposal facilities.
  - 25              b. Operations to assure the optimum performance of all facilities regulated by this  
26              chapter.
- 27          3. To limit and prescribe the nature, quantity, and source of materials to be stored in,  
28          whether as waste or otherwise, or retrieved from any facility regulated by this chapter.
- 29          4. To promulgate and to enforce rules, regulations, and orders to effectuate the purposes  
30          of this chapter.

1 The jurisdiction granted the commission by this chapter is not exclusive and does not affect the  
2 jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

3 **SECTION 16.** Chapter 23.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
4 as follows:

5 **23.1-01-01. Department of environmental quality established - Director appointment.**

6 The department of environmental quality is established and is the primary state  
7 environmental agency. The governor shall appoint a director of the department who shall serve  
8 at the pleasure of the governor. The director must have a bachelor of science degree or higher  
9 from an accredited college in a natural or physical science area of study or be a registered  
10 professional engineer. The governor shall seek to appoint a director with at least seven years of  
11 environmental health or relevant engineering work experience. Three years of the work  
12 experience must include administrative and management responsibilities. Direct work  
13 experience in North Dakota is preferred. The director may not engage in any other occupation  
14 or business that may conflict with the statutory duties of the director. The position of director of  
15 the department is not a classified position, and the governor shall set the salary of the director  
16 within the limits of legislative appropriations.

17 **23.1-01-02. Environmental review advisory council - Members, powers, and duties.**

18 1. The environmental review advisory council is established to advise the department of  
19 environmental quality in carrying out its duties. The council consists of ~~eleven~~the state  
20 engineer, state geologist, and director of the game and fish department, who serve as  
21 ex officio members, and ten members appointed by the governor, ~~and the~~. The  
22 director of the department of environmental quality or the director's designee shall  
23 serve as the executive secretary for the council. The appointed members must be:  
24 a. A representative of county or municipal government;  
25 b. A representative of manufacturing ~~and~~ agricultural processing;  
26 c. A representative of the solid fuels industry;  
27 d. A representative of the liquid and gas fuels industry;  
28 e. A representative of crop agriculture;  
29 f. A representative of the ~~solid~~-waste management industry;  
30 g. A representative of the ~~hazardous waste industry~~with an agronomy or soil  
31 sciences degree;

- 1           h. A representative of the thermal electric generators industry;  
2           i. A representative of the environmental sciences; and  
3           j. ~~The state engineer; and~~  
4           ~~k. The state geologist~~A representative of the livestock industry.  
5           2. Each appointive member of the council shall serve a four-year term. The governor  
6           may fill any vacancy in the membership of the council, and may remove ~~a~~an appointed  
7           member of the council for cause. The council members shall select a chairman from  
8           among the council members.  
9           3. Council members must be reimbursed by the department of environmental quality for  
10           necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.  
11           4. The council shall hold at least two meetings per year and any other meetings deemed  
12           necessary by the chairman or a majority of the council.  
13           5. The council shall:  
14           a. Review and make recommendations to the department of environmental quality  
15           regarding rules and standards relating to environmental quality and the duties of  
16           the department. The department may not take final action on any rule or standard  
17           without first consulting the council.  
18           b. Consider any other matter related to the purposes of this title and chapters 61-28,  
19           61-28.1, and 61-28.2 the council deems appropriate and make any  
20           recommendation on its own initiative to the department of environmental quality  
21           concerning the administration of this title and chapters 61-28, 61-28.1, and  
22           61-28.2.

23           **23.1-01-03. Director - Powers and duties.**

24           The director of the department of environmental quality shall:

- 25           1. Enforce all rules adopted by the department;  
26           2. Hire employees as necessary to carry out the duties of the department and director;  
27           3. Organize the department in the most efficient and effective manner;  
28           4. Maintain, in conjunction with the state department of health, a laboratory to carry out  
29           the necessary tests and examinations for purposes of this title, and establish a fee  
30           schedule for the tests and examinations;

- 1       5. Issue bulletins, news releases, or reports as necessary to inform the public of  
2       environmental hazards;
- 3       6. Establish rules necessary for maintaining sanitation, including rules for approving  
4       plans for water works and sewage systems;
- 5       7. Maintain a central environmental laboratory and, if necessary, branch laboratories for  
6       the standard function of diagnostic, sanitary, and chemical examinations; and
- 7       8. Any other action, including the collection and distribution of environmental quality data,  
8       necessary and appropriate for the administration of this title and chapters 61-28,  
9       61-28.1, and 61-28.2.

10       **23.1-01-04. Rulemaking authority - Limitations.**

- 11       1. Except as provided in subsection 2, the department of environmental quality may not  
12       adopt any rule for the purpose of the state administering a program under the federal  
13       Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.]; federal Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. 1251 et  
14       seq.]; federal Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300 et seq.]; federal Resource  
15       Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.]; federal Comprehensive  
16       Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act [42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.];  
17       federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 [42 U.S.C.  
18       11001 et seq.]; federal Toxic Substances Control Act [42 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.]; or  
19       federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954 [42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.]; which is more stringent  
20       than corresponding federal regulations that address the same circumstances. In  
21       adopting the rules, the department may incorporate by reference corresponding  
22       federal regulations.
- 23       2. The department may adopt rules more stringent than corresponding federal  
24       regulations or adopt rules where there are no corresponding federal regulations, for  
25       the purposes described in subsection 1, only if the department makes a written finding  
26       after public comment and hearing and based upon evidence in the record, that  
27       corresponding federal regulations are not adequate to protect the public health and  
28       the environment of the state. Those findings must be supported by an opinion of the  
29       department referring to and evaluating the public health and environmental information  
30       and studies contained in the record which form the basis for the department's  
31       conclusions.



1       3. If the department, upon petition by any person affected by a rule of the department,  
2       identifies rules more stringent than federal regulations or rules where there are no  
3       corresponding federal regulations, the department shall review and revise those rules  
4       to comply with this section within nine months of the filing of the petition.

5       4. Any person issued a notice of violation, or a denial of a permit or other approval,  
6       based upon a rule of the department which is more stringent than a corresponding  
7       federal regulation or where there is no corresponding federal regulation, may assert a  
8       partial defense to that notice, or a partial challenge to that denial, on the basis and to  
9       the extent the department's rule violates this section by imposing requirements more  
10      stringent than corresponding federal regulations, unless the more stringent rule of the  
11      department has been adopted in compliance with this section.

12      **23.1-01-05. Department of environmental quality authorized to transfer future**  
13      **accumulated fees.**

14      The department of environmental quality may from time to time transfer unclaimed fees on  
15      deposit with the Bank of North Dakota or other authorized depository to the state general fund  
16      when the unclaimed status has existed for a period of at least three years.

17      **23.1-01-06. Department to employ waste management facility inspectors.**

18      The department of environmental quality shall employ and establish the qualifications,  
19      duties, and compensation of at least one full-time inspector for each commercial, nonpublicly  
20      owned waste management disposal or incineration facility that accepts more than twenty-five  
21      thousand tons [22679.5 kilograms] per year of hazardous waste, industrial waste, nuclear  
22      waste, or ash resulting from the incineration of municipal solid waste. This section does not  
23      apply to any energy conversion facility or coal mining operation that disposes of its solid waste  
24      onsite. The department may require inspectors for those facilities that accept less than  
25      twenty-five thousand tons [22679.5 kilograms] per year. The facility inspector shall conduct  
26      regular inspections of the operating procedure and conditions of the facility and report the  
27      findings to the department on a regular basis. If an inspector discovers a condition at a facility  
28      that is likely to cause imminent harm to the health and safety of the public or environment, the  
29      inspector shall notify the department. The department shall proceed as provided by sections  
30      23.1-08-19 and 23.1-08-20 and ~~23.1-08-21.~~

1       The department shall assess the owner or operator of a waste management facility that  
2 accepts hazardous waste, industrial waste, nuclear waste, or ash resulting from the incineration  
3 of municipal solid waste an annual fee to pay the salaries, wages, and operating expenses  
4 associated with employing an inspector for the facility. The owner or operator of the facility shall  
5 submit the fee to the department by July first of each year. Any fees collected must be  
6 deposited in the department's operating fund in the state treasury and any expenditures from  
7 the fund are subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly. If a facility begins operation  
8 after July first of any year, the owner or operator of the facility shall pay to the department a  
9 prorated fee for the fiscal year before the facility may begin accepting waste. Moneys in the  
10 waste management facility account may be spent by the department within the limits of  
11 legislative appropriation.

12       **23.1-01-07. Permit or investigatory hearings - Exemption from chapters 28-32 and**  
13 **54-57.**

14       A permit hearing conducted for purposes of receiving public comment or an investigatory  
15 hearing conducted under chapters 23.1-03, 23.1-04, 23.1-06, 23.1-08, 61-28, and 61-28.1 is not  
16 an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 28-32 and is not subject to the requirements of  
17 chapter 54-57.

18       **23.1-01-08. Commercial feed, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide, fertilizer, and soil**  
19 **conditioner laws - Laboratory function.**

20       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any laboratory test or analysis required under  
21 chapter 19-13.1, 19-18, or 19-20.1 must be performed by the department of environmental  
22 quality for the agriculture commissioner at no charge.

23       **23.1-01-09. Department of environmental quality - Indirect cost recoveries.**

24       Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-15, the department of environmental quality may deposit  
25 indirect cost recoveries in its operating account.

26       **23.1-01-10. Zoning regulation of concentrated animal feeding operations - Central**  
27 **repository.**

28       The department of environmental quality shall establish, operate, and maintain an  
29 electronically accessible central repository for all county and township zoning regulations that  
30 pertain to concentrated animal feeding operations. The county auditor of a county and a  
31 township clerk of a township having a zoning regulation that pertains to concentrated animal

1 feeding operations shall file the regulation with the department of environmental quality for  
2 inclusion in the central repository.

3 **23.1-01-11. Appeal from permit proceedings.**

4 An appeal from the issuance, denial, modification, or revocation of a permit issued under  
5 chapter 23.1-03, 23.1-04, 23.1-06, 23.1-08, or 61-28 may be made by the person who filed the  
6 permit application, or by any person who is aggrieved by the permit application decision,  
7 provided that person participated in or provided comments during the hearing process for the  
8 permit application, modification, or revocation. An appeal must be taken within thirty days after  
9 the final permit application determination is mailed by first-class mail to the permit applicant and  
10 to any interested person who has requested a copy of the final permit determination during the  
11 permit hearing process. Except as provided in this section, an appeal of the final permit  
12 determination is governed by sections 28-32-40, 28-32-42, 28-32-43, 28-32-44, 28-32-46, and  
13 28-32-49. The department may substitute final permit conditions and written responses to public  
14 comments for findings of fact and conclusions of law. Except for a violation of chapter 23.1-03,  
15 23.1-04, 23.1-06, 23.1-08, or 61-28 which occurs after the permit is issued, or any permit  
16 condition, rule, order, limitation, or other applicable requirement implementing those chapters  
17 which occurs after the permit is issued, any challenge to the department's issuance,  
18 modification, or revocation of the permit or permit conditions must be made in the permit  
19 hearing process and may not be raised on any collateral or subsequent legal proceeding, and  
20 the applicant and any aggrieved person may raise on appeal only issues that were raised to the  
21 department in the permit hearing process.

22 **23.1-01-0223.1-01-12. Rules.**

23 The department may adopt rules consistent with national or regional standards which relate  
24 to the promotion of plastic bottle recycling and the maintenance of safe plastic bottle recycling  
25 practices in the state.

26 **23.1-01-13. Contracts for inspections.**

27 The department may contract with public health units and other appropriate entities to  
28 conduct inspections on behalf of the department or provide other services.

29 **SECTION 17.** Chapter 23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
30 as follows:

1        **23.1-02-01. Definitions.**

2        For the purposes of this chapter:

3        1. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

4        2. "Radiation" means gamma rays and x-rays, alpha and beta particles, high-speed  
5        electrons, neutrons, protons, and other nuclear particles; but not sound or radio  
6        waves, or visible, infrared, or ultraviolet light.

7        3. "Radiation machine" means any device that produces radiation when the associated  
8        control devices are operated.

9        4. "Radioactive material" means any material, solid, liquid, or gas, that emits radiation  
10       spontaneously.

11       **23.1-02-02. Registration agency.**

12       The department is designated as the agency to receive registration applications and to  
13       issue certificates of registration.

14       **23.1-02-03. Registration required.**

15       Each manufacturer, processor, and refiner of radioactive isotopes and each hospital, clinic,  
16       manufacturing establishment, research or educational institution, agricultural experiment station  
17       or center, processing mill, or other institution or place of business or process in which radiation  
18       is produced or radioactive materials are used, manufactured, processed, packaged, refined,  
19       produced, disposed, or concentrated shall register with the department. To register, each  
20       manager or officer in charge of any institution or establishment concerned with radioactive  
21       materials shall obtain a registration form from the department, complete it, and return it to the  
22       department.

23       **23.1-02-04. Certificate of registration.**

24       Upon satisfactory completion and submission of the registration form, the department shall  
25       issue the applicant a certificate of registration. A completed registration form must provide  
26       sufficient information to determine whether the health of the public or persons working in the  
27       applicant establishment may be adversely affected by using, manufacturing, processing,  
28       packing, refining, disposing, producing, or concentrating of radioactive isotopes and materials.

29       **23.1-02-05. Penalty.**

30       Any person required to register under section 23.1-02-03 that fails to register and obtain a  
31       certificate of registration is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

1       **SECTION 18.** Chapter 23.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
2 as follows:

3       **23.1-03-01. Definitions.**

4       For the purposes of this chapter:

- 5       1. "Byproduct material" means any radioactive material, except special nuclear material,  
6       yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to the radiation incident to the process of  
7       producing or utilizing special nuclear material; and the tailings or wastes produced by  
8       the extraction, or concentration of uranium or thorium from any ore processed  
9       primarily for its source material content.
- 10      2. "Commission" means United States nuclear regulatory commission or any successor.
- 11      3. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 12      4. "General license" means a license effective under rules adopted by the department  
13      without the filing of an application to transfer, acquire, own, possess, or use quantities  
14      of, or devices or equipment utilizing byproduct, source, special nuclear materials, or  
15      other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially.
- 16      5. "Ionizing radiation" means gamma rays and x-rays, alpha and beta particles,  
17      high-speed electrons, protons, neutrons, and other nuclear particles; but not sound or  
18      radio waves, or visible, infrared, or ultraviolet light.
- 19      6. "Person" has the same meaning as under section 1-01-49, except it does not mean  
20      the commission or federal government agencies licensed by the commission.
- 21      7. "Radioactive material" means any solid, liquid, or gas that emits ionizing radiation  
22      spontaneously.
- 23      8. "Registration" means submitting a satisfactory registration form and receiving a  
24      certificate of registration under chapter 23.1-02.
- 25      9. "Special nuclear material" means:
  - 26      a. Plutonium, uranium-233, uranium enriched in the isotope-233 or in the  
27      isotope-235, and any other material the department declares by rule to be special  
28      nuclear material after the commission has determined the material to be such,  
29      but does not include source material; or
  - 30      b. Any material, other than source material, that is artificially enriched by plutonium,  
31      uranium-233, uranium enriched in the isotope-233 or in the isotope-235, and any

1                   other material the department declares by rule to be special nuclear material after  
2                   the commission has determined the material to be such.

3       10. "Specific license" means a license issued after application, to process, generate,  
4           dispose, use, manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, or possess  
5           quantities of, or devices or equipment utilizing byproduct, source, special nuclear  
6           materials, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially.

7       11. "Source material" means uranium, thorium, or any other material the department  
8           declares by rule to be source material after the commission has determined the  
9           material to be such; or ores containing one or more of those materials, in such  
10          concentration as the department declares by rule to be source material after the  
11          commission has determined the material in such concentration to be source material.

12       12. "Surety" means cash deposits, surety bonds, certificates of deposit, deposits of  
13           government securities, letters of credit, and other surety mechanisms deemed  
14           acceptable by the department.

15       **23.1-03-02. State radiation control agency.**

16       The department of environmental quality shall administer the statewide licensing and  
17       regulatory radiation program under this chapter.

18       **23.1-03-03. Powers and duties of the department.**

19       For the protection of the public health and safety, the department shall:

20       1. Evaluate hazards associated with the use of sources of ionizing radiation by inspection  
21           and other means.

22       2. Conduct programs compatible with federal programs for the licensing and regulation of  
23           byproduct, source, special nuclear materials, and other radioactive materials.

24       3. Advise, consult, and cooperate with other public agencies and with affected groups  
25           and industries.

26       4. Administer the statewide licensing and regulatory radiation program.

27       **23.1-03-04. Licensing and registration of sources of ionizing radiation.**

28       1. The department shall adopt rules for the department to provide general or specific  
29           licensing of persons to process, generate, dispose, use, manufacture, produce,  
30           acquire, own, receive, possess, or transfer byproduct, source, special nuclear  
31           material, and other radioactive materials occurring naturally or produced artificially, or

1 devices or equipment utilizing such materials. The ~~rule~~rules must allow the department  
2 to amend, suspend, and revoke licenses.

- 3 2. The department may exempt certain sources of ionizing radiation or kinds of uses or  
4 users from the licensing or registration requirements under this section and in chapter  
5 23.1-02 when the department makes a finding that the exemption of such sources of  
6 ionizing radiation or kinds of uses or users will not constitute a significant risk to the  
7 health and safety of the public.

8 **23.1-03-05. Custody of disposal sites.**

- 9 1. Any radioactive materials license issued or renewed for any activity that results in  
10 processing, generating, or disposing of source material, byproduct material, or other  
11 radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially must contain any terms  
12 and conditions the department finds necessary to assure that, prior to termination of  
13 the license:

14 a. The licensee will comply with any decontamination, decommissioning, and  
15 stabilization standards prescribed by the department, which must be equivalent  
16 to or more stringent than those of the commission for sites, structures, and  
17 equipment used in conjunction with the processing, generation, or disposal of  
18 source material, byproduct material, or other radioactive material occurring  
19 naturally or produced artificially; and

20 b. Ownership of any disposal site and source material, byproduct material, or other  
21 radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially which resulted  
22 from the licensed activity must, subject to subsection 2, be transferred to the  
23 United States if provided by federal law, or this state if the state exercises the  
24 option to acquire land used for the disposal of the source material, byproduct  
25 material, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially.

- 26 2. a. The department shall require by rule or order that before the termination of any  
27 license, title to the land and any interests in the land, other than land held in trust  
28 by the United States for any Indian tribe or owned by an Indian tribe subject to a  
29 restriction against alienation imposed by the United States or land already owned  
30 by the United States or by the state, used for the disposal of source material,  
31 byproduct material, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced

- 1           artificially pursuant to a license, must be transferred to the United States if  
2           provided by federal law, or this state, unless the commission and the department  
3           determine before the termination that transfer of title is not necessary to protect  
4           the public health, safety, or welfare, or to minimize danger to life or property.  
5           b. If transfer to the state of title to the land, source material, byproduct material, or  
6           other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially is required,  
7           the department shall maintain the material and land in a manner that will protect  
8           the public health, safety, and the environment.  
9           c. The department may undertake any monitoring, maintenance, and emergency  
10           measures necessary to protect the public health and safety for materials and  
11           property for which it has assumed custody under this chapter.  
12           d. The transfer of title to land or source material, byproduct material, or other  
13           radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially, to the state does  
14           not relieve any licensee of liability for any fraudulent or negligent acts done prior  
15           to the transfer.  
16           e. Material and land transferred to either the United States or the state under this  
17           section must be transferred without cost to the United States or the state other  
18           than administrative and legal costs incurred by the United States or the state in  
19           carrying out the transfer.  
20           3. Land used for the disposal of technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive  
21           material is not subject to subsection 2.

22           **23.1-03-06. Surety requirements.**

- 23           1. The department shall establish by rule standards and instructions it deems necessary  
24           or appropriate to ensure:  
25           a. The licensee will provide adequate surety for the completion of all requirements  
26           established by the department for the decontamination, decommissioning, and  
27           stabilization of sites, structures, and equipment used in conjunction with the  
28           processing, generation, or disposal of source material, byproduct material, or  
29           other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially; and  
30           b. If the department determines any long-term maintenance and monitoring is  
31           necessary, the licensee will make available the funds required for the necessary



1 maintenance and monitoring, before termination of any license for source  
2 material, byproduct material, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or  
3 produced artificially.

4 2. Any funds for long-term site surveillance and control must be available to the state if  
5 title and custody of source material, byproduct material, or other radioactive material  
6 occurring naturally or produced artificially and its disposal site is transferred to the  
7 state under subsection 1 of section 23.1-03-05. The funds must be transferred to the  
8 United States if title and custody of the source material, byproduct material, or other  
9 radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially and its disposal site is  
10 transferred to the United States upon termination of any license for source material,  
11 byproduct material, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced  
12 artificially. These funds include sums collected for long-term surveillance and if  
13 necessary, maintenance. The funds do not include moneys held as surety where no  
14 default had occurred and the reclamation or other bonded activity has been  
15 performed.

16 3. If the department requires a surety for stabilization or funds for long-term surveillance  
17 or maintenance, the amounts must be sufficient to ensure compliance with the  
18 standards established by the commission and the department pertaining to financial  
19 arrangements to ensure adequate stabilization and long-term management of source  
20 material, byproduct material, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or  
21 produced artificially and its disposal site.

22 **23.1-03-07. Procedural requirements.**

23 In licensing and regulating the processing, generation, or disposal of source material,  
24 byproduct material, or other radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially, the  
25 department shall provide:

- 26 1. In the cases of licenses:
- 27 a. An opportunity, after public notice, for written comments and a public hearing,  
28 with a transcript.
- 29 b. A written determination of the action to be taken which is based upon findings  
30 included in the determination and upon evidence presented during the public  
31 comment period, and which is subject to judicial review.

- 1           c. For each licensed activity that has a significant impact on the human  
2           environment, a written analysis prepared by the department which must be  
3           available to the public before commencement of hearings, of the impact of the  
4           licensed activity on the environment. The analysis must include:  
5           (1) An assessment of the radiological and nonradiological impacts to the public  
6           health.  
7           (2) An assessment of any impact on any waterway and ground water.  
8           (3) Consideration of alternatives to the activities to be conducted.  
9           (4) Consideration of the long-term impacts of the licensed activities.  
10          d. A prohibition of any major construction related to the licensed activities before  
11          completing the action under ~~subdivision c~~ this subsection.  
12          e. An assurance that management of source material, byproduct material, or other  
13          radioactive material occurring naturally or produced artificially is carried out in  
14          conformance with applicable standards adopted by the department, the  
15          commission, and the United States environmental protection agency.  
16          2. In the case of rulemaking:  
17          a. An opportunity for public participation through written comments or a public  
18          hearing.  
19          b. An opportunity for judicial review.

20          **23.1-03-08. Additional authorities.**

21          The department may require persons exempt from licensing to conduct monitoring, perform  
22          remedial work, and to comply with any other measures the department deems necessary or  
23          desirable to protect health or minimize danger to life or property.

24          **23.1-03-09. Fees deposited in operating fund.**

25          The department, by rule, may prescribe and provide for the payment and collection of  
26          reasonable fees to issue licenses and registration certificates. The fees must be based on the  
27          anticipated cost of filing and processing the application, of taking action on the requested  
28          license or registration certificate, and of conducting an inspection program to determine  
29          compliance or noncompliance with the license or registration certificate.

1 Any moneys collected for permit or registration fees must be deposited in the department's  
2 operating fund in the state treasury and must be spent subject to appropriation by the legislative  
3 assembly.

4 ~~— **23.1-03-10. X-ray operators -- Rules.**~~

5 ~~— The environmental review advisory council shall adopt rules to require x-ray operators to~~  
6 ~~obtain continuing education every two years and to establish minimum standards for limited~~  
7 ~~pediatric examinations by x-ray operators.~~

8 ~~**23.1-03-11.**~~**23.1-03-10. Federal-state agreements.**

- 9 1. The governor, on behalf of this state, may enter agreements with the federal  
10 government for discontinuance of certain responsibilities of the federal government  
11 with respect to sources of ionizing radiation and the assumption of the responsibilities  
12 by the state.
- 13 2. Any person who, on the effective date of an agreement under subsection 1, possesses  
14 a license issued by the federal government must be deemed to possess the same  
15 license issued under this chapter, and the license must expire either ninety days after  
16 receipt from the department of a notice of expiration of such license or on the date of  
17 expiration specified in the federal license, whichever is earlier.

18 ~~**23.1-03-12.**~~**23.1-03-11. Administrative procedures and judicial review.**

19 Any proceeding under this chapter to issue or modify rules, including emergency orders  
20 relating to control of sources of ionizing radiation; grant, suspend, revoke, or amend any  
21 license; or determine compliance with rules of the department must be conducted in  
22 accordance with chapter 28-32. If an emergency exists requiring immediate action to protect the  
23 public health and safety, the department may, without notice or hearing, issue an order reciting  
24 the existence of such emergency and requiring action necessary to meet the emergency be  
25 taken. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the order must be effective immediately. A  
26 person to which the order is directed shall comply with the order immediately, but may apply to  
27 the department for a hearing. The department shall provide the hearing within ten days of the  
28 application. On the basis of such hearing, the emergency order must be continued, modified, or  
29 revoked within thirty days after such hearing.

1 **23.1-03-13.23.1-03-12. Injunction proceedings.**

2 Whenever, in the judgment of the department, any person has engaged in or is about to  
3 engage in any acts or practices that constitute or will constitute a violation of this chapter, or any  
4 rule or order issued under this chapter, the department may initiate an action in the name of the  
5 state enjoining the acts or practices, or requesting an order directing compliance. Upon a  
6 showing by the department that the person has engaged or is about to engage in the acts or  
7 practices, a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order may be  
8 granted.

9 **23.1-03-14.23.1-03-13. Prohibited uses.**

10 It is unlawful for any person to use, manufacture, produce, transport, transfer, receive,  
11 acquire, own, or possess any source of ionizing radiation unless registered with or licensed by  
12 the department under this chapter.

13 **23.1-03-15.23.1-03-14. Impounding of materials.**

14 In the event of an emergency, the department may impound or order the impounding of  
15 sources of ionizing radiation in the possession of any person not equipped to observe or which  
16 fails to observe the provisions of this chapter or any rules issued under this chapter.

17 **23.1-03-16.23.1-03-15. Penalties.**

- 18 1. Any person violating this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or  
19 other applicable requirement implementing this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not  
20 to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars per day per violation, unless the  
21 penalty for the violation is otherwise specifically provided for and made exclusive in  
22 this chapter.
- 23 2. Any person willfully violating any provision of this chapter or any permit condition, rule,  
24 order, limitation, or other applicable requirement implementing this chapter is guilty of  
25 a class C felony, unless the penalty for the violation is otherwise specifically provided  
26 for and made exclusive in this chapter.
- 27 3. Any person willfully making any false statement, representation, or certification in any  
28 application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained  
29 under this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other applicable  
30 requirement implementing this chapter or falsifying, tampering with, or willfully  
31 rendering inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained

1           under this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other applicable  
2           requirement implementing this chapter is guilty of a class C felony, unless the penalty  
3           for the violation is otherwise specifically provided for and made exclusive in this  
4           chapter.

5           **SECTION 19.** Chapter 23.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
6 as follows:

7           **23.1-04-01. Declaration of purpose.**

8           The department of environmental quality shall administer this chapter to:

- 9           1. Protect human health and the environment from the effects of the improper,  
10           inadequate, or unsafe past or present management of hazardous waste and  
11           underground storage tanks.
- 12           2. Establish a program to regulate hazardous waste from the time of generation through  
13           transportation, storage, treatment, and disposal.
- 14           3. Promote reduction of hazardous waste generation, reuse, recovery, and treatment as  
15           preferable alternatives to landfill disposal.
- 16           4. Assure the safe and adequate management of hazardous waste with a minimum of  
17           hazardous waste disposal sites within the state.
- 18           5. Establish a program to regulate underground storage tanks.
- 19           6. Promote reduction of surface and ground water contamination resulting from leaking  
20           underground storage tanks.

21           **23.1-04-02. Definitions.**

22           For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 23           1. "Commercial facility" means all contiguous land, structures, appurtenances, and  
24           improvements on the land used for treatment and disposal of hazardous waste  
25           received from offsite generators.
- 26           2. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 27           3. "Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or  
28           placing of any solid waste or hazardous waste into or on any land or water so the **solid**  
29           **waste or hazardous** waste or any hazardous constituent of the waste may enter the  
30           environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including ground  
31           water.

- 1       4. "Facility" means all contiguous land and structures, other appurtenances, and  
2       improvements on the land, used for treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste.  
3       A facility may consist of several contiguous treatment, storage, or disposal operational  
4       units.
- 5       5. "Generator" means any person, by site, ~~producing hazardous waste or acting to cause~~  
6       ~~a hazardous waste~~through act or process produces hazardous waste or first causes a  
7       hazardous waste to become subject to regulation.
- 8       6. "Hazardous waste" means any waste or combination of wastes of a solid, liquid,  
9       contained gaseous, or semisolid form that:
- 10      a. Because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or other  
11      characteristic, in the judgment of the department may:
- 12      (1) Cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase  
13      in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or
- 14      (2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the  
15      environment when improperly treated, stored, disposed of, or otherwise  
16      managed; or
- 17      b. Is identified by the mechanisms established in this chapter, including those that  
18      exhibit extraction procedure toxicity, corrosivity, ignitability, or reactivity.
- 19      7. "Hazardous waste management" means the systematic control of the collection,  
20      source separation, storage, transportation, processing, treatment, recovery, and  
21      disposal of hazardous waste.
- 22      8. "Manifest" means the document used for identifying the quantity, composition, origin,  
23      routing, and destination of hazardous waste during transportation from the site of  
24      generation to the site of storage, treatment, or disposal.
- 25      9. "Owner" means, in the case of an underground storage tank, ~~any person that owns or~~  
26      ~~operates an underground storage tank used for the storage, use, or dispensing of~~  
27      ~~regulated substances.~~
- 28      a. In use after November 7, 1984, any person that owns or operates an  
29      underground storage tank used for the storage, use, or dispensing of regulated  
30      substances.

1 b. In use before November 8, 1984, but no longer in use after that date, any person  
2 that owned or operated such a tank immediately before the discontinuation of the  
3 tank's use.

4 10. "Regulated substance" means:

5 a. Any substance defined in section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental  
6 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 [42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.], as  
7 amended, but not including any substance regulated as a hazardous waste under  
8 subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901 et  
9 seq.], as amended.

10 b. Petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction of crude oil that is liquid at standard  
11 conditions of temperature and pressure (sixty degrees Fahrenheit [16 degrees  
12 Celsius] and fourteen and seven-tenths pounds [6.66 kilograms] per square inch  
13 [6.45 square centimeters] absolute).

14 11. "Release" means any spilling, leaking, emitting, discharging, escaping, leaching, or  
15 disposing from an underground storage tank into ground water, surface water, or  
16 subsurface soils.

17 12. "Storage" means the holding of hazardous waste at a site for a temporary period, at  
18 the end of which the hazardous waste is treated, disposed of, or transported and  
19 retained elsewhere.

20 13. "Transportation" means the offsite movement of hazardous wastes to any intermediate  
21 site or to any site of storage, treatment, or disposal.

22 14. "Treatment" means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization,  
23 designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of  
24 any hazardous waste to neutralize the waste, to recover energy or material resources  
25 from the waste, or to render the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous; safer to  
26 transport, store, or dispose of; or amenable for recovery, amenable for storage, or  
27 reduced in volume.

28 15. "Treatment, storage, or disposal facility" means a location at which hazardous waste is  
29 subjected to treatment, storage, or disposal, and may include a facility at which  
30 hazardous waste has been generated.

- 1        16. "Underground storage tank" means any one or combination of underground tanks,  
2        including underground pipes connected to an underground tank, used to contain an  
3        accumulation of regulated substances, and the volume of which, including the volume  
4        of the underground pipes connected to it, is ten percent or more beneath the surface  
5        of the ground. Exemptions from this definition and rules adopted under this chapter  
6        include:
- 7        a. Farm or residential tanks of one thousand one hundred gallons [4163.94 liters] or  
8        less capacity used for storing motor fuel for noncommercial purposes.
- 9        b. Tanks used for storing heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where  
10       stored.
- 11       c. Septic tanks.
- 12       d. A pipeline facility, including gathering lines, regulated under:
- 13       (1) The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 [P. Law 90-481].
- 14       (2) The Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 [P. Law 96-129, 49  
15       U.S.C. 60101 et seq.].
- 16       (3) An interstate pipeline facility regulated under state laws comparable to the  
17       provisions of law in paragraph 1 or 2.
- 18       e. Surface impoundments, pits, ponds, or lagoons.
- 19       f. Storm water or wastewater collection systems.
- 20       g. Flow-through process tanks.
- 21       h. Liquid traps or associated gathering lines directly related to oil or gas production  
22       and gathering operations.
- 23       i. Storage tanks situated in an underground area such as a basement, cellar, mine  
24       working, drift, shaft, or tunnel if the storage tank is situated on or above the  
25       surface of the floor.
- 26       17. "Waste" means any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water  
27       supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility; and other discarded material,  
28       including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from  
29       commercial, industrial, or other chemical, biological, or physical activities. It does not  
30       include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage or solid or dissolved material in  
31       irrigation return flows or industrial discharges, which are point sources subject to



1 permits under section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act [P. Law 95-217; 22 U.S.C.  
2 1251 et seq.], as amended, or source, special nuclear, or byproduct material as  
3 defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 [P. Law 83-703; 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.], as  
4 amended, or to coal mining wastes or overburden for which a surface coal mining and  
5 reclamation permit is issued or approved under the Surface Mining Control and  
6 Reclamation Act of 1977 [P. Law 95-87; 30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.].

7 **23.1-04-03. Powers and duties of the department.**

8 The department shall administer and enforce this chapter. The department shall:

- 9 1. Administer the state hazardous waste management and underground storage tank  
10 programs under this chapter.
- 11 2. Survey hazardous waste generation and management practices in the state.
- 12 3. Adopt, modify, repeal, and enforce rules governing the management of hazardous  
13 waste and underground storage tanks.
- 14 4. Enter agreements with other local, state, or federal agencies regarding responsibilities  
15 for regulating hazardous wastes and underground storage tanks to promote  
16 consistency in enforcement and avoid duplication in regulation.

17 **23.1-04-04. Institutional controls, responsibility exemptions, and regulatory**  
18 **assurances for contaminated properties - Continuing appropriation.**

- 19 1. The department may establish institutional controls or give site-specific responsibility  
20 exemptions or regulatory assurances to owners, operators, or lenders, under this  
21 section for real property contaminated by regulated substances, other pollution, or  
22 contamination regulated by the department under this chapter or chapter 61-28. To  
23 qualify for a site-specific responsibility exemption, the owner of the property, or the  
24 political subdivision establishing institutional controls under this section through its  
25 zoning authority, shall:
  - 26 a. Delineate the vertical and horizontal extent and concentration of the pollution or  
27 contamination in soil and ground water;
  - 28 b. Identify potential persons or receptors that may be impacted by the pollution or  
29 contamination, evaluate the potential for movement or migration of the pollution  
30 or contamination and potential pathways of exposure, and identify potential

- 1           health or environmental impacts to persons or receptors based on the proposed  
2           property use;
- 3           c. Identify the past and current uses of the property, the current uses of contiguous  
4           properties, and zoning restrictions or regulations that apply to the property and  
5           contiguous properties;
- 6           d. Identify any surface water or ground water uses, or ground water wells, that may  
7           be impacted by the pollution or contamination;
- 8           e. Agree to comply with and complete any remediation or monitoring plan agreed to  
9           or ordered by the department as a condition of receiving a site-specific  
10           responsibility exemption, including monitoring of natural attenuation of pollution  
11           or contamination;
- 12           f. If remediation or monitoring of pollution or contamination is being conducted by a  
13           responsible party or governmental body other than the landowner or operator,  
14           agree to allow access for all monitoring or remedial activities reasonably related  
15           to the identified pollution or contamination;
- 16           g. Agree to any other reasonable institutional controls necessary to protect public  
17           health and welfare from pollution or contamination on the property or to satisfy  
18           environmental standards enforced by the department; and
- 19           h. Agree to comply with all institutional controls, letters of no further remediation,  
20           letters of no further action, or letters of regulatory assurance established or  
21           instituted under this section as a condition of receiving a property-specific or site-  
22           specific responsibility exemption or regulatory assurance.
- 23           2. "Institutional controls" are restrictions on the use and management of real property,  
24           including buildings or fixtures, which contain or prevent migration of regulated  
25           substances or other pollution or contamination, or protect receptors from exposure or  
26           the threat of exposure to regulated substances or other pollution or contamination.  
27           Institutional controls may apply during environmental remediation activities, or to  
28           residual regulated substances, pollutants, or other pollution or contamination or their  
29           byproducts that may remain on property after active environmental remediation  
30           activities are concluded or while natural attenuation of regulated substances or other  
31           pollution or contamination is occurring.

- 1       3. Institutional controls may be established by the department as follows:
- 2           a. When an area made subject to institutional controls involves two or more  
3           property owners and an area larger than either one city block or ten acres  
4           [4.05 hectares], the department and the political subdivision having zoning  
5           authority over the property may agree to institutional controls relating to the  
6           identified area impacted by the pollution or the contamination. Before the  
7           institutional controls become effective, the controls must be the subject of a  
8           public hearing and be established in the same manner as zoning regulations are  
9           established by that political subdivision. The political subdivision is responsible  
10          for providing all notices under this subdivision, but any public hearing must be  
11          held jointly by the political subdivision and the department.
- 12          b. The department also may establish institutional controls by agreement to an  
13          environmental covenant with the owner of the real property. Before agreeing to  
14          any environmental covenants under this subdivision, all contiguous landowners  
15          to the property to which the covenants will attach must be notified by certified  
16          mail or by service by publication as provided in the North Dakota Rules of Civil  
17          Procedure. An environmental covenant must state that it is an environmental  
18          covenant that runs with the land, have a legally sufficient description of the real  
19          property subject to the covenant, describe activity or use limitations and terms of  
20          access for any monitoring or remediation, identify every holder who is a grantee  
21          of the covenant, be signed by every holder and the owner of the property before  
22          a notary public, and describe the name and location of any administrative record  
23          for the environmental response or remediation identified for the property under  
24          subsection 1. All environmental covenants must be filed with the county recorder  
25          of the county in which the property is located.
- 26       4. After completion of the assessments and requirements of subsection 1, the  
27       department may issue a letter of no further remediation or a letter of no further action  
28       to a property owner when an environmental remediation is completed on the site or  
29       property, or when no institutional controls are necessary to protect public health or  
30       welfare or to come into compliance with an environmental standard that has been  
31       violated and later corrected on the site or property.

- 1        5. Notwithstanding any institutional controls established for any real property, the  
2        department has access for inspection and enforcement for environmental violations as  
3        provided by law.
- 4        6. If there is any additional discharge or release of a regulated substance, pollutant, or  
5        contaminant on the property subject to institutional controls or regulatory exemptions  
6        that intermingles with the delineated pollution or contamination identified under  
7        subsection 1, or if the owner or operator of the property manages the property in a  
8        manner that causes the contamination to migrate to a neighboring contiguous property  
9        or results in the exposure of contaminants to receptors on the property, then  
10       institutional controls or regulatory exemptions established under this section are  
11       voidable by the department after a public investigatory hearing by giving written notice  
12       to the political subdivision and the current owner of the property subject to the  
13       institutional controls, as well as any lender holding a lien on the property identified  
14       under subsections 8 and 9. Culpability of the owner or operator of the property for any  
15       new or additional discharge, release, or movement of pollution or contamination, as  
16       well as responsibility for any offsite discharge or release or culpability for exposure of  
17       onsite or offsite receptors to pollution or contamination, must be considered by the  
18       department in determining whether to void any institutional controls, and any final  
19       determination by the department to void an institutional control is subject to review  
20       under chapter 28-32. If the institutional control is an environmental covenant  
21       established under subdivision b of subsection 3, the written notice voiding the  
22       environmental covenant as well as a copy of the covenant being voided by the  
23       department must be filed with the county recorder of the appropriate county.
- 24       7. Institutional controls may also be terminated or amended at any time by written  
25       agreement between the department, the relevant political subdivision, the owner of the  
26       property, or other body or person subject to the institutional controls, as well as any  
27       identified lender, after giving notice as described in subsection 3. Letters of no further  
28       remediation, of no further action, or regulatory assurance may be amended by written  
29       agreement of the participating parties.
- 30       8. Before agreeing to any institutional controls or responsibility exemptions, the  
31       department may require insurance coverage or other financial assurance for any

1 additional environmental monitoring or remediation that may become necessary on the  
2 property after the site-specific responsibility exemptions and institutional controls are  
3 established, and must require such insurance coverage or other financial assurance  
4 when the projected cost of an active monitoring or remediation program exceeds five  
5 hundred thousand dollars. The department may terminate the requirement for financial  
6 assurance if the person required to have financial assurance demonstrates to the  
7 department that the property no longer presents a significant threat to public health or  
8 the environment. The department may enter a joint agreement with affected political  
9 subdivisions, state or federal agencies, property owners, lenders, the administrator of  
10 the petroleum tank release compensation fund, or any responsible or potentially  
11 responsible party concerning payment for or funding of any insurance coverage or  
12 other financial assurance for any additional environmental monitoring or remediation  
13 that may become necessary on contaminated or affected properties. The agreements  
14 do not waive the liability limitations that apply by law to the state, to state agencies, or  
15 to political subdivisions, except up to the amounts, and subject to the terms,  
16 conditions, and limitations of any insurance policy or any financial assurance fund  
17 created by the joint agreement of the parties under this subsection. Any financial  
18 assurance fund must comply with chapters 59-09, 59-10, 59-11, 59-12, 59-13, 59-14,  
19 59-15, 59-16, 59-17, 59-18, and 59-19 and be managed for the benefit of the affected  
20 persons or community, but liability of the fund may not exceed the amount deposited  
21 with the fund.

- 22 9. Participation by a lender in an agreement under this section may not be construed as  
23 management of the property under chapter 32-40.1. Lenders that participate in an  
24 agreement under this section may not be held responsible for any environmental  
25 remediation on the site or property except as provided in subsection 3 of section  
26 32-40.1-02. As part of an agreement under subsection 8, the department may issue a  
27 letter of regulatory assurance to a lender which states that the lender is not  
28 responsible for environmental remediation on the property or site, and which  
29 addresses other issues relating to responsibility, notice, violation of agreement under  
30 subsection 8 by the owner or operator, default, or other matters affecting potential  
31 environmental liability, investment, or redevelopment. A responsibility exemption of

1 regulatory assurance given or granted to a lender under this section also applies to a  
2 lender's transferees or assigns, if the party has had no prior involvement with or  
3 responsibility for the site of the environmental release, and uses and manages the  
4 property after the transfer or assignment in compliance with institutional controls or  
5 other conditions established under this section and the requirements of this chapter  
6 and chapter 61-28.

7 10. The department may adopt rules to implement this section. The department may  
8 assess administrative fees in an amount and manner established by rule against  
9 responsible parties. In addition, by agreement of the participants, under subsection 8  
10 the department may collect an administrative fee for a specific site or project to  
11 address the department's costs and expenses at that site or project, in an amount  
12 agreed to under subsection 8, or may collect an administrative fee in an amount set by  
13 rule from a person making a request for a responsibility exemption or regulatory  
14 assurance under this section. Any administrative fees collected under this section  
15 must be deposited by the department in a separate account in the department's  
16 operating fund and used only for administration of remediation activities under this  
17 chapter or chapter 61-28 and moneys deposited in this account are appropriated to  
18 the department on a continuing basis. Administrative fees may not be collected out of  
19 federal moneys or against the petroleum tank release compensation fund.

20 11. The administrator of the petroleum tank release compensation fund under chapter  
21 23.1-12 may request recovery of expenditures the administrator has made at a  
22 remediation site from the separate account in the department's operating fund from  
23 fees collected under this section if recovery may not be made from a responsible party  
24 or as provided in chapter ~~23.1-09~~23.1-12. If the department determines sufficient  
25 funds are available without compromising the remediation project at the site, moneys  
26 in the separate account may be used to reimburse the petroleum tank release  
27 compensation fund for expenditures the administrator has made at the remediation  
28 site.

29 12. All letters of partial or complete exemption from responsibility for remediation or further  
30 action issued by the department under this section may be revoked by the department  
31 if any condition of the letters is violated; if institutional controls on the property are not

- 1 complied with; or if the person, governmental body, or entity violates any provision of  
2 this chapter or chapter 61-28.
- 3 13. "Environmental covenant" means a covenant running with the land as established  
4 under this section.
- 5 14. "Natural attenuation" means the reduction in the mass or concentration in soils or  
6 ground water of a regulated substance, pollutant, contaminant, and the products into  
7 which a substance breaks down, due to naturally occurring physical, chemical, and  
8 biological processes, without human intervention. "Enhanced natural attenuation"  
9 means the enhancement of natural attenuation at a site by the addition of chemicals,  
10 biota, or other substances or processes. "Monitored natural attenuation" means the  
11 monitoring of natural attenuation as it occurs. The department may consider natural  
12 attenuation or enhanced or monitored natural attenuation as remediation alternatives  
13 for a site when pollution or contamination on a site or property does not pose a threat  
14 to human health or the environment, and reasonable safeguards are established  
15 under this section or other provisions of state or federal law.
- 16 15. "Regulatory assurance" means an assurance issued by the department concerning  
17 enforcement relating to existing contamination or pollution on a property or site based  
18 on compliance with conditions stated in a letter of regulatory assurance. A regulatory  
19 assurance is not voidable under subsection 6.
- 20 16. "Responsibility exemption" means a partial or complete exemption from responsibility  
21 for remediation or further action on a contaminated property or at a contaminated site  
22 based on compliance with the conditions identified in a letter of no further remediation  
23 or a letter of no further action. A responsibility exemption is voidable only against a  
24 person that violates an institutional control or a condition of a letter of no further action  
25 or no further remediation, or that is responsible for a new or additional release or  
26 migration of a regulated substance or pollutant on the property or site, or whose  
27 actions or negligence cause the violation, release, or migration.
- 28 17. "Responsible party" means a person that causes or contributes to an onsite or offsite  
29 release or discharge, or which is responsible for an illegal or unpermitted storage, of a  
30 pollutant or regulated substance in violation of this chapter or chapter 61-28, that  
31 results in the contamination or pollution of a property or site. "Potentially responsible

1           party" means a person identified as a possible cause of, or contributor to,  
2           contamination or pollution on a site or property.

3       18. This section does not affect the authority of the department, the state, or its political  
4       subdivisions to exercise any powers or duties under state law with respect to any new  
5       or additional discharge or release or threatened discharge or release of a pollutant or  
6       regulated substance on a property or site regulated under this section, or the right of  
7       the department or any other person to seek legal or equitable relief against a person  
8       not subject to a liability protection provided under this section.

9       **23.1-04-05. Hazardous waste regulations.**

10       Under chapter 28-32, the department shall adopt rules:

- 11       1. For determining whether any waste is hazardous.
- 12       2. Prescribing procedures for generators of hazardous waste.
- 13       3. For the issuance of permits for the storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous  
14       waste in an environmentally sound manner, utilizing best scientific and engineering  
15       judgment.
- 16       4. Prescribing procedures under which the department shall issue, renew, modify,  
17       suspend, revoke, or deny permits required by this chapter. The rules must provide that  
18       no permit may be revoked until the department has provided the affected party with  
19       written notice of the intent of the department to revoke the permit, the reasons for the  
20       revocation, and an opportunity for a hearing.
- 21       5. For the location, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of treatment,  
22       storage, and disposal facilities.
- 23       6. For the transportation, containerization, and labeling of hazardous wastes which must  
24       be consistent with those issued by the United States department of transportation and  
25       the public service commission and department of transportation.
- 26       7. Prescribing procedures and requirements for a manifest system.
- 27       8. Prescribing procedures and requirements for the following:
  - 28       a. Recordkeeping.
  - 29       b. Reporting.
  - 30       c. Sampling.
  - 31       d. Performing analysis.



1           e. Monitoring.

2           9. Requiring the owner or operator of any hazardous waste treatment, storage, or  
3           disposal facility to demonstrate evidence of financial responsibility in the form and  
4           amount determined by the department to be necessary to ensure that, upon  
5           abandonment, cessation, or interruption of the operation of the facility, all appropriate  
6           measures are taken to prevent damage to human health and the environment.

7           10. Any other rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

8           **23.1-04-06. Underground storage tank regulations.**

9           Under chapter 28-32, the department shall adopt rules:

- 10          1. For maintaining a leak detection system, an inventory control system together with  
11          tank testing, or a comparable system or method designed to identify releases in a  
12          manner consistent with the protection of human health and the environment.
- 13          2. For maintaining records of any monitoring of a leak detection system, inventory control  
14          system, or tank testing system.
- 15          3. For reporting of any releases and corrective action taken in response to a release from  
16          an underground tank.
- 17          4. For taking corrective action in response to a release from an underground storage  
18          tank.
- 19          5. For the closure of tanks to prevent releases of regulated substances into the  
20          environment.
- 21          6. For maintaining evidence of financial responsibility for taking corrective action and  
22          compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by sudden  
23          and nonsudden accidental releases arising from operating an underground storage  
24          tank.
- 25          7. Establishing standards for installation of underground storage tanks.
- 26          8. Establishing standards for construction and performance of new underground storage  
27          tanks.
- 28          9. For notifying the department or designated local agency of the existence of any  
29          operational or nonoperational underground storage tank.
- 30          10. For a permit fee system to own, install, or operate an underground storage tank.

1 However, regulations adopted by the department may not be more stringent than applicable  
2 requirements of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.]  
3 and the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 [P. Law 109-58; 42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.] in effect on  
4 August 1, 2007.

5 **23.1-04-07. Municipal underground storage tank ordinances.**

6 A county, city, or township may not enact and enforce an underground storage tank  
7 ordinance if the ordinance is more stringent than this chapter and the rules authorized to be  
8 adopted under this chapter.

9 **23.1-04-08. Permits.**

- 10 1. A person may not construct, substantially alter, or operate any hazardous waste  
11 treatment, storage, or disposal facility, nor may any person treat, store, or dispose of  
12 any hazardous waste without obtaining a permit from the department for the facility or  
13 activity. A hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility may not be issued a  
14 permit unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that a  
15 need for the facility exists and the facility can comply with all applicable requirements  
16 under this chapter.
- 17 2. Permits must contain the terms and conditions the department deems necessary.
- 18 3. Permits must be issued for a period of five years.
- 19 4. Any permit issued under this section may be revoked by the department according to  
20 the rules adopted under subsection 3 of section 23.1-04-05 at any time if the permittee  
21 fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, or with applicable  
22 requirements under this chapter.
- 23 5. If a permit applicant proposes modifications of an existing facility or the department  
24 determines modifications are necessary to conform to the requirements established  
25 under this chapter, the permit must specify the time allowed to complete the  
26 modifications.
- 27 6. a. Before the issuing of a permit the department shall:
- 28 (1) Publish in the official county newspaper of the county in which the proposed  
29 facility will be located and in major local newspapers of general circulation  
30 and broadcast over local radio stations notice of the department's intention  
31 to issue the permit; and

1           (2) Transmit in writing notice of the department's intention to issue the permit to  
2           each unit of local government having jurisdiction over the area in which the  
3           facility is proposed to be located and to each state agency having any  
4           authority under state law regarding the construction or operation of the  
5           facility.

6           b. If within forty-five days the department receives written notice of opposition to the  
7           department's intention to issue a permit and a request for a hearing, or if the  
8           department determines on its own initiative, the department shall hold an informal  
9           public hearing, including an opportunity for presentation of written and oral views,  
10          on whether the department should issue a permit for the proposed facility.  
11          Whenever possible the department shall schedule the hearing at a location  
12          convenient to the nearest population center to the proposed facility. Notice of the  
13          hearing must be published in the manner provided in subdivision a. The notice  
14          must contain the date, time, place, and subject matter of the hearing.

15          7. Any facility required to have a permit under this chapter is exempt from the permit  
16          requirements of chapter 23.1-08.

17          **23.1-04-09. Fees - Deposit in operating fund.**

18          The department by rule may provide for the payment and collection of reasonable fees for  
19          the issuance of permits or registration certificates for registering, licensing, or permitting  
20          hazardous waste generators, transporters, and treatment, storage, recycling, or disposal  
21          facilities. The permit or registration certificate fees must be based on the anticipated cost of  
22          filing and processing the application, taking action on the requested permit or registration  
23          certificate, and conducting a monitoring and inspection program to determine compliance or  
24          noncompliance with the permit or registration certificate. Any moneys collected for permit  
25          licensing or registration fees must be deposited in the department operating fund in the state  
26          treasury and any expenditure from the fund is subject to appropriation by the legislative  
27          assembly.

28          **23.1-04-10. Commercial facility permits and ordinances.**

29          1. Counties and cities may issue permits for commercial facilities pursuant to section  
30          23.1-04-08 and may enact and enforce commercial facility ordinances if the

1 ordinances are equal to or more stringent than this chapter and the rules adopted  
2 under this chapter.

3 2. In addition to the requirements for obtaining a permit under this chapter, a person may  
4 not construct, substantially alter, or operate any commercial facility nor may any  
5 person dispose of any hazardous waste without first obtaining a permit from the  
6 department and from the county, or a city if the commercial facility is located or  
7 proposed to be located within the territorial zoning authority of the city. The  
8 department, in conjunction with the governing body of the county or city in which the  
9 commercial facility is located or proposed to be located, shall hold a public hearing in  
10 the manner provided in section 23.1-04-08.

11 **23.1-04-11. Disclosure of information before issuance, renewal, transfer, or major**  
12 **modification of permit.**

13 Before an application for the issuance, renewal, transfer, or major modification of a permit  
14 under this chapter may be granted, the applicant shall submit to the department a disclosure  
15 statement executed under oath or affirmation. The department shall verify and may investigate  
16 the information in the statement and shall deny an application for the issuance, renewal,  
17 transfer, or major modification of a permit if the applicant has intentionally misrepresented or  
18 concealed any material fact in a statement required under this section, a judgment of criminal  
19 conviction for violation of any federal or state environmental laws has been entered against the  
20 applicant within five years before the date of submission of the application, or the applicant has  
21 knowingly and repeatedly violated any state or federal environmental protection laws. The  
22 disclosure statement must include:

- 23 1. The name and business address of the applicant.  
24 2. A description of the applicant's experience in managing the type of waste that will be  
25 managed under the permit.  
26 3. A description of every civil and administrative complaint against the applicant for the  
27 violation of any state or federal environmental protection law which has resulted in a  
28 fine or penalty of more than ten thousand dollars within five years before the date of  
29 the submission of the application.  
30 4. A description of every pending criminal complaint alleging the violation of any state or  
31 federal environmental protection law.

1        5. A description of every judgment of criminal conviction entered against the applicant  
2            within five years before the date of submission of the application for the violation of  
3            any state or federal environmental protection law.

4        6. A description of every judgment of criminal conviction of a felony constituting a crime  
5            involving fraud or misrepresentation under the laws of any state or of the United States  
6            which has been entered against the applicant within five years before the date of  
7            submission of the application.

8        **23.1-04-12. Inspections - Right of entry.**

9            To develop or enforce any rule authorized by this chapter or enforce a requirement of this  
10 chapter, any duly authorized representative or employee of the department may, upon  
11 presentation of appropriate credentials, at any reasonable time:

12        1. Enter any place, facility, or site at which wastes or substances that the department has  
13            reason to believe may be hazardous or regulated are, may be, or may have been  
14            generated, stored, transported, treated, disposed of, or otherwise handled.

15        2. Inspect and obtain samples of any waste or substance that the department has reason  
16            to believe may be hazardous or regulated, including samples from any vehicles in  
17            which wastes are being transported as well as samples of any containers or labels.

18        3. Inspect and copy any records, reports, information, or test results relating to the  
19            purposes of this chapter.

20        **23.1-04-13. Monitoring, analysis, and testing - Civil penalty.**

21        1. If the department determines, upon receipt of any information, that:

22            a. The presence of any hazardous waste, hazardous constituent, or regulated  
23            substance at a facility or site at which hazardous waste or regulated substance  
24            is, or has been, stored, treated, or disposed of; or

25            b. The release of any such waste or regulated substance from a facility or site may  
26            present a substantial hazard to human health or the environment, the department  
27            may issue an order requiring the owner or operator of the facility or site to  
28            conduct any monitoring, testing, analysis, and reporting with respect to the facility  
29            or site which the department deems reasonable to ascertain the nature and  
30            extent of the hazard.

1       2. In the case of any facility or site not in operation at the time a determination is made  
2       under subsection 1 with respect to the facility or site, if the department finds the owner  
3       or operator of the facility or site could not reasonably be expected to have actual  
4       knowledge of the presence of hazardous waste or regulated substance at the facility  
5       or site and of its potential for release, the department may issue an order requiring the  
6       most recent previous owner or operator of the facility or site which could reasonably  
7       be expected to have such actual knowledge to carry out the actions referred to in  
8       subsection 1.

9       3. A person that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of five thousand dollars  
10       per day of violation.

11       **23.1-04-14. Imminent hazard.**

12       Upon receipt of information that the past or present handling, storage, transportation,  
13       treatment, or disposal of any waste or regulated substance may present an imminent and  
14       substantial endangerment to health or the environment, the department may take emergency  
15       action necessary to protect health or the environment.

16       **23.1-04-15. Enforcement penalties and citizen participation.**

17       1. If the department finds a person is in violation of a permit, rule, standard, or  
18       requirement of this chapter, the department may issue an order requiring the person to  
19       comply with the permit, rule, standard, or requirement, and the department may bring  
20       an action for a civil or criminal penalty, including an action for injunctive relief. An  
21       action under this chapter must be brought in the district court for the county in which  
22       the violation occurred or in which the party in violation has the party's residence or  
23       principal office in the state.

24       2. A person that violates a provision of this chapter or any rule, standard, or permit  
25       condition adopted under to this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed  
26       twenty-five thousand dollars per day of violation. Each day of noncompliance  
27       constitutes a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessments.

28       3. A person that knowingly violates a provision of this chapter or a rule, standard, or  
29       permit condition adopted under this chapter, or that knowingly makes a false  
30       statement or representation in documentation required by this chapter, is subject to a

- 1           fine not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per day of violation, to imprisonment  
2           for a period not to exceed one year, or both.
- 3       4.   A person that knowingly violates a provision of this chapter in a manner that manifests  
4           extreme indifference to human life and places an individual in imminent danger of  
5           death or serious bodily injury, is subject to a fine not to exceed fifty thousand dollars  
6           per day of violation, to imprisonment for a period not to exceed two years, or both.
- 7       5.   a.   A person having an interest that may be adversely affected by a violation of this  
8           chapter may commence a civil action to compel compliance with this chapter, or  
9           a rule, order, or permit issued under this chapter.
- 10       b.   Notice of the violation must be given to the department and to an alleged violator  
11           sixty days before commencement of a citizen suit brought under this subsection.
- 12       c.   A person with an interest that may be adversely affected by a violation of this  
13           chapter may intervene as a matter of right in a civil action brought by the  
14           department to require compliance with this chapter.
- 15       6.   An administrative action brought under this chapter must be conducted in accordance  
16           with North Dakota Administrative Code article 33-22.

17       **23.1-04-16. Applicability.**

- 18       1.   The hazardous waste provisions of this chapter do not apply to the following wastes to  
19           the degree to which they are exempted from regulation by sections 3001(b)(2) and  
20           3001(b)(3)(A) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended by the  
21           Solid Waste Disposal Act Amendments of 1980 [Pub. L. 96-482; 42 U.S.C. 6901 et  
22           seq.]:
- 23       a.   Drilling fluids, produced water, and other wastes associated with the exploration,  
24           development, or production of crude oil or natural gas or geothermal energy.
- 25       b.   Fly ash waste, bottom ash waste, slag waste, and flue gas emission control  
26           waste generated primarily from the combustion or gasification of coal or other  
27           fossil fuels.
- 28       c.   Solid waste from the extraction, beneficiation, and processing of ores and  
29           minerals, including phosphate rock and overburden from the mining of uranium  
30           ore.
- 31       d.   Cement kiln dust waste.

1       2. If a waste disposal site for any of the wastes specified in subsection 1 is to be closed,  
2       the owner or operator shall file a plat of the disposal site with the recorder of each  
3       county in which the facility is located, together with a description of the wastes placed  
4       in the site.

5       **23.1-04-17. Limited liability for subsequent owners of property.**

6       1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as expressly provided by  
7       federal law, a person that acquires property is not liable for any existing hazardous  
8       waste or substance on the property if:

9       a. The person acquired the property after the disposal or placement of the  
10       hazardous waste or substance on, in, or at the property, and at the time the  
11       person acquired the property that person did not know and had no reason to  
12       know any hazardous waste or substance was disposed of on, in, or at the  
13       property;

14       b. The person is a governmental entity that acquired the property by escheat, by tax  
15       sale, foreclosure, or through any other involuntary transfer or acquisition, or  
16       through the exercise of eminent domain authority by purchase or condemnation;  
17       or

18       c. The person acquired the property by inheritance or bequest and that person did  
19       not know and had no reason to know that any hazardous waste or substance  
20       was disposed of on, in, or at the property.

21       2. To establish the person had no reason to know, the person must have undertaken, at  
22       the time of acquisition, all appropriate inquiry into the previous ownership and uses of  
23       the property consistent with good commercial or customary practice in an effort to  
24       minimize liability. For purposes of this requirement, a court shall take into account any  
25       specialized knowledge or experience on the part of the person, the relationship of the  
26       purchase price to the value of the property as uncontaminated, commonly known or  
27       reasonably ascertainable information about the property, the obviousness of the  
28       presence or likely presence of contamination at the property, and the ability to detect  
29       the contamination by appropriate inspection.

30       3. A person that has acquired real property may establish a rebuttable presumption that  
31       the person has made all appropriate inquiry if the person establishes that, immediately



1           before or at the time of acquisition, the person performed an investigation of the  
2           property, conducted by an environmental professional, to determine or discover the  
3           obviousness of the presence or likely presence of a release or threatened release of  
4           hazardous waste or substances on the property.

5           4. The presumption does not arise unless the person has maintained a compilation of the  
6           information reviewed in the course of the investigation.

7           5. This section does not diminish the liability of any previous owner or operator of the  
8           property which would otherwise be liable under this chapter, and nothing in this section  
9           affects the liability under this chapter of a person that, by any act or omission, caused  
10          or contributed to the release or threatened release of a hazardous waste or substance  
11          the subject of the action relating to the property.

12          6. As used in this section, environmental professional means an individual, or entity  
13          managed or controlled by an individual, who, through academic training, occupational  
14          experience, and reputation, such as engineers, environmental consultants, and  
15          attorneys, can objectively conduct one or more aspects of an environmental  
16          investigation.

17          **SECTION 20.** Chapter 23.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
18 as follows:

19          **23.1-05-01. Southwestern low-level radioactive waste disposal compact.**

20          The southwestern low-level radioactive waste disposal compact is entered with all  
21 jurisdictions legally joining the compact, in the form substantially as follows:

22                                 **ARTICLE I - COMPACT POLICY AND FORMATION**

23          The party states hereby find and declare all of the following:

24          1. The United States Congress, by enacting the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act,  
25          Public Law 96-573, as amended by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy  
26          Amendments Act of 1985 [42 U.S.C. 2021b - 2021j], has encouraged the use of  
27          interstate compacts to provide for the establishment and operation of facilities for  
28          regional management of low-level radioactive waste.

29          2. It is the purpose of this compact to provide the means for such a cooperative effort  
30          between or among party states to protect the citizens of the states and the states'  
31          environments.



- 1       8   "Institutional control period" means that period of time in which the facility license is  
2       transferred to the disposal site owner in compliance with the appropriate regulations  
3       for long-term observation and maintenance following the postclosure period.
- 4       9.   "Low-level radioactive waste" means regulated radioactive material that meets all of  
5       the following requirements:
- 6       a.   The waste is not high-level radioactive waste, spent nuclear fuel, or byproduct  
7       material as defined in section 11e(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 [42 U.S.C.  
8       2014(e)(2)].
- 9       b.   The waste is not uranium mining or mill tailings.
- 10      c.   The waste is not any waste for which the federal government is responsible  
11      pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 3 of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste  
12      Policy Amendments Act of 1985 [42 U.S.C. 2021c(b)].
- 13      d.   The waste is not an alpha-emitting transuranic nuclide with a half-life greater than  
14      five years and with a concentration greater than one hundred nanocuries per  
15      gram, or plutonium-241 with a concentration greater than three thousand five  
16      hundred nanocuries per gram, or curium-242 with a concentration greater than  
17      twenty thousand nanocuries per gram.
- 18      10.  "Major generator state" means a party state that generates ten percent of the total  
19      amount of low-level radioactive waste produced within the compact region and  
20      disposed of at the regional disposal facility. If no party state other than California  
21      generates at least ten percent of the total amount, "major generator state" means the  
22      party state that is second to California in the amount of waste produced within the  
23      compact region and disposed of at the regional disposal facility.
- 24      11.  "Management" means collection, consolidation, storage, packaging, or treatment.
- 25      12.  "Operator" means a person who operates a regional disposal facility.
- 26      13.  "Party state" means any state that has become a party in accordance with Article VII of  
27      this compact.
- 28      14.  "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, whether  
29      public or private.
- 30      15.  "Postclosure period" means that period of time after completion of closure of a  
31      disposal facility during which the licensee observes, monitors, and carries out



- 1           is selected, the interim local government member shall resign and the governor  
2           shall appoint the host county member pursuant to subdivision d.
- 3           d. The governor shall appoint the host county member from a list of at least seven  
4           candidates compiled by the board of county commissioners of the host county.
- 5           e. In recommending and appointing the host county member pursuant to  
6           subdivision d, the board of county commissioners and the governor shall give first  
7           consideration to recommending and appointing the members of the board of  
8           county commissioners in whose district the regional disposal facility is located or  
9           being developed. If the board of county commissioners of the host county does  
10           not provide a list to the governor of at least seven candidates from which to  
11           choose, the governor shall appoint a resident of the host county as the host  
12           county member.
- 13           f. The host county member is subject to confirmation by the senate of the host state  
14           and serves at the pleasure of the governor of the host state.
- 15           2. The commission is a legal entity separate and distinct from the party states and is  
16           liable for its actions. Members of the commission are not personally liable for actions  
17           taken in their official capacity. The liabilities of the commission are not to be deemed  
18           liabilities of the party states.
- 19           3. The commission shall conduct its business affairs pursuant to the laws of the host  
20           state and disputes arising out of commission action must be governed by the laws of  
21           the host state. The commission must be located in the capital city of the host state in  
22           which the regional disposal facility is located.
- 23           4. The commission's records are subject to the host state's public records law, and the  
24           meetings of the commission must be open and public in accordance with the host  
25           state's open meeting law.
- 26           5. The commission members are public officials of the appointing state and are subject to  
27           the conflict of interest laws, as well as any other law, of the appointing state. The  
28           commission members must be compensated according to the appointing state's law.
- 29           6. Each commission member is entitled to one vote. A majority of the commission  
30           constitutes a quorum. Unless otherwise provided in this capacity, a majority of the total

1           number of votes on the commission is necessary for the commission to take any  
2           action.

3        7. The commission has all of the following duties and authority:

4        a. The commission shall do, pursuant to the authority granted by this compact,  
5           whatever is reasonably necessary to ensure that low-level radioactive wastes are  
6           safely disposed of and managed within the region.

7        b. The commission shall meet at least once a year and otherwise as business  
8           requires.

9        c. The commission shall establish a compact surcharge to be imposed upon party  
10           state generators. The surcharge must be based upon the cubic feet of low-level  
11           radioactive waste and the radioactivity of the low-level radioactive waste and  
12           must be collected by the operator of the disposal facility.

13           The host state shall set, and the commission shall impose, the surcharge  
14           after congressional approval of the compact. The amount of the surcharge must  
15           be sufficient to establish and maintain a reasonable level of funds for all of the  
16           following purposes:

17        (1) The activities of the commission and commission staff.

18        (2) At the discretion of the host state, a third-party liability fund to provide  
19           compensation for injury to persons or property during the operational,  
20           closure, stabilization, and postclosure and institutional control periods of the  
21           regional disposal facility. This paragraph does not limit the responsibility or  
22           liability of the operator, who shall comply with any federal or host state  
23           statutes or regulations regarding third-party liability claims.

24        (3) A local government reimbursement fund, for the purpose of reimbursing the  
25           local governmental entity or entities hosting the regional disposal facility for  
26           any costs or increased burdens on the local governmental entity for  
27           services, including, general fund expenses, the improvement and  
28           maintenance of roads and bridges, fire protection, law enforcement,  
29           monitoring by local health officials, and emergency preparation and  
30           response related to the hosting of the regional disposal facility.

- 1           d. The surcharges imposed by the commission for purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3  
2           of subdivision c and surcharges pursuant to subdivision c of subsection 5 of  
3           Article IV must be transmitted on a monthly basis to the host state for distribution  
4           to the proper accounts.
- 5           e. The commission shall establish a fiscal year that conforms to the fiscal years of  
6           the party states to the extent possible.
- 7           f. The commission shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and  
8           disbursements. An annual audit of the books of the commission must be  
9           conducted by an independent certified public accountant, and the audit report  
10          must be made a part of the annual report of the commission.
- 11          g. The commission shall prepare and include in the annual report a budget showing  
12          anticipated receipts and disbursements for the subsequent fiscal year.
- 13          h. The commission may accept any grants, equipment, supplies, materials, or  
14          services, conditional or otherwise, from the federal government or a state  
15          government. The nature, amount and condition, if any, of any donation, grant, or  
16          other resources accepted pursuant to this subdivision and the identity of the  
17          donor or grantor must be detailed in the annual report of the commission.
- 18                 However, the host state is entitled to receive, for the uses specified in  
19          subparagraph E of paragraph 2 of subsection d of section 2021e of title 42 of the  
20          United States Code, any payments paid from the special escrow account for  
21          which the secretary of energy is trustee pursuant to subparagraph A of  
22          paragraph 2 of subsection d of section 2021e of title 42 of the United States  
23          Code.
- 24          i. The commission shall submit communications to the governors and to the  
25          presiding officers of the legislative assemblies of the party states regarding the  
26          activities of the commission, including an annual report to be submitted on or  
27          before January fifteenth of each year. The commission shall include in the annual  
28          report a review of, and recommendations for, low-level radioactive waste disposal  
29          methods that are alternative technologies to the shallow land burial of low-level  
30          radioactive waste.

- 1           j. The commission shall assemble and make available to the party states, and to  
2           the public, information concerning low-level radioactive waste management  
3           needs, technologies, and problems.
- 4           k. The commission shall keep a current inventory of all generators within the region,  
5           based upon information provided by the party states.
- 6           l. The commission shall keep a current inventory of all regional disposal facilities,  
7           including information on the size, capacity, location, specific low-level radioactive  
8           wastes capable of being managed, and the projected useful life of each regional  
9           disposal facility.
- 10          m. The commission may establish advisory committees for the purpose of advising  
11          the commission on the disposal and management of low-level radioactive waste.
- 12          n. The commission may enter into contracts to carry out its duties and authority,  
13          subject to projected resources. No contract made by the commission may bind a  
14          party state.
- 15          o. The commission shall prepare contingency plans, with the cooperation and  
16          approval of the host state, for the disposal and management of low-level  
17          radioactive waste in the event that any regional disposal facility should be closed.
- 18          p. The commission may sue and be sued and, when authorized by a majority vote  
19          of the members, may seek to intervene in an administrative or judicial proceeding  
20          related to this compact.
- 21          q. The commission must be managed by an appropriate staff, including an  
22          executive director. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission  
23          may hire or retain, or both, legal counsel.
- 24          r. The commission may, subject to applicable federal and state laws, recommend to  
25          the appropriate host state authority suitable land and rail transportation routes for  
26          low-level radioactive waste carriers.
- 27          s. The commission may enter into an agreement to import low-level radioactive  
28          waste into the region only if both of the following requirements are met:
- 29          (1) The commission approves the importation agreement by a two-thirds vote of  
30          the commission.



1           (2) The commission and the host state assess the affected regional disposal  
2           facilities' capability to handle imported low-level radioactive wastes and any  
3           relevant environmental or economic factors, as defined by the host state's  
4           appropriate regulatory authorities.

5           t. The commission may, upon petition, allow an individual generator, a group of  
6           generators, or the host state of the compact, to export low-level radioactive  
7           wastes to a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility located outside the  
8           region. The commission may approve the petition only by a two-thirds vote of the  
9           commission. The permission to export low-level radioactive wastes is effective for  
10          that period of time and for the amount of low-level radioactive waste, and subject  
11          to any other term or condition, which may be determined by the commission.

12          u. The commission may approve, only by a two-thirds vote of the commission, the  
13          exportation outside the region of material, which otherwise meets the criteria of  
14          low-level radioactive waste, if the sole purpose of the exportation is to process  
15          the material for recycling.

16          v. The commission shall, not later than ten years before the closure of the initial or  
17          subsequent regional disposal facility, prepare a plan for the establishment of the  
18          next regional disposal facility.

19          **ARTICLE IV - RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTY STATES**

20          1. There must be regional disposal facilities sufficient to dispose of the low-level  
21          radioactive waste generated within the region.

22          2. Low-level radioactive waste generated within the region must be disposed of at  
23          regional disposal facilities and each party state must have access to any regional  
24          disposal facility without discrimination.

25          3. a. Upon the effective date of this compact, California must serve as the host state  
26          and must comply with the requirements of subsection 5 for at least thirty years  
27          from the date the regional disposal facility begins to accept low-level radioactive  
28          waste for disposal. The extension of the obligation and duration is at the option of  
29          California.

1                   If California does not extend this obligation, the party state, other than  
2                   California, which is the largest major generator state, must then serve as the host  
3                   state for the second regional disposal facility.

4                   The obligation of a host state which hosts the second regional disposal  
5                   facility must also run for thirty years from the date the second regional disposal  
6                   facility begins operations.

7                   b. The host state may close its regional disposal facility when necessary for public  
8                   health or safety.

9                   4. The party states of this compact cannot be members of another regional low-level  
10                   radioactive waste compact entered into pursuant to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste  
11                   Policy Act, as amended by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act  
12                   of 1985 [42 U.S.C. 2021b - 2021j].

13                   5. A host state shall do all of the following:

14                   a. Cause a regional disposal facility to be developed on a timely basis.

15                   b. Ensure by law, consistent with any applicable federal laws, the protection and  
16                   preservation of public health and safety in the siting, design, development,  
17                   licensing, regulation, operation, closure, decommissioning, and long-term care of  
18                   the regional disposal facilities within the state.

19                   c. Ensure that charges for disposal of low-level radioactive waste at the regional  
20                   disposal facility are reasonably sufficient to do all of the following:

21                   (1) Ensure the safe disposal of low-level radioactive waste and long-term care  
22                   of the regional disposal facility.

23                   (2) Pay for the cost of inspection, enforcement, and surveillance activities at the  
24                   regional disposal facility.

25                   (3) Assure that charges are assessed without discrimination as to the party  
26                   state of origin.

27                   d. Submit an annual report to the commission on the status of the regional disposal  
28                   facility including projections of the facility's anticipated future capacity.

29                   e. The host state and the operator shall notify the commission immediately upon the  
30                   occurrence of any event which could cause a possible temporary or permanent  
31                   closure of a regional disposal facility.

- 1       6. Each party state is subject to the following duties and authority:
- 2           a. To the extent authorized by federal law, each party state shall develop and
- 3               enforce procedures requiring low-level radioactive waste shipments originating
- 4               within its borders and destined for a regional disposal facility to conform to
- 5               packaging and transportation requirements and regulations. These procedures
- 6               must include all of the following requirements:
- 7               (1) Periodic inspections of packaging and shipping practices.
- 8               (2) Periodic inspections of low-level radioactive waste containers while in the
- 9               custody of transporters.
- 10           (3) Appropriate enforcement actions with respect to violations.
- 11          b. A party state may impose a surcharge on the low-level radioactive waste
- 12               generators within the state to pay for activities required by subdivision a.
- 13          c. To the extent authorized by federal law, each party state shall, after receiving
- 14               notification from a host state that a person in a party state has violated
- 15               packaging, shipping, or transportation requirements or regulations, take
- 16               appropriate actions to ensure that these violations do not continue. Appropriate
- 17               actions include requiring that a bond be posted by the violator to pay the cost of
- 18               repackaging at the regional disposal facility and prohibiting future shipments to
- 19               the regional disposal facility.
- 20          d. Each party state shall maintain a registry of all generators within the state that
- 21               may have low-level radioactive waste to be disposed of at a regional disposal
- 22               facility, including the amount of low-level radioactive waste and the class of
- 23               low-level radioactive waste generated by each generator.
- 24          e. Each party state shall encourage generators within its borders to minimize the
- 25               volume of low-level radioactive waste requiring disposal.
- 26          f. Each party state may rely on the good-faith performance of the other party states
- 27               to perform those acts that are required by this compact to provide regional
- 28               disposal facilities, including the use of the regional disposal facilities in a manner
- 29               consistent with this compact.

- 1           g. Each party state shall provide the commission with any data and information  
2           necessary for the implementation of the commission's responsibilities, including  
3           taking those actions necessary to obtain this data or information.
- 4           h. Each party state shall agree that only low-level radioactive waste generated  
5           within the jurisdiction of the party states may be disposed of in the regional  
6           disposal facility, except as provided in subdivision s of subsection 7 of Article III.
- 7           i. Each party state shall agree that if there is any injury to persons or property  
8           resulting from the operation of a regional disposal facility, the damages resulting  
9           from the injury may be paid from the third-party liability fund pursuant to  
10          paragraph 2 of subdivision c of subsection 7 of Article III, only to the extent that  
11          the damages exceed the limits of liability insurance carried by the operator. No  
12          party state, by joining this compact, assumes any liability resulting from the siting,  
13          operation, maintenance, long-term care, or other activity relating to a regional  
14          facility, and no party state is liable for any harm or damage resulting from a  
15          regional facility not located within the state.

16                                   **ARTICLE V - APPROVAL OF REGIONAL FACILITIES**

17           A regional disposal facility must be approved by the host state in accordance with its laws.  
18           This compact does not confer any authority on the commission regarding the siting, design,  
19           development, licensing, or other regulation, or the operation, closure, decommissioning, or  
20           long-term care of, any regional disposal facility within a party state.

21                                   **ARTICLE VI - PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES**

- 22           1. No person may dispose of low-level radioactive waste within the region unless the  
23           disposal is at a regional disposal facility, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions t  
24           and u of subsection 7 of Article III.
- 25           2. No person may dispose of or manage any low-level radioactive waste within the region  
26           unless the low-level radioactive waste was generated within the region, except as  
27           provided in subdivisions s, t, and u of subsection 7 of Article III.
- 28           3. Violations of this section must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency  
29           within the party state's jurisdiction.

- 1       4. Violations of this section may result in prohibiting the violator from disposing of  
2       low-level radioactive waste in the regional disposal facility, as determined by the  
3       commission or the host state.

4                               **ARTICLE VII - ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY INTO EFFECT,**  
5                               **CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT, WITHDRAWAL, EXCLUSION**

- 6       1. Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, and California are eligible to become parties to  
7       this compact. Any other state may be made eligible by a majority vote of the  
8       commission and ratification by the legislative assemblies of all of the party states by  
9       statute, and upon compliance with those terms and conditions for eligibility which the  
10       host state may establish. The host state may establish all terms and conditions for the  
11       entry of any state, other than the states named in this subsection, as a member of this  
12       compact.
- 13       2. Upon compliance with the other provisions of this compact, an eligible state may  
14       become a party state by legislative enactment of this compact or by executive order of  
15       the governor of the state adopting this compact. A state becoming a party state by  
16       executive order ceases to be a party state upon adjournment of the first general  
17       session of its legislative assembly convened after the executive order is issued, unless  
18       before the adjournment the legislative assembly enacts this compact.
- 19       3. A party state, other than the host state, may withdraw from the compact by repealing  
20       the enactment of this compact, but this withdrawal does not become effective until two  
21       years after the effective date of the repealing legislation. If a party state which is a  
22       major generator of low-level radioactive waste voluntarily withdraws from the compact  
23       pursuant to this subsection, that state shall make arrangements for the disposal of the  
24       other party states' low-level radioactive waste for a time period equal the period of  
25       time it was a member of this compact.

26                       If the host state withdraws from the compact, the withdrawal does not become  
27       effective until five years after the effective date of the repealing legislation.

- 28       4. A party state may be excluded from this compact by a two-thirds vote of the  
29       commission members, acting in a meeting, if the state to be excluded has failed to  
30       carry out any obligations required by this compact.



1       **23.1-06-01. Definitions.**

2       For purposes of this chapter:

- 3       1. "Air contaminant" means any solid, liquid, gas, or odorous substance, or any  
4       combination of solid, liquid, gas, or odorous substance.
- 5       2. "Air pollution" means the presence in the outdoor atmosphere of one or more air  
6       contaminants in such quantities and duration as may be injurious to human health,  
7       welfare, or property, animal or plant life, or which unreasonably interferes with the  
8       enjoyment of life or property.
- 9       3. "Air quality standard" means an established concentration, exposure time, or  
10       frequency of occurrence of a contaminant or multiple contaminants in the ambient air  
11       which may not be exceeded.
- 12       4. "Ambient air" means the surrounding outside air.
- 13       5. "Asbestos abatement" means any demolition, renovation, salvage, repair, or  
14       construction activity which involves the repair, enclosure, encapsulation, removal,  
15       handling, or disposal of more than three square feet [0.28 square meter] or three linear  
16       feet [0.91 meter] of friable asbestos material. Asbestos abatement also means any  
17       inspections, preparation of management plans, and abatement project design for both  
18       friable and nonfriable asbestos material.
- 19       6. "Asbestos contractor" means any person that contracts to perform asbestos  
20       abatement for another.
- 21       7. "Asbestos worker" means any individual engaged in the abatement of more than three  
22       square feet [0.28 square meter] or three linear feet [0.91 meter] of friable asbestos  
23       material, except for individuals engaged in abatement at their private residence.
- 24       8. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 25       9. "Emission" means a release of air contaminants into the ambient air.
- 26       10. "Emission standard" means a limitation on the release of any air contaminant into the  
27       ambient air.
- 28       11. "Friable asbestos material" means any material containing more than one percent  
29       asbestos that hand pressure or mechanical forces expected to act on the material can  
30       crumble, pulverize, or reduce to powder when dry.

1        12. "Indirect air contaminant source" means any facility, building, structure, or installation,  
2            or any combination that can reasonably be expected to cause or induce emissions of  
3            air contaminants.

4        13. "Lead-based paint" means paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or  
5            in excess of one milligram per square centimeter or more than one-half percent by  
6            weight.

7        **23.1-06-02. Declaration of public policy and legislative intent.**

8            It is the public policy of this state and the legislative intent of this chapter to achieve and  
9            maintain the best air quality possible, consistent with the best available control technology, to  
10           protect human health, welfare, and property, to prevent injury to plant and animal life, to  
11           promote the economic and social development of this state, to foster the comfort and  
12           convenience of the people, and to facilitate the enjoyment of the natural attractions of this state.

13        **23.1-06-03. Environmental review advisory council - Public hearing and rule**  
14        **recommendations.**

15           The environmental review advisory council shall hold a public hearing to consider and  
16           recommend the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules and standards under this chapter.  
17           Notice of the public hearing must be given by publication in each of the official county  
18           newspapers within the state on at least two occasions, one week apart, the last publication  
19           being at least thirty days before the first hearing. The hearing must be held in the state capitol,  
20           and interested parties may present witnesses and other evidence relevant to proposed rules  
21           and standards under this chapter. The council shall consider any other matters related to this  
22           chapter and may make recommendations to the department concerning the administration of  
23           this chapter.

24        **23.1-06-04. Power and duties of the department.**

- 25            1. The department shall develop and coordinate a statewide program of air pollution  
26            control. To accomplish this, the department shall:
- 27            a. Encourage the voluntary cooperation of persons to achieve the purposes of this  
28            chapter.
- 29            b. Determine by scientifically oriented field studies and sampling the degree of air  
30            pollution in the state and the several parts thereof.



- 1           c. Encourage and conduct studies, investigations, and research relating to air  
2           pollution and its causes, effects, prevention, abatement, and control.
- 3           d. Advise, consult, and cooperate with other public agencies and with affected  
4           groups and industries.
- 5           e. Issue orders necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and enforce the  
6           orders by all appropriate administrative and judicial procedures.
- 7           f. Provide rules relating to the construction of any new direct or indirect air  
8           contaminant source or modification of any existing direct or indirect air  
9           contaminant source which the department determines will prevent the attainment  
10          or maintenance of any ambient air quality standard, and require that before  
11          commencing construction or modification of any such source, the owner or  
12          operator shall submit the information necessary to permit the department to make  
13          this determination.
- 14          g. Establish ambient air quality standards for the state which may vary according to  
15          appropriate areas.
- 16          h. Formulate and adopt emission control requirements for the prevention,  
17          abatement, and control of air pollution in this state including achievement of  
18          ambient air quality standards.
- 19          i. Hold hearings relating to the administration of this chapter, and compel the  
20          attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence.
- 21          j. Require the owner or operator of a regulated air contaminant source to establish  
22          and maintain records; make reports; install, use, and maintain monitoring  
23          equipment or methods; sample emissions in accordance with those methods at  
24          designated locations and intervals, and using designated procedures; and  
25          provide other information as may be required.
- 26          k. Provide by rules a procedure for handling applications for a variance for any  
27          person that owns or is in control of any plant, establishment, process, or  
28          equipment. The granting of a variance is not a right of the applicant but must be  
29          in the discretion of the department.
- 30          l. Provide by rules any procedures necessary and appropriate to develop,  
31          implement, and enforce any air pollution prevention and control program

1 established by the federal Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.], as amended,  
2 the authorities and responsibilities of which are delegatable to the state by the  
3 United States environmental protection agency. The rules may include  
4 enforceable ambient standards, emission limitations, and other control measures,  
5 means, techniques, or economic incentives, including fees, marketable permits,  
6 and auctions of emissions rights, as provided by the Act. The department shall  
7 develop and implement the federal programs if the department determines that  
8 doing so benefits the state.

9 m. Provide by rules a program for implementing lead-based paint remediation  
10 training, certification, and performance requirements in accordance with title 40,  
11 Code of Federal Regulations, part 745, sections 220, 223, 225, 226, 227, and  
12 233.

13 2. After consultation with the advisory council, the department may adopt, amend, and  
14 repeal rules under this chapter.

15 **23.1-06-05. Licensing of asbestos and lead-based paint contractors and certification**  
16 **of asbestos and lead-based paint workers.**

- 17 1. The department shall administer and enforce a licensing program for asbestos  
18 contractors and lead-based paint contractors and a certification program for asbestos  
19 workers and lead-based paint workers. To do so, the department shall:
- 20 a. Require training of, and to examine, asbestos workers and lead-based paint  
21 workers.
- 22 b. Establish standards and procedures for the licensing of contractors, and the  
23 certification of asbestos workers engaging in the abatement of friable asbestos  
24 materials or nonfriable asbestos materials that become friable during abatement,  
25 and establish performance standards for asbestos abatement. The performance  
26 standards will be as stringent as those standards adopted by the United States  
27 environmental protection agency pursuant to section 112 of the federal Clean Air  
28 Act [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.], as amended.
- 29 c. Establish standards and procedures for licensing contractors and certifying  
30 lead-based paint workers engaging in the abatement of lead-based paint, and  
31 establish performance standards for lead-based paint abatement in accordance

1 with title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, part 745, sections 220, 223, 225, 226,  
2 227, and 233.

- 3 d. Issue certificates to all applicants who satisfy the requirements for certification  
4 under this section and any rules under this section, renew certificates, and  
5 suspend or revoke certificates for cause after notice and opportunity for hearing.  
6 e. Establish an annual fee and renewal fees for licensing asbestos contractors and  
7 lead-based paint contractors and certifying asbestos and lead-based paint  
8 workers, and establish examination fees for asbestos and lead-based paint  
9 workers under section 23.1-06-10. The annual, renewal, and examination fees for  
10 lead-based contractors and workers may not exceed those charged to asbestos  
11 contractors and workers.  
12 f. Establish indoor environmental nonoccupational air quality standards for  
13 asbestos.  
14 g. Adopt and enforce rules as necessary for the implementation of this section.

- 15 2. For nonpublic employees performing asbestos abatement in facilities or on facility  
16 components owned or leased by their employer, only the provisions of rules adopted in  
17 accordance with the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 [Pub.  
18 L. 99-519; 100 Stat. 2970; 15 U.S.C. 2641 et seq.], as amended, or the federal Clean  
19 Air Act [Pub. L. 95-95; 91 Stat. 685; 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.], as amended, apply to this  
20 section. This does not include ownership that was acquired solely to effect a  
21 demolition or renovation.

22 **23.1-06-06. Sulfur dioxide ambient air quality standards more strict than federal**  
23 **standards prohibited.**

24 The department may not adopt ambient air quality rules or standards for sulfur dioxide that  
25 affect coal conversion facilities or petroleum refineries that are more strict than federal rules or  
26 standards under the federal Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.], nor may the department  
27 adopt ambient air quality rules or standards for sulfur dioxide that affect these facilities and  
28 refineries when there are no corresponding federal rules or standards. Any ambient air quality  
29 standards that have been adopted by the department for sulfur dioxide that are more strict than  
30 federal rules or standards under the federal Clean Air Act, or for which there are no  
31 corresponding federal rules or standards, are void as to coal conversion facilities and petroleum

1 refineries. However, the department may adopt rules for dealing with exposures of less than  
2 one hour to sulfur dioxide emissions on a source-by-source basis pursuant to any regulatory  
3 program for dealing with short-term exposures to sulfur dioxide that may be established under  
4 the federal Clean Air Act. Any intervention levels or standards set forth in the rules may not be  
5 more strict than federal levels or standards recommended or adopted under the federal  
6 program. In adopting the rules, the department shall follow all other provisions of state law  
7 governing the department's adoption of ambient air quality rules when there are no mandatory  
8 corresponding federal rules or standards.

9 **23.1-06-07. Requirements for adoption of air quality rules more strict than federal**  
10 **standards.**

- 11 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, the department may not adopt air  
12 quality rules or standards affecting coal conversion and associated facilities, petroleum  
13 refineries, or oil and gas production and processing facilities which are more strict than  
14 federal rules or standards under the federal Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.], nor  
15 may the department adopt air quality rules or standards affecting such facilities when  
16 there are no corresponding federal rules or standards, unless the more strict or  
17 additional rules or standards are based on a risk assessment that demonstrates a  
18 substantial probability of significant impacts to public health or property, a cost-benefit  
19 analysis that affirmatively demonstrates that the benefits of the more stringent or  
20 additional state rules and standards will exceed the anticipated costs, and the  
21 independent peer reviews required by this section.
- 22 2. The department shall hold a hearing on any rules or standards proposed for adoption  
23 under this section on not less than ninety days' notice. The notice of hearing must  
24 specify all studies, opinions, and data that have been relied upon by the department  
25 and must state that the studies, risk assessment, and cost-benefit analysis that  
26 support the proposed rules or standards are available at the department for inspection  
27 and copying. If the department intends to rely upon any studies, opinions, risk  
28 assessments, cost-benefit analyses, or other information not available from the  
29 department when it gave its notice of hearing, the department shall give a new notice  
30 of hearing not less than ninety days before the hearing which clearly identifies the  
31 additional or amended studies, analyses, opinions, data, or information upon which the

1            department intends to rely and conduct an additional hearing if the first hearing has  
2            already been held.

3            3. In this section:

4            a. "Cost-benefit analysis" means both the analysis and the written document that  
5            contains:

6            (1) A description and comparison of the benefits and costs of the rule and of the  
7            reasonable alternatives to the rule. The analysis must include a  
8            quantification or numerical estimate of the quantifiable benefits and costs.  
9            The quantification or numerical estimate must use comparable assumptions,  
10           including time periods, specify the ranges of predictions, and explain the  
11           margins of error involved in the quantification methods and estimates being  
12           used. The costs that must be considered include the social, environmental,  
13           and economic costs that are expected to result directly or indirectly from  
14           implementation or compliance with the proposed rule.

15           (2) A reasonable determination whether as a whole the benefits of the rule  
16           justify the costs of the rule and that the rule will achieve the rulemaking  
17           objectives in a more cost-effective manner than other reasonable  
18           alternatives, including the alternative of no government action. In evaluating  
19           and comparing the costs and benefits, the department may not rely on cost,  
20           benefit, or risk assessment information that is not accompanied by data,  
21           analysis, or supporting materials that would enable the department and  
22           other persons interested in the rulemaking to assess the accuracy, reliability,  
23           and uncertainty factors applicable to the information.

24           b. "Risk assessment" means both the process used by the department to identify  
25           and quantify the degree of toxicity, exposure, or other risk posed for the exposed  
26           individuals, populations, or resources, and the written document containing an  
27           explanation of how the assessment process has been applied to an individual  
28           substance, activity, or condition. The risk assessment must include a discussion  
29           that characterizes the risks being assessed. The risk characterization must  
30           include the following elements:

- 1           (1) A description of the exposure scenarios used, the natural resources or  
2                   subpopulations being exposed, and the likelihood of these exposure  
3                   scenarios expressed in terms of probability.
- 4           (2) A hazard identification that demonstrates whether exposure to the  
5                   substance, activity, or condition identified is causally linked to an adverse  
6                   effect.
- 7           (3) The major sources of uncertainties in the hazard identification,  
8                   dose-response, and exposure assessment portions of the risk assessment.
- 9           (4) When a risk assessment involves a choice of any significant assumption,  
10                  inference, or model, the department, in preparing the risk assessment, shall:
- 11                  (a) Rely only upon environmental protection agency-approved air  
12                    dispersion models.
- 13                  (b) Identify the assumptions, inferences, and models that materially affect  
14                    the outcome.
- 15                  (c) Explain the basis for any choices.
- 16                  (d) Identify any policy decisions or assumptions.
- 17                  (e) Indicate the extent to which any model has been validated by, or  
18                    conflicts with, empirical data.
- 19                  (f) Describe the impact of alternative choices of assumptions, inferences,  
20                    or mathematical models.
- 21           (5) The range and distribution of exposures and risks derived from the risk  
22                    assessment.
- 23           c. The risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis performed by the department  
24                  must be independently peer reviewed by qualified experts selected by the  
25                  environmental review advisory council.
- 26           4. This section applies to any petition submitted to the department under section  
27                  23.1-01-04 which identifies air quality rules or standards affecting coal conversion  
28                  facilities or petroleum refineries that are more strict than federal rules or standards  
29                  under the federal Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.] or for which there are no  
30                  corresponding federal rules or standards, regardless of whether the department has  
31                  previously adopted the more strict or additional rules or standards pursuant to section

1           23.1-01-04. This section also applies to any petitions filed under section 23.1-01-04  
2           affecting coal conversion facilities or petroleum refineries that are pending on the  
3           effective date of this section for which new rules or standards have not been adopted,  
4           and the department shall have a reasonable amount of additional time to comply with  
5           the more stringent requirements of this section. To the extent section 23.1-01-04.1  
6           conflicts with this section, the provisions of this section govern. This section does not  
7           apply to existing rules that set air quality standards for odor, hydrogen sulfide, visible  
8           and fugitive emissions, or emission standards for particulate matter and sulfur dioxide,  
9           but does apply to new rules governing those standards.

10           **23.1-06-08. Classification and reporting of air pollution sources.**

- 11           1. After consultation with the environmental review advisory council the department, by  
12           rule, may classify air contaminant sources according to levels and types of emissions  
13           and other criteria that relate to air pollution, and may require reporting for any class.  
14           Classifications made under this subsection may apply to the state as a whole or to any  
15           designated area of the state, and must be made with special reference to effects on  
16           health, economic, and social factors and physical effects on property.  
17           2. A person operating or responsible for the operation of air contaminant sources of any  
18           class for which reporting is required shall make reports containing information the  
19           department deems relevant to air pollution.

20           **23.1-06-09. Permits or registration.**

- 21           1. A person may not construct, install, modify, use, or operate an air contaminant source  
22           designated by regulation, capable of causing or contributing to air pollution, either  
23           directly or indirectly, without a permit from the department or in violation of any  
24           conditions imposed by the permit.  
25           2. The department shall provide for the issuance, suspension, revocation, and renewal of  
26           permits that it requires under this section.  
27           3. The department may require applications for permits to be accompanied by plans,  
28           specifications, and other information it deems necessary.  
29           4. Possession of an approved permit or registration certificate does not relieve any  
30           person of the responsibility to comply with applicable emission limitations or with any

1           other law or rule, and does not relieve any person from the requirement to possess a  
2           valid contractor's license issued under chapter 43-07.

3           5. The department by rule may provide for registration and registration renewal of certain  
4           air contaminant sources in lieu of a permit.

5           6. The department may exempt by rule certain air contaminant sources from the permit  
6           or registration requirements in this section when the department makes a finding the  
7           exemption will not be contrary to section 23.1-06-02.

8           **23.1-06-10. Fees - Deposit in operating fund.**

9           The department by rule may prescribe and provide for the payment and collection of  
10          reasonable fees for of permits and registration certificates. The fees must be based on the  
11          anticipated cost of filing and processing the application, taking action on the requested permit or  
12          registration certificate, and conducting an inspection program to determine compliance or  
13          noncompliance with the permit or registration certificate. Any moneys collected for permit or  
14          registration fees must be deposited in the department operating fund in the state treasury and  
15          must be spent subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.

16          **23.1-06-11. Right of onsite inspection.**

17          1. Any duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the department may enter and  
18          inspect any property, premise, or place on or at which an air contaminant source is  
19          located or is being constructed, installed, or established at any reasonable time for the  
20          purpose of ascertaining the state of compliance with this chapter and related rules. If  
21          requested, the owner or operator of the premises must receive a report setting forth all  
22          facts found which relate to compliance status.

23          2. The department may conduct tests and take samples of air contaminants, fuel,  
24          process material, and other materials that may affect emission of air contaminants  
25          from any source, and may have access to and copy any records required by  
26          department rules to be maintained, and may inspect monitoring equipment located on  
27          the premises. Upon request of the department, the person responsible for the source  
28          to be tested shall provide necessary holes in stacks or ducts and other safe and  
29          proper sampling, and testing facilities exclusive of instruments and sensing devices  
30          necessary for proper determination of the emission of air contaminants. If an  
31          authorized representative of the department, during the course of an inspection,



1 obtains a sample of air contaminant, fuel, process material, or other material, the  
2 representative shall issue a receipt for the sample obtained to the owner or operator  
3 of, or person responsible for, the source tested.

4 3. To ascertain the state of compliance with this chapter and any applicable rules, a duly  
5 authorized officer, employee, or agent of the department may enter and inspect, at any  
6 reasonable time, any property, premises, or place on or at which a lead-based paint  
7 remediation activity is ongoing. If requested, the department shall provide to the owner  
8 or operator of the premises a report that sets forth all facts found which relate to  
9 compliance status.

10 **23.1-06-12. Confidentiality of records.**

11 1. Any record, report, or information obtained under this chapter must be available to the  
12 public. However, upon a showing satisfactory to the department that disclosure to the  
13 public of a part of the record, report, or information, other than emission data, to which  
14 the department has access under this chapter, would divulge trade secrets, the  
15 department shall consider that part of the record, report, or information confidential.

16 2. This section may not prevent disclosure of any report, or record of information to  
17 federal, state, or local agencies when necessary for purposes of administration of any  
18 federal, state, or local air pollution control laws, or when relevant in any proceeding  
19 under this chapter.

20 **23.1-06-13. Administrative procedure and judicial review.**

21 Any proceeding under this chapter for the issuance or modification of rules and regulations,  
22 including emergency orders relating to control of air pollution, or determining compliance with  
23 rules and regulations of the department, must be conducted in accordance with chapter 28-32.  
24 Appeals from the proceeding may be taken under chapter 28-32. When an emergency exists  
25 requiring immediate action to protect the public health and safety, the department may, without  
26 notice or hearing, issue an order reciting the existence of the emergency and requiring action  
27 be taken as necessary to meet the emergency. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter,  
28 the order must be effective immediately, but on application to the department an interested  
29 person must be afforded a hearing before the environmental review advisory council within ten  
30 days. On the basis of the hearing, the emergency order must be continued, modified, or  
31 revoked within thirty days after the hearing. Except as provided for in this section, notice of any

1 hearing held under this chapter must be issued at least thirty days before the date specified for  
2 the hearing.

3 **23.1-06-14. Enforcement - Penalties - Injunctions.**

4 1. A person that willfully violates this chapter, or any permit condition, rule, order,  
5 limitation, or other applicable requirement implementing this chapter, is subject to a  
6 fine of not more than ten thousand dollars per day per violation, or by imprisonment for  
7 not more than one year, or both. If the conviction is for a violation committed after a  
8 first conviction of the person under this subsection, punishment must be a fine of not  
9 more than twenty thousand dollars per day per violation, or by imprisonment for not  
10 more than two years, or both.

11 2. A person that violates this chapter, or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or  
12 other applicable requirement implementing this chapter, with criminal negligence, is  
13 subject to a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars per day per violation, or by  
14 imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

15 3. A person that knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in  
16 any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be  
17 maintained under this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other  
18 applicable requirement implementing this chapter, or that falsifies, tampers with, or  
19 knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be  
20 maintained under this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other  
21 applicable requirement implementing this chapter, upon conviction, is subject to a fine  
22 of not more than ten thousand dollars per day per violation, or by imprisonment for not  
23 more than six months, or both.

24 4. A person the violates this chapter, or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or  
25 other applicable requirement implementing this chapter, is subject to a civil penalty not  
26 to exceed ten thousand dollars per day per violation.

27 5. Without prior revocation of any pertinent permits, the department, in accordance with  
28 the laws of this state governing injunction or other process, may maintain an action in  
29 the name of the state against any person to enjoin a threatened or continuing violation  
30 of any provision of this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other  
31 applicable requirement implementing this chapter.

1       **23.1-06-15. Regulation of odors - Rules.**

2       1. In areas located within a city or the area over which a city has exercised extraterritorial  
3       zoning as defined in section 40-47-01.1, a person may not discharge into the ambient  
4       air any objectionable odorous air contaminant that measures seven odor concentration  
5       units or higher outside the property boundary where the discharge is occurring. If an  
6       agricultural operation as defined by section 42-04-01 has been in operation for more  
7       than one year, as provided by section 42-04-02, and the person making the odor  
8       complaint was built or established after the agricultural operation was established, the  
9       measurement for compliance with the seven odor concentration units standard must  
10      be taken within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] of the subsequently established  
11      residence, church, school, business, or public building making the complaint rather  
12      than at the property boundary of the agricultural operation. The measurement may not  
13      be taken within five hundred feet [.15 kilometer] of the property boundary of the  
14      agricultural operation.

15      2. In areas located outside a city or outside the area over which a city has exercised  
16      extraterritorial zoning as defined in section 40-47-01.1, a person may not discharge  
17      into the ambient air any objectionable odorous air contaminant that causes odors that  
18      measure seven odor concentration units or higher as measured at any of the following  
19      locations:

20      a. Within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] of any residence, church, school,  
21      business, or public building, or within a campground or public park. An odor  
22      measurement may not be taken at the residence of the owner or operator of the  
23      source of the odor, or at any residence, church, school, business, or public  
24      building, or within a campground or public park, that is built or established within  
25      one-half mile [.80 kilometer] of the source of the odor after the source of the odor  
26      has been built or established;

27      b. At any point located beyond one-half mile [.80 kilometer] from the source of the  
28      odor, except for property owned by the owner or operator of the source of the  
29      odor, or over which the owner or operator of the source of the odor has  
30      purchased an odor easement; or

1           c. If a county or township has zoned or established a setback distance for an animal  
2           feeding operation which is greater than one-half mile [.80 kilometer] under either  
3           section 11-33-02.1 or 58-03-11.1, or if the setback distance under subsection 7 is  
4           greater than one-half mile [.80 kilometer], measurements for compliance with the  
5           seven odor concentration units standard must be taken at the setback distance  
6           rather than one-half mile [.80 kilometer] from the facility under subdivision b,  
7           except for any residence, church, school, business, public building, park, or  
8           campground within the setback distance which was built or established before  
9           the animal feeding operation was established, unless the animal feeding  
10           operation has obtained an odor easement from the pre-existing facility.

11        3. An odor measurement may be taken only with a properly maintained scentometer, by  
12        an odor panel, or by another instrument or method approved by the department of  
13        environmental quality, and only by inspectors certified by the department who have  
14        successfully completed a department-sponsored odor certification course and  
15        demonstrated the ability to distinguish various odor samples and concentrations. If a  
16        certified inspector measures a violation of this section, the department may send a  
17        certified letter of apparent noncompliance to the person causing the apparent violation  
18        and may negotiate with the owner or operator for the establishment of an odor  
19        management plan and best management practices to address the apparent violation.  
20        The department shall give the owner or operator at least fifteen days to implement the  
21        odor management plan. If the odor problem persists, the department may proceed  
22        with an enforcement action provided at least two certified inspectors at the same time  
23        each measure a violation and then confirm the violation by a second odor  
24        measurement taken by each certified inspector, at least fifteen minutes, but no more  
25        than two hours, after the first measurement.

26        4. A person is exempt from this section while spreading or applying animal manure or  
27        other recycled agricultural material to land in accordance with a nutrient management  
28        plan approved by the department of environmental quality. A person is exempt from  
29        this section while spreading or applying animal manure or other recycled agricultural  
30        material to land owned or leased by that person in accordance with rules adopted by  
31        the department. An owner or operator of a lagoon or waste storage pond permitted by

1 the department is exempt from this section in the spring from the time when the cover  
2 of the permitted lagoon or pond begins to melt until fourteen days after all the ice  
3 cover on the lagoon or pond has completely melted. Notwithstanding these  
4 exemptions, all persons shall manage their property and systems to minimize the  
5 impact of odors on their neighbors.

6 5. This section does not apply to chemical compounds that can be individually measured  
7 by instruments, other than a scentometer, that have been designed and proven to  
8 measure the individual chemical or chemical compound, such as hydrogen sulfide, to  
9 a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, and for which the department of  
10 environmental quality has established a specific limitation by rule.

11 6. For purposes of this section, a public park is a park established by the federal  
12 government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state in the manner prescribed  
13 by law. For purposes of this section, a campground is a public or private area of land  
14 used exclusively for camping and open to the public for a fee on a regular or seasonal  
15 basis.

16 7. a. In a county that does not regulate the nature, scope, and location of an animal  
17 feeding operation under section 11-33-02, the department shall require that any  
18 new animal feeding operation permitted under chapter 61-28 be set back from  
19 any existing residence, church, school, business, public building, park, or  
20 campground.

21 (1) If there are fewer than three hundred animal units, there is no minimum  
22 setback requirement.

23 (2) If there are at least three hundred animal units but no more than one  
24 thousand animal units, the setback for any animal operation is one-half mile  
25 [.80 kilometer].

26 (3) If there are at least one thousand one animal units but no more than two  
27 thousand animal units, the setback for a hog operation is three-fourths mile  
28 [1.20 kilometers], and the setback for any other animal operation is one-half  
29 mile [.80 kilometer].

30 (4) If there are at least two thousand one animal units but no more than five  
31 thousand animal units, the setback for a hog operation is one mile [1.60

- 1                    kilometers], and the setback for any other animal operation is three-fourths  
2                    mile [1.20 kilometers].
- 3                    (5) If there are five thousand one or more animal units, the setback for a hog  
4                    operation is one and one-half miles [2.40 kilometers], and the setback for  
5                    any other animal operation is one mile [1.60 kilometers].
- 6                    b. The setbacks set forth in subdivision a do not apply if the owner or operator  
7                    applying for the permit obtains an odor easement from the pre-existing use that is  
8                    closer.
- 9                    c. For purposes of this section:
- 10                   (1) One mature dairy cow, whether milking or dry, equals 1.33 animal units;  
11                   (2) One dairy cow, heifer or bull, other than an animal described in paragraph 1  
12                   equals 1.0 animal unit;
- 13                   (3) One weaned beef animal, whether a calf, heifer, steer, or bull, equals  
14                   0.75 animal unit;
- 15                   (4) One cow-calf pair equals 1.0 animal unit;
- 16                   (5) One swine weighing fifty-five pounds [24.948 kilograms] or more equals  
17                   0.4 animal unit;
- 18                   (6) One swine weighing less than fifty-five pounds [24.948 kilograms] equals  
19                   0.1 animal unit;
- 20                   (7) One horse equals 2.0 animal units;
- 21                   (8) One sheep or lamb equals 0.1 animal unit;
- 22                   (9) One turkey equals 0.0182 animal unit;
- 23                   (10) One chicken, other than a laying hen, equals 0.008 animal unit;
- 24                   (11) One laying hen equals 0.012 animal unit;
- 25                   (12) One duck equals 0.033 animal unit; and
- 26                   (13) Any livestock not listed in paragraphs 1 through 12 equals 1.0 animal unit  
27                   per each one thousand pounds [453.59 kilograms], whether single or  
28                   combined animal weight.
- 29                   8. A permitted animal feeding operation may expand its permitted capacity by twenty-five  
30                   percent on one occasion without triggering a higher setback distance.

1       9. A county or township may not regulate or impose restrictions or requirements on  
2           animal feeding operations or other agricultural operations except as permitted under  
3           sections 11-33-02 and 58-03-11.

4       **SECTION 22.** Chapter 23.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
5 as follows:

6       **23.1-07-01. Statement of policy.**

7       It is the policy of the state of North Dakota to protect the public health and welfare of the  
8 people of the state and the state's water resources by classifying all public water supply and  
9 wastewater disposal systems in the state and by requiring the examination of operators and the  
10 certification of their competency to supervise the operations of such facilities.

11       **23.1-07-02. Definitions.**

12       For the purpose of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 13       1. "Certificate" means a certificate of competency issued by the department stating that  
14 the operator holding the certificate meets the requirements for the specified operator  
15 grade in the certification program.
- 16       2. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 17       3. "Ground water under the direct influence of surface water" means water beneath the  
18 surface of the ground with significant occurrence of insects or other macro-organisms,  
19 algae, or large-diameter pathogens such as Giardia lamblia, or significant and  
20 relatively rapid shifts in water characteristics such as turbidity, temperature,  
21 conductivity, or pH which closely correlate to climatological or surface water  
22 conditions.
- 23       4. "Operator" means the person in direct responsible charge of the operation of a water  
24 treatment plant, a water distribution system, a wastewater treatment plant, or a  
25 wastewater collection system.
- 26       5. "Population equivalent" for a wastewater collection system or treatment plant means  
27 the calculated population that would normally contribute the same amount of  
28 biochemical oxygen demand per day computed on the basis of seventeen hundredths  
29 of one pound [77.11 grams] of five-day, sixty-eight-degree Fahrenheit [20-degree  
30 Celsius] biochemical oxygen demand per capita per day.

- 1       6. "Wastewater collection system" means that portion of the wastewater disposal system  
2       in which wastewater is conveyed to a wastewater treatment plant from the premises of  
3       a contributor.
- 4       7. "Wastewater disposal system" means the system of pipes, structures, and facilities  
5       through which wastewater from a public sewer system or industry is collected and  
6       treated for final disposal. The system must serve a population equivalent of twenty-five  
7       or more persons.
- 8       8. "Wastewater treatment plant" means that portion of the wastewater disposal system  
9       used for the treatment and disposal of wastewater and the solids removed from  
10       wastewater.
- 11       9. "Water distribution system" means that portion of the water supply system in which  
12       water is conveyed from the water treatment plant or other supply point to the premises  
13       of the consumer.
- 14       10. "Water supply system" means the system of pipes, structures, and facilities through  
15       which a public water supply is obtained, treated, and sold or distributed for human  
16       consumption or household use. The system must have at least fifteen service  
17       connections or regularly serve an average of twenty-five or more persons for at least  
18       sixty days a year.
- 19       11. "Water treatment plant" means that portion of the water supply system that in some  
20       way alters the physical, chemical, or bacteriological quality of the water.

21       **23.1-07-03. Classification of plants and systems.**

22       The department shall classify all water treatment plants, water distribution systems,  
23       wastewater treatment plants, and wastewater collection systems with due regard to the size,  
24       type, character of water and wastewater to be treated, and other physical conditions affecting  
25       such facilities, and according to the skill, knowledge, and experience that an operator in  
26       responsible charge must have to successfully supervise the operation of such facilities, so as to  
27       protect the public health and prevent pollution of the waters of the state.

28       **23.1-07-04. Certification.**

29       When the department is satisfied an applicant is qualified by examination or otherwise to  
30       supervise the operation of treatment plants and systems, the department shall issue a



1 certificate attesting to the competency of the applicant as an operator. The certificate must  
2 indicate the classification of treatment plant or system the operator is qualified to supervise.

- 3 1. A certificate issued under this chapter is valid for only one year and expires on the first  
4 day of July of the year after which it was issued.
- 5 2. The department may revoke or suspend the certificate of an operator issued under this  
6 chapter if the operator has practiced fraud or deception in obtaining the certificate or in  
7 the performance of the operator's duty as an operator; if reasonable care, judgment, or  
8 the application of the operator's knowledge or ability was not used in the performance  
9 of the operator's duties; or if the operator is incompetent and unable to perform  
10 properly the operator's duties as an operator. A certificate may not be revoked or  
11 suspended except after a hearing before the director of the department, or the  
12 director's designated representative. If a certificate is suspended or revoked, a new  
13 application for certification may be considered by the department only after the  
14 conditions causing the suspension or revocation have been corrected, and evidence of  
15 this fact has been satisfactorily submitted to the department. A new certificate may  
16 then be granted by the department.
- 17 3. Certificates in appropriate classification issued to operators before the effective date of  
18 this chapter continue in effect.

19 **23.1-07-05. Fees.**

20 The department may charge a fee for certificates issued under this chapter, but the fees  
21 may not exceed fifty dollars for the initial certificate, or twenty-five dollars for the annual renewal  
22 certificate. All receipts from the fees must be deposited in the state treasury to be credited to a  
23 special fund to be known as the "operators' certification fund" to be used by the department to  
24 administer and enforce this chapter and financially assist the department in conducting operator  
25 training programs. Any surplus at the end of the fiscal year must be retained by the department  
26 for future expenditures.

27 **23.1-07-06. Duties of the department.**

28 The department shall:

- 29 1. Hold at least one examination each year at a designated time and place for the  
30 purpose of examining candidates for certification.

- 1        2. Promote the program of certification of water supply and wastewater disposal system
- 2            operators.
- 3        3. Distribute notices and applications and to receive and evaluate applications.
- 4        4. Collect fees for initial certification and annual renewal.
- 5        5. Prepare, conduct, and grade examinations.
- 6        6. Maintain records of operator qualifications, certification examination results, and a
- 7            register of certified operators.
- 8        7. Promote and schedule regular training schools and programs.
- 9        8. Adopt rules necessary to carry out this chapter.

10        **23.1-07-07. Unlawful operation.**

11        Except as provided in this section, it is unlawful for any person to operate a water treatment

12 plant or water distribution system serving twenty-five or more individuals or a wastewater

13 treatment plant or wastewater collection system serving a population equivalent of twenty-five

14 or more individuals unless the competency of the operator to operate such a plant or system is

15 certified by the department in a grade corresponding to the classification of that portion of the

16 system to be supervised. Operators of wastewater collection systems and wastewater

17 stabilization ponds or other nonmechanical wastewater treatment plants that serve a population

18 equivalent of less than five hundred individuals are excluded from this chapter. Operators of

19 water supply systems that serve other than year-round residents are excluded from this chapter

20 if all of the following conditions are met:

- 21        1. The water supply is obtained solely from ground water sources not under the direct
- 22            influence of surface water.
- 23        2. Treatment, if provided, consists strictly of disinfection, fluoridation, sequestration,
- 24            corrosion control, or other processes that involve simple chemical addition and minor
- 25            operational control.
- 26        3. The water supply system is not required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act or its
- 27            implementing regulations to be operated by qualified personnel.

28        **23.1-07-08. Violations - Penalty.**

29        Any person violating this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter, after written notice

30 of the violation by the department, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

1       **SECTION 23.** Chapter 23.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
2 as follows:

3       **23.1-08-01. Finding of necessity.**

4       The legislative assembly finds that:

- 5       1. The people of North Dakota have a right to a clean environment, and the costs of  
6       maintaining a clean environment through the efficient environmentally acceptable  
7       management of solid wastes should be borne by those who use such services.
- 8       2. Serious economic, management, and technical problems exist in the management of  
9       solid wastes resulting from residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and other  
10       activities carried on in said jurisdictions.
- 11       3. Inefficient and improper methods of managing solid wastes create serious hazards to  
12       the public health, result in scenic blights, cause pollution of air and water resources,  
13       cause accident hazards, increase rodent and insect disease vectors, have an adverse  
14       effect on land values, create public nuisances, and otherwise interfere with community  
15       life and development.
- 16       4. While the management of solid wastes is the responsibility of each person, problems  
17       of solid waste management have become a matter statewide in scope and concern,  
18       and necessitate state action through technical assistance and leadership in the  
19       application of new improved methods and processes to reduce the amount of solid  
20       wastes and unsalvageable materials and to promote environmentally acceptable and  
21       economical solid waste management.

22       **23.1-08-02. Definitions.**

- 23       1. "Collection" means the aggregation of solid waste from the places at which the waste  
24       was generated.
- 25       2. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 26       3. "Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or  
27       placing of any solid waste into or on any land or water including ground water.
- 28       4. "Industrial waste" means solid waste, which is not a hazardous waste regulated under  
29       chapter 23.1-04, generated from the combustion or gasification of municipal waste and  
30       from industrial and manufacturing processes. The term does not include municipal  
31       waste or special waste.

- 1       5. "Infectious waste" means solid waste that may contain pathogens with sufficient  
2       virulence and in sufficient quantity that exposure of a susceptible human or animal to  
3       the solid waste could cause the human or animal to contract an infectious disease.
- 4       6. "Landfill" means a publicly or privately owned area of land where solid wastes are  
5       permanently disposed.
- 6       7. "Litter" means discarded and abandoned solid waste materials that are not special  
7       waste or industrial waste.
- 8       8. "Major appliance" means an air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher,  
9       freezer, microwave oven, oven, refrigerator, stove, furnace, water heater, humidifier,  
10       dehumidifier, garbage disposal, trash compactor, or similar appliance.
- 11       9. "Municipal waste" means solid waste that includes garbage; refuse; and trash  
12       generated by households, motels, hotels, recreation facilities, public and private  
13       facilities; and commercial, wholesale, private, and retail businesses. The term does  
14       not include special waste or industrial waste.
- 15       10. "Open burning" means the combustion of solid waste without control of combustion air  
16       to maintain adequate temperature for efficient combustion, containment of the  
17       combustion reaction in an enclosed device to provide sufficient residence time and  
18       mixing for complete combustion, and control of the emission of the combustion  
19       products.
- 20       11. "Political subdivision" means a city, county, township, or solid waste management  
21       authority.
- 22       12. "Resource recovery" means the use, reuse, or recycling of materials, substances,  
23       energy, or products contained within or derived from solid waste.
- 24       13. "Solid waste" means any garbage; refuse; sludge from a waste treatment plant, water  
25       supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility; and other discarded material,  
26       including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from  
27       industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community  
28       activities. The term does not include:
- 29       a. Agricultural waste, including manures and crop residues, returned to the soil as  
30       fertilizer or soil conditioners; or

1           b. Solid or dissolved materials in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved material in  
2           irrigation return flows or industrial discharges that are point sources subject to  
3           permits under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as  
4           amended [Pub. L. 92-500; 86 Stat. 816; 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.], or source,  
5           special nuclear, or byproduct material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of  
6           1954, as amended [68 Stat. 919; 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.].

7    14. "Solid waste management" means the purposeful systematic control of the storage,  
8    collection, transport, composting, resource recovery, land treatment, and disposal of  
9    solid waste.

10   15. "Special waste" means solid waste that is not a hazardous waste regulated under  
11   chapter 23.1-04 and includes waste generated from energy conversion facilities; waste  
12   from crude oil and natural gas exploration and production; waste from mineral and ore  
13   mining, beneficiation, and extraction; and waste generated by surface coal mining  
14   operations. The term does not include municipal waste or industrial waste.

15   16. "Storage" means the containment and holding of solid waste after generation for a  
16   temporary period, at the end of which the solid waste is processed for resource  
17   recovery, treated, disposed of, or stored elsewhere.

18   17. "Transport" means the offsite movement of solid waste.

19    **23.1-08-03. Powers and duties of the department.**

20    The department shall:

- 21    1. Administer and enforce the state solid waste management program under this chapter.
- 22    2. Provide technical assistance on request to political subdivisions of the state and  
23    cooperate with appropriate federal agencies in carrying out the duties under this  
24    chapter. On request, the department may provide technical assistance to other  
25    persons.
- 26    3. Encourage and recommend procedures for using self-financing solid waste  
27    management systems and intermunicipal agencies.
- 28    4. Promote the planning and application of resource recovery facilities and systems that  
29    preserve and enhance the quality of air, water, and all resources.

- 1       5. Serve as the official state representative for all purposes of the Federal Solid Waste  
2       Disposal Act [Pub. L. 89-272; 79 Stat. 997; 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.], as amended, and  
3       for other state or federal legislation to assist in the management of solid wastes.
- 4       6. Survey the solid waste management needs within the state and maintain and upgrade  
5       the North Dakota solid waste management plan.
- 6       7. Require any person within the state to submit for review and approval a solid waste  
7       management plan to show that solid wastes will be disposed of in accordance with the  
8       provisions of this chapter.
- 9       8. Adopt and enforce rules governing solid waste management to conserve the air, water,  
10       and land resources of the state; protect the public health; prevent environmental  
11       pollution and public nuisances; and enable the department to administer this chapter,  
12       the adopted solid waste management plan, and delegated federal programs.
- 13       9. Establish procedures for permits governing the design, construction, operation, and  
14       closure of solid waste management facilities and systems.
- 15       10. Prepare, issue, modify, revoke, and enforce orders, after investigation, inspection,  
16       notice, and hearing, prohibiting violation of this chapter or of any rules issued under  
17       this chapter, and requiring remedial measures for solid waste management as may be  
18       necessary or appropriate under this chapter.
- 19       11. Adopt rules to establish categories and classifications of solid waste and solid waste  
20       management facilities based on waste type and quantity, facility operation, or other  
21       facility characteristics and to limit, restrict, or prohibit the disposal of solid wastes  
22       based on environmental or public health rationale.
- 23       12. Adopt rules to establish standards and requirements for each category of solid waste  
24       management facility.
- 25       13. Adopt rules to establish financial assurance requirements to be met by any person  
26       proposing construction or operation of a solid waste management facility sufficient to  
27       provide for closure and postclosure activities. Financial assurance requirements may  
28       include: insurance, trust funds, surety bonds, letters of credit, personal bonds,  
29       certificates of deposit, and financial tests or corporate guarantees.
- 30       14. Conduct an environmental compliance background review of any applicant for any  
31       permit. In conducting the review, if the department finds an applicant for a permit has

1 intentionally misrepresented or concealed any material fact from the department, or  
2 has obtained a permit by intentional misrepresentation or concealment of a material  
3 fact, has been convicted of a felony or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony  
4 within three years preceding the application for the permit, or has been adjudicated in  
5 contempt of an order of any court within three years preceding the application for the  
6 permit, the department may deny the application. The department shall consider the  
7 relevance of the offense to the business to which the permit is issued, the nature and  
8 seriousness of the offense, the circumstances under which the offense occurred, the  
9 date of the offense, and the ownership and management structure in place at the time  
10 of the offense.

11 **23.1-08-04. Coal combustion residues - Present use and disposal deemed acceptable.**

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative assembly deems the present use  
13 and disposal of coal combustion residues to be acceptable and that present regulation allows  
14 for the beneficial use of coal combustion residues in concrete, for other construction  
15 applications, and for other innovative uses and allows for safe disposal without coal combustion  
16 residues being regulated as a hazardous waste. If a federal law or regulation is adopted  
17 pertaining to the use and disposal of coal combustion residues, this section does not prohibit  
18 the state from seeking state primacy of the federal program.

19 **23.1-08-05. Commercial oilfield special waste recycling facilities - Action against well**  
20 **operators restricted.**

- 21 1. By June 1, 2015, the department shall select at least one commercial oilfield special  
22 waste recycling facility having a pending beneficial use application, for authorization of  
23 operation of the facility as a pilot project and to assist the department to develop  
24 standards for recycling of oilfield special waste. The pending beneficial use application  
25 of the pilot project facility must be supported by scientific findings from a third-party  
26 source focused on the anticipated environmental performance of the end products of  
27 the recycled oilfield special waste and the practical utility of those end products.
- 28 2. Any pilot project facility and any commercial oilfield special waste recycling facility  
29 permitted after June 30, 2017, shall obtain a solid waste permit from the department  
30 and a treating plant permit from the industrial commission for treatment of oilfield  
31 special waste.

- 1       3. Any selected pilot project facility may operate as an oilfield special waste recycling  
2       facility through June 30, 2017, and may implement beneficial use demonstration  
3       projects using processed materials under the guidance of the department. A selected  
4       pilot project facility operator shall cooperate with the department to monitor and  
5       analyze impacts to the environment.
- 6       4. By July 1, 2017, based upon the results of any pilot projects, the department shall  
7       make recommendations either to adopt rules under chapter 28-32 governing  
8       operations and permitting of commercial oilfield special waste recycling facilities, or to  
9       develop written guidelines on recycling and beneficial use of oilfield special waste  
10       under the department's beneficial use approval process. The rules or guidelines must  
11       assure compliance with federal and state laws and rules for protection of the state's  
12       water and air and public health in the handling and subsequent use of oilfield special  
13       waste.
- 14       5. Upon presentation of official credentials, an employee authorized by the department  
15       may:
- 16       a. Examine the premises and facilities and copy books, papers, records,  
17       memoranda, or data of a commercial oilfield special waste recycling facility.
- 18       b. Enter upon public or private property to take action authorized by this chapter  
19       and rules adopted under this chapter, including obtaining information from any  
20       person, conducting surveys and investigations, and taking corrective action.
- 21       6. The operator of the commercial oilfield special waste recycling facility is liable for the  
22       cost of any inspection and corrective action required by the department.
- 23       7. As a condition of permitting, the department may require the operator of a commercial  
24       oilfield special waste recycling facility to post a bond or other financial assurance  
25       payable to the state in a sufficient amount for remediation of any release or disposal of  
26       oilfield special waste in violation of the rules of the department, on the premises or  
27       property of the facility or at a place where treated or untreated materials from the  
28       facility are taken for use or disposal.
- 29       8. As used in this section:
- 30       a. "Commercial oilfield special waste recycling facility" means a commercial  
31       recycling facility permitted, or a commercial recycling facility pilot project



1 authorized, under this section for extraction of reusable solids and fluids from any  
2 or all types of oilfield special waste.

3 b. "Drilling operation" means oil and gas drilling and production operations and any  
4 associated activities that generate oilfield special waste.

5 c. "Oilfield special waste" means special waste associated with oil and gas drilling  
6 operations, exploration, development, or production and specifically includes drill  
7 cuttings, saltwater, and other solids and fluids from drilling operations.

8 9. Upon delivery of oilfield special waste to a commercial oilfield special waste recycling  
9 facility that is permitted or authorized to conduct recycling operations under this  
10 section and is not affiliated with the well operator, acceptance of the oilfield special  
11 waste by the recycling facility, and after the oilfield special waste has been treated and  
12 converted to a beneficial use as a usable product or legitimate substitute for a usable  
13 product, the well operator is not liable in any civil or criminal action for any subsequent  
14 claim or charge regarding the material converted to a beneficial use.

15 **23.1-08-06. Local government ordinances.**

16 Any political subdivision of the state may enact and enforce a solid waste management  
17 ordinance that is equal to or more stringent than this chapter and the rules adopted under this  
18 chapter.

19 **23.1-08-07. Littering and open burning prohibited - Penalty.**

20 1. A person may not discard and abandon litter, furniture, or major appliances upon  
21 public property or upon private property not owned by that person, unless the property  
22 is designated for the disposal of litter, furniture, or major appliances and that person is  
23 authorized to use the property for that purpose.

24 2. A person may not engage in the open burning of solid waste, unless the burning is  
25 conducted in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

26 3. A person violating this section is guilty of an infraction for which a minimum fine of two  
27 hundred dollars must be imposed, except if the litter discarded and abandoned  
28 amounted to more than one cubic foot [0.0283 cubic meter] in volume or if the litter  
29 consisted of furniture or a major appliance, the offense is a class B misdemeanor and  
30 the person is subject to the civil penalty provided in section 23.1-08-23.

1        **23.1-08-08. Prohibition in landfill disposal - Lead-acid batteries accepted as trade-ins.**

2        1. Infectious waste must be properly treated before disposal by methods approved by the  
3        department. A person may not knowingly deposit in a landfill untreated infectious  
4        waste.

5        2. Except as provided in subsection 3, a person may not place in municipal waste or  
6        discard or dispose of in a landfill lead-acid batteries, used motor oil, or major  
7        appliances.

8        3. If resource recovery markets are not available for the items listed in subsection 2, the  
9        items must be disposed of in a manner approved by the department.

10       4. Lead-acid batteries must be accepted as trade-ins for new lead-acid batteries by any  
11       person who sells lead-acid batteries at retail.

12       **23.1-08-09. Permits.**

13       1. The department may issue permits for solid waste management facilities and solid  
14       waste transporters. A person may not own, operate, or use a facility for solid waste  
15       disposal or transport solid wastes without a valid permit. Upon receipt of a permit  
16       application, the department shall give public notice, in the official newspaper of the  
17       county in which the facility is to be located, that the department is considering an  
18       application for a solid waste management facility. The notice must state the name of  
19       the applicant, the location of the facility, and a description of the facility. The  
20       department shall require as a condition of a permit for a solid waste management  
21       facility, not owned or operated by the state or a political subdivision, that any entity that  
22       controls the permitholder agrees to accept responsibility for any remedial measures,  
23       closure and postclosure care, or penalties incurred by the permitholder. For purposes  
24       of this section, "control" means ownership or control, directly, indirectly, or through the  
25       actions of one or more persons of the power to vote twenty-five percent or more of any  
26       class of voting shares of a permitholder, or the direct or indirect power to control in any  
27       manner the election of a majority of the directors of a permitholder, or to direct the  
28       management or policies of a permitholder, whether by individuals, corporations,  
29       partnerships, trusts, or other entities or organizations of any type. All permits are  
30       nontransferable, are for a term of not more than ten years from the date of issuance.

1           and are conditioned upon the observance of the laws of the state and the rules  
2           adopted under this chapter.

3           2. For each permit application, the department shall notify the board of county  
4           commissioners of a county in which a new solid waste management facility will be  
5           located of the department's intention to issue a permit for the facility. The board of  
6           county commissioners may call a special election to be held within sixty days after  
7           receiving notice from the department to allow the qualified electors of the county to  
8           vote to approve or disapprove of the facility based on public interest and impact on the  
9           environment. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question in the election  
10           vote to disapprove of the facility, the department may not issue the permit and the  
11           facility may not be located in that county.

12           3. Notwithstanding subsection 2, if the new solid waste management facility will be  
13           owned or operated by a solid waste management authority, a special election to  
14           approve or disapprove of a facility may be called only if the boards of county  
15           commissioners from a majority of the counties in the solid waste management district  
16           call for a special election. However, a special election must be conducted in each  
17           county within the authority. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question  
18           in the election vote to disapprove of the facility, the department may not issue the  
19           permit.

20           4. Subsections 2 and 3 do not apply to a solid waste management facility operated as  
21           part of an energy conversion facility or part of a surface coal mining and reclamation  
22           operation, if the solid waste management facility disposes of only waste generated by  
23           the energy conversion facility or surface coal mining and reclamation operation.

24           **23.1-08-10. Fees - Deposit in operating fund.**

25           The department by rule may prescribe the payment and collection of reasonable fees to  
26           issue permits or registration certificates for registering, licensing, or permitting solid waste  
27           generators, transporters, and treatment, storage, recycling, or disposal facilities. The fees must  
28           be based on the anticipated cost of filing and processing the application, taking action on the  
29           requested permit or registration certificate, and conducting a monitoring and inspection program  
30           to determine compliance or noncompliance with the permit or registration certificate. Any  
31           moneys collected for permit licensing or registration fees must be deposited in the department

1 operating fund in the state treasury, and any expenditures from the fund are subject to  
2 appropriation by the legislative assembly. Applicants for special use solid waste management  
3 facilities shall submit a minimum fee as follows:

4 1. Twenty thousand dollars for any facility that receives on average one hundred tons  
5 [90718 kilograms] or more per day.

6 2. Ten thousand dollars for any facility which receives on average more than ten tons  
7 [9071.80 kilograms] but less than one hundred tons [90718 kilograms] per day.

8 **23.1-08-11. Solid waste management fund - Administration.**

9 The solid waste management fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The Bank of North  
10 Dakota shall administer the fund. The fund is a revolving fund, subject to appropriation by the  
11 legislative assembly. The Bank may annually deduct up to one-half of one percent of the fund  
12 balance including the principal balance of the outstanding loans as a service fee for  
13 administering the fund. The Bank shall contract with a certified public accounting firm to audit  
14 the fund once every two years. The cost of the audit and any other actual costs incurred by the  
15 Bank on behalf of the fund must be paid from the fund. Section 54-44.1-11 does not apply to the  
16 fund.

17 **23.1-08-12. Applications for grants or loans - Loan terms.**

18 Moneys in the solid waste management fund may be used to make grants or low-interest  
19 loans to political subdivisions for waste reduction, planning, resource recovery, and recycling  
20 projects with an emphasis on marketing. An application for a grant or loan out of moneys in the  
21 solid waste management fund must be made to the department. The department shall review  
22 an application to determine if the purpose of the grant or loan is consistent with the purposes of  
23 the fund and the district solid waste management plan. The department shall adopt rules to  
24 implement this section. If the department approves an application, the department shall forward  
25 the application and the results of the department's review of the application to the Bank of North  
26 Dakota. The Bank, in consultation with the department, shall determine the financial criteria that  
27 must be met for an application to be approved. A loan must be repaid within a period not  
28 exceeding twenty years at an interest rate of four percent.

29 **23.1-08-13. Preconstruction site review.**

30 The department, in cooperation with the state engineer and the state geologist, shall  
31 develop criteria for siting a solid waste disposal facility based upon potential impact on

1 environmental resources. Any application for a landfill permit received after the department  
2 develops siting criteria as required by this section must be reviewed for site suitability by the  
3 department after consultation with the state engineer and state geologist before any site  
4 development. Site development does not include the assessment or monitoring associated with  
5 the review as required by the department in consultation with the state engineer and state  
6 geologist.

7 **23.1-08-14. Waste characterization.**

8 The department may not allow the storage or disposal of solid waste from outside this state,  
9 unless it is demonstrated that the governing authority or the generator of the solid waste from  
10 outside this state has an effective program for waste quality control and for waste  
11 characterization.

12 **23.1-08-15. Municipal waste landfills and incinerators - Certification.**

13 A municipal waste landfill and a municipal waste incinerator must have at least one  
14 individual certified by the department onsite at all times during the operation of the landfill or  
15 incinerator. The department shall adopt training standards and certification requirements.

16 **23.1-08-16. Public educational materials - Municipal waste reduction and recycling.**

17 The department, after consulting with the superintendent of public instruction, shall develop  
18 and disseminate educational materials to encourage voluntary municipal waste reduction,  
19 source separation, reuse of materials, recycling efforts, and appropriate management of  
20 municipal waste.

21 **23.1-08-17. Disclosure of information before issuance, renewal, transfer, or major**  
22 **modification of permit.**

23 Before an application for the issuance, renewal, transfer, or major modification of a permit  
24 under this chapter may be granted, the applicant shall submit to the department a disclosure  
25 statement executed under oath or affirmation. The department shall verify and may investigate  
26 the information in the statement and shall deny an application for the issuance, renewal,  
27 transfer, or major modification of a permit if the applicant has intentionally misrepresented or  
28 concealed any material fact in a statement required under this section, a judgment of criminal  
29 conviction for violation of any federal or state environmental laws has been entered against the  
30 applicant within five years before the date of submission of the application, or the applicant has

1 knowingly and repeatedly violated any state or federal environmental protection laws. The  
2 disclosure statement must include:

- 3     1. The name and business address of the applicant.
- 4     2. A description of the applicant's experience in managing the type of solid waste that will  
5       be managed under the permit.
- 6     3. A description of every civil and administrative complaint against the applicant for the  
7       violation of any state or federal environmental protection law which has resulted in a  
8       fine or penalty of more than ten thousand dollars within five years before the date of  
9       the submission of the application.
- 10    4. A description of every pending criminal complaint alleging the violation of any state or  
11      federal environmental protection law.
- 12    5. A description of every judgment of criminal conviction entered against the applicant  
13      within five years before the date of submission of the application for the violation of  
14      any state or federal environmental protection law.
- 15    6. A description of every judgment of criminal conviction of a felony constituting a crime  
16      involving fraud or misrepresentation which has been entered against the applicant  
17      within five years before the date of submission of the application.

18     **23.1-08-18. Inspections.**

19     The department may inspect all solid waste management activities and facilities, at all  
20 reasonable times, to ensure compliance with the laws of this state, the provisions of this  
21 chapter, and the rules authorized under this chapter.

22     **23.1-08-19. Administrative procedure and judicial review.**

23     A proceeding under this chapter to adopt or modify rules, including emergency orders  
24 relating to solid waste management and land protection, or determine compliance with rules of  
25 the department, must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 28-32, and  
26 appeals may be taken as provided under that chapter. When an emergency exists requiring  
27 immediate action to protect the public health and safety, the department may, without notice or  
28 hearing, issue an order reciting the existence of the emergency and requiring action be taken as  
29 necessary to meet the emergency. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the order is  
30 effective immediately, but on application to the department must be afforded a hearing before

1 the environmental review advisory council within ten days. On the basis of the hearing, the  
2 emergency order must be continued, modified, or revoked within thirty days after the hearing.

3 **23.1-08-20. Injunction proceedings.**

4 The violation of any provision of this chapter, or any rule or order issued under the chapter  
5 is declared a nuisance inimical to the public health, welfare, and safety. Whenever in the  
6 judgment of the department a person has engaged in or is about to engage in any acts that  
7 constitute or will constitute a violation of this chapter, or any rule or order issued under the  
8 chapter, the department, in accordance with the laws governing injunctions and other process,  
9 may maintain an action in the name of the state enjoining the action or for an order directing  
10 compliance, and upon a showing by the department that the person has engaged or is about to  
11 engage in the acts or practices, a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other  
12 order may be granted.

13 **23.1-08-21. Plats.**

14 A person operating a solid waste management facility for disposal under a permit issued  
15 under this chapter shall, upon completion of the operation at each site, file a plat of the area  
16 with the recorder of each county in which the facility is located, together with a description of the  
17 wastes placed therein.

18 **23.1-08-22. Exemption.**

19 The provisions of this chapter, and the rules or orders authorized under the chapter, do not  
20 prevent an individual who resides on unplatted land in unincorporated areas of this state from  
21 disposing of that individual's normal household wastes on that individual's property, so long as  
22 doing so does not create a health hazard or nuisance.

23 **23.1-08-23. Penalties.**

- 24 1. Any person that violates this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or  
25 other applicable requirement implementing this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not  
26 to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars per day per violation, unless the  
27 penalty for the violation is otherwise specifically provided for and made exclusive in  
28 this chapter.
- 29 2. Any person that willfully violates any provision of this chapter or any permit condition,  
30 rule, order, limitation, or other applicable requirement implementing this chapter is

1 guilty of a class C felony, unless the penalty for the violation is otherwise specifically  
2 provided for and made exclusive in this chapter.

- 3 3. Any person that willfully makes any false statement, representation, or certification in  
4 any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be  
5 maintained under this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other  
6 applicable requirement implementing this chapter or that falsifies, tampers with, or  
7 willfully renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained  
8 under this chapter or any permit condition, rule, order, limitation, or other applicable  
9 requirement implementing this chapter is guilty of a class C felony, unless the penalty  
10 for the violation is otherwise specifically provided for and made exclusive in this  
11 chapter.

12 **SECTION 24.** Chapter 23.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
13 as follows:

14 **23.1-09-01. Definitions.**

15 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 16 1. "Actually incurred" means in the case of corrective action expenditures, the owner, the  
17 operator, an insurer of the owner or operator, or a contractor hired by the owner,  
18 operator, or insurer has made a payment, or a contractor has expended time and  
19 materials.
- 20 2. "Corrective action" means an action taken to minimize, contain, eliminate, remediate,  
21 mitigate, or clean up a release, including any remedial emergency measures. The  
22 term includes the repair of the closure of a municipal waste landfill on which the action  
23 occurs.
- 24 3. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 25 4. "Fund" means the municipal waste landfill release compensation fund.
- 26 5. "Operator" means any person in control of, or having responsibility for, the daily  
27 operation of a municipal waste landfill under this chapter.
- 28 6. "Owner" means any person who holds title to, controls, or possesses an interest in the  
29 municipal waste landfill before or after the discontinuation of its use.
- 30 7. "Release" means any unintentional leaking, emitting, discharging, or escaping of  
31 leachate from a municipal waste landfill into the environment occurring after July 1,



1           1993, but does not include discharges or designed venting allowed under federal or  
2           state law or under adopted rules.

3           **23.1-09-02. Municipal waste landfill release fund created - Administration of fund.**

4           A municipal waste landfill release compensation fund is created and the department shall  
5           administer the fund according to this chapter. The department may employ any assistance and  
6           staff to administer the fund within the limits of legislative appropriation.

7           **23.1-09-03. Adoption of rules.**

8           The department shall adopt rules regarding its practices and procedures, the form and  
9           procedure for applications for compensation from the fund, procedures for investigation of  
10          claims, procedures for determining the amount and type of costs eligible for reimbursement  
11          from the fund, and procedures for persons to perform services for the fund.

12          **23.1-09-04. Release discovery.**

13          An owner or operator shall notify the department if it has reason to believe that a release  
14          has occurred. The department may require corrective action as provided by subsection 10 of  
15          section 23.1-08-03.

16          **23.1-09-05. Owner or operator not identified.**

17          The department may initiate legal action to compel performance of a corrective action if an  
18          identified owner or operator fails or refuses to comply with section 23.1-09-04, or the  
19          department may engage the services of qualified contractors for performance of a corrective  
20          action if an owner or operator cannot be identified.

21          **23.1-09-06. Imminent hazard.**

22          Upon receipt of information that a release has occurred which may present an imminent or  
23          substantial endangerment of public health or environmental resources, the department may  
24          take such emergency action as it determines necessary to protect the public health or the  
25          environmental resources.

26          **23.1-09-07. Duty to take action.**

27          Nothing in this chapter limits any person's duty to take action related to a release. However,  
28          payment for corrective actions required as a result of a release is governed by this chapter.  
29          Nothing in this chapter limits remediation activities taken or directed by any state or federal  
30          agency under other environmental statutes.

1        **23.1-09-08. Providing of information.**

2        A person that the department has reason to believe is an owner or operator, or the owner of  
3 real property where corrective action is ordered to be taken, or a person that may have  
4 information concerning wastes placed into a municipal waste landfill, or a person that may have  
5 information concerning a release, if requested by the department, must furnish to the  
6 department any information that person has or may reasonably obtain which is relevant to the  
7 release.

8        **23.1-09-09. Examination of records.**

9        An employee of the department may, upon presentation of official credentials:

- 10        1. Examine and copy books, papers, records, memoranda, or data that may be related to  
11        a release which belong to a person that has a duty to provide information to the  
12        department under section 23.1-09-08; and  
13        2. Enter upon public or private property for the purpose of taking action authorized by this  
14        section, including obtaining information from any person that has a duty to provide the  
15        information under section 23.1-09-08, conducting surveys and investigations, and  
16        taking corrective action.

17        **23.1-09-10. Responsibility for cost.**

18        The owner or operator is liable for the cost of corrective action required by the department,  
19 including the cost of investigating the releases, and for legal actions of the department  
20 regarding the release. This chapter does not create any new cause of action for damages on  
21 behalf of third parties against the fund.

22        **23.1-09-11. Liability avoided.**

23        An owner or operator may not avoid liability under this chapter or other state environmental  
24 law by means of a conveyance of any right, title, or interest in real property or by an  
25 indemnification, hold harmless agreement, or similar agreement. However, the provisions of this  
26 chapter do not:

- 27        1. Prohibit a person that may be liable from entering an agreement by which the person  
28        is insured or is a member of a risk retention group, and is thereby indemnified for part  
29        or all of the liability;  
30        2. Prohibit the enforcement of an insurance, hold harmless, or indemnification  
31        agreement; or

1       3. Bar a cause of action by a person that may be liable or by an insurer or guarantor,  
2           whether by right of subrogation or otherwise.

3       **23.1-09-12. Other remedies.**

4       Nothing in this chapter limits the powers of the department, or precludes the pursuit of any  
5 administrative, civil, injunctive, or criminal remedies by the department or any other person.  
6 Administrative remedies need not be exhausted to proceed under this chapter. The remedies  
7 provided by this chapter are in addition to those provided under existing statutory or common  
8 law.

9       **23.1-09-13. Revenue to the fund.**

10       Revenue from the following sources must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to  
11 the fund:

- 12       1. Any premium fee collected under section 23.1-09-15;
- 13       2. Any money recovered by the fund under section 23.1-09-20, and any money paid  
14       under an agreement, stipulation, or settlement;
- 15       3. Any interest attributable to investment of money in the fund; and
- 16       4. Any money received by the department in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements, or  
17       appropriations from any source intended to be used for the purposes of the fund.

18       **23.1-09-14. Eligibility.**

- 19       1. An owner or operator of an active disposal unit at a municipal waste landfill site, or of a  
20       new disposal unit allowed by permit under chapter 23.1-08, shall participate in the fund  
21       for that unit provided:
  - 22       a. The disposal unit is designed, constructed, operated, and closed to comply with  
23       federal and state statutes and adopted rules in effect as of October 9, 1993;
  - 24       b. The owner or operator has notified the board of the local solid waste  
25       management district, and the board has acknowledged and approved the  
26       municipal waste landfill site to comply with chapter 23.1-08; and
  - 27       c. The owner or operator pays the annual premium fee under section 23.1-09-15  
28       during the duration of operation of the landfill site, except as provided by section  
29       23.1-09-22.
- 30       2. An owner or operator that does not comply with this section or with section 23.1-09-15  
31       is ineligible for reimbursement of claims for corrective action.

1       **23.1-09-15. Premium fee.**

- 2       1. An owner or operator of a municipal waste landfill site that is eligible and participates  
3       in the fund shall:
- 4       a. Notify the department, on forms to be made available by the department, of its  
5       intent to participate in the fund at the time of application for permit under chapter  
6       23.1-08 for new disposal units;
- 7       b. Demonstrate that the disposal unit and the landfill site comply with applicable  
8       laws and rules; and
- 9       c. Pay an annual premium fee of one dollar per ton [907.18 kilograms] or  
10       thirty-three cents per cubic yard [0.76 cubic meter] for all solid waste disposed at  
11       the landfill site during the premium fee period.
- 12       2. The premium fee is payable annually by January thirtieth for a premium fee period  
13       corresponding to the previous calendar year.
- 14       3. The premium fees collected under this section must be paid to the department for  
15       deposit in the state treasury for credit to the fund.

16       **23.1-09-16. Reimbursement for corrective action.**

17       The department shall reimburse an eligible owner or operator for the costs of corrective  
18       action, including the investigation, which are greater than one hundred thousand dollars. A  
19       reimbursement may not be made unless the department determines that:

- 20       1. At the time the release was discovered the owner or operator and the landfill site were  
21       in compliance with applicable federal and state statutes and adopted rules, including  
22       rules relating to financial responsibility;
- 23       2. The department was given notice of the release as required by this chapter and other  
24       applicable federal and state statutes;
- 25       3. The release occurred from the active disposal unit or a new disposal unit under  
26       section 23.1-09-14;
- 27       4. The owner or operator has paid the first one hundred thousand dollars of cost of  
28       corrective action; and
- 29       5. The owner or operator, to the extent possible, fully cooperated with the department in  
30       responding to the release.

1        **23.1-09-17. Application for reimbursement.**

2        An eligible owner or operator that has undertaken corrective action in response to a  
3 release, the time of release being unknown, may apply to the department for partial or full  
4 reimbursement under section 23.1-09-16 and applicable rules. An owner or operator may be  
5 reimbursed only for releases discovered and reported after April 1, 1994.

6        **23.1-09-18. Department to determine costs.**

7        A reimbursement may not be made from the fund until the department has determined the  
8 costs for which reimbursement is requested were actually incurred and were reasonable. A  
9 reimbursement may be made to only one person for a release.

10       **23.1-09-19. Liability of responsible person.**

11       The right to apply for reimbursement and the receipt of reimbursement does not limit the  
12 liability of an owner or operator for damages or costs as a result of a release.

13       **23.1-09-20. Recovery of expenses.**

14       Any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the fund as provided by sections  
15 23.1-09-05, 23.1-09-06, 23.1-09-09, and 23.1-09-10 in taking corrective action, including costs  
16 of investigating a release, and in taking legal actions may be recovered in a civil action in district  
17 court brought by the department against the owner or operator. The certification of expenses by  
18 an approved agent of the fund is prima facie evidence that the expenses are reasonable and  
19 necessary. Any expenses that are recovered under this section must be deposited in the fund.

20       **23.1-09-21. Coordination of benefits.**

21       If an eligible owner or operator has financial assurance that provides coverage for  
22 corrective action, the department shall pay the share of the covered loss or damage for which  
23 the fund is responsible. The share that must be paid from the fund is equal to the proportion that  
24 the applicable limit of coverage under the fund bears to the limits of all financial assurance on  
25 the same basis.

26       **23.1-09-22. Fund ceiling.**

27       When the fund balance exceeds fifteen million dollars, the department shall suspend  
28 collection of the premium fee. When the fund balance becomes less than five million dollars  
29 through appropriations authorized by this chapter, the department shall resume collection of the  
30 fee.

1        **23.1-09-23. Fund appropriation.**

2        Money in the fund is appropriated to the department as a standing and continuing  
3 appropriation for the purposes of this chapter.

4        **SECTION 25.** Chapter 23.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
5 as follows:

6        **23.1-10-01. Environmental emergency cost recovery.**

7        Except as provided in section 23.1-04-17, the department of environmental quality may  
8 recover from the parties responsible for an environmental emergency the reasonable and  
9 necessary state costs incurred in assessment, removal, corrective action, or monitoring as a  
10 result of an environmental emergency in violation of chapter 23.1-03, 23.1-04, 23.1-06, 23.1-08,  
11 61-28, or 61-28.1. As used in this chapter, "environmental emergency" means a release into the  
12 environment of a substance requiring an immediate response to protect public health or welfare  
13 or the environment from an imminent and substantial endangerment and which is in violation of  
14 chapter 23.1-03, 23.1-04, 23.1-06, 23.1-08, 61-28, or 61-28.1, and "reasonable and necessary  
15 costs" means those costs incurred by the department as a result of the failure of the parties  
16 responsible for the environmental emergency to implement appropriate assessment and  
17 corrective action after receipt of written notice from the department. If assessment, removal,  
18 monitoring, or corrective action must be initiated before identification of the responsible parties,  
19 the department may assess those prior costs to the responsible parties at the time they are  
20 identified.

21        **23.1-10-02. Environmental quality restoration fund.**

22        There is established an environmental quality restoration fund into which the funds  
23 recovered in this chapter may be deposited. The fund is to be administered by the department  
24 of environmental quality and may be used by the department for costs of environmental  
25 assessment, removal, corrective action, or monitoring as determined on a case-by-case basis.

26        **23.1-10-03. Rules adoption.**

27        The department of environmental quality may adopt rules to implement this chapter.

28        **SECTION 26.** Chapter 23.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
29 as follows:

1        **23.1-11-01. Degradation prevention program - Maintenance of waters.**

2        This chapter establishes a degradation prevention program to protect ground water  
3 resources, encourage the wise use of agricultural chemicals, provide for public education  
4 regarding preservation of ground water resources, and provide for safe disposal of wastes in a  
5 manner that will not endanger the state's ground water resource. Waters of the state must be  
6 maintained within standards established under this chapter unless it can be affirmatively  
7 demonstrated that a change in quality is justifiable to provide necessary economic or social  
8 development and will not adversely affect the beneficial uses of water.

9        **23.1-11-02. Administration of chapter.**

10       The department of environmental quality shall administer this chapter. For purposes of this  
11 chapter, "commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner and "department" means the  
12 department of environmental quality. Notwithstanding section 4-35-06, the agriculture  
13 commissioner shall administer chapter 4-35 as it relates to pesticide usage.

14       **23.1-11-03. Education program.**

15       The department, the commissioner, the North Dakota state university extension service,  
16 and the North Dakota agricultural experiment station shall cooperate with other state and  
17 federal agencies on the development of a ground water protection education program.

18       **23.1-11-04. Chemical use data and confidentiality requirement.**

19       The department may require chemical use data from product registrants on products that  
20 have been or may likely be found in ground water to conduct its ground water protection  
21 program. This information must include chemical registration data and sales information. The  
22 department shall keep this information confidential.

23       **23.1-11-05. Ground water standards.**

24       The department shall establish standards for compounds in ground water as set forth by  
25 other states and the United States environmental protection agency unless new scientifically  
26 confirmed data provides justification for changing these standards.

27       **23.1-11-06. Ground water quality monitoring.**

28       The department shall conduct ground water quality monitoring activities in cooperation with  
29 the state engineer and other state agencies. Based on monitoring results, the department shall  
30 implement or require appropriate mitigation activities or remedial action to prevent future  
31 contamination of ground water. The commissioner may implement or require appropriate

1 mitigation activities pursuant to chapter 4-35 to prevent future contamination of ground water as  
2 it relates to the use of pesticides.

3 **23.1-11-07. Notification requirement.**

4 A person with verifiable information on the presence of contamination of ground water within  
5 the state shall notify the department regarding the contamination.

6 **23.1-11-08. Access for ground water monitoring.**

7 The department may request landowners or operators allow access for monitoring of  
8 ground water and of soils at a depth where pesticides may threaten ground water. If the  
9 department is denied access by the landowner or operator, the department may apply to any  
10 court of competent jurisdiction for authorization to obtain access. The court, upon the  
11 application and compliance with chapter 29-29.1, may issue the authorization for the purposes  
12 requested. After consultation with the landowner or operator, the department shall conduct the  
13 monitoring in a manner that causes the least possible economic impact or hindrance to the  
14 landowner's or operator's operations. The names and addresses of landowners and operators  
15 who participate in a ground water monitoring program may not be linked, in any public  
16 disclosure, to the findings of the program unless it is determined by rule that a compelling public  
17 interest justifies the disclosure. Without that determination, disclosure of the information is a  
18 violation of section 12.1-13-01.

19 **23.1-11-09. Pollution prevention criteria.**

20 The commissioner, in cooperation with the department, North Dakota state university  
21 extension service, and the North Dakota agricultural experiment station, may develop pollution  
22 prevention criteria for areas utilized for mixing and storing agricultural chemicals at the retail  
23 and end use levels.

24 **23.1-11-10. Wellhead protection program.**

25 The department, in cooperation with the state engineer and state geologist, shall assist in  
26 implementing a public water supply wellhead protection program for protection of ground water  
27 resources utilizing existing state and local statutory authority.

28 **23.1-11-11. Rules.**

29 The department, with the approval of the commissioner and the state engineer, shall adopt  
30 rules necessary for implementation of this chapter.



1        **23.1-11-12. Producer liability.**

2        Liability may not be imposed upon an agricultural producer for costs of active cleanup, or for  
3 any damage associated with or resulting from the detection in ground water, of a pesticide if the  
4 applicator has complied with label instructions and other precautions for application of the  
5 pesticide and the applicator has a valid appropriate applicator's certification. Compliance with  
6 these requirements may be raised as an affirmative defense by an agricultural producer.

7        **SECTION 27.** Chapter 23.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
8 as follows:

9        **23.1-12-01. Petroleum tank release compensation fund - Established.**

10       A petroleum tank release compensation fund is established.

11       **23.1-12-02. Definitions.**

12       As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 13       1. "Actually incurred" means, in the case of corrective action expenditures, the owner,  
14       operator, landowner, an insurer, or a contractor hired by the owner, operator, or the  
15       landlord has expended time and materials, and only that person is receiving  
16       reimbursement from the fund.
- 17       2. "Administrator" means the manager of the state fire and tornado fund.
- 18       3. "Board" means the petroleum release compensation board.
- 19       4. "Commissioner" means the insurance commissioner.
- 20       5. "Corrective action" means an action required by the department to minimize, contain,  
21       eliminate, remediate, mitigate, or clean up a release, including any remedial  
22       emergency measures. The term does not include the repair or replacement of  
23       equipment or preconstructed property.
- 24       6. "Dealer" means a person licensed by the tax commissioner to sell motor vehicle fuel or  
25       special fuels within the state.
- 26       7. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 27       8. "Fund" means the petroleum release compensation fund.
- 28       9. "Location" means a physical address or site that has contiguous properties.  
29       Noncontiguous properties within a municipality or other governmental jurisdiction are  
30       considered separate locations.

- 1        10. "Operator" means a person in control of, or having responsibility for, the daily  
2        operation of a tank under this chapter.
- 3        11. "Owner" means a person who holds title to, controls, or possesses an interest in the  
4        tank before the discontinuation of its use.
- 5        12. "Petroleum" means any of the following:  
6        a. Gasoline and petroleum products as defined in chapter 23.1-13.  
7        b. Constituents of gasoline and fuel oil under subdivision a.  
8        c. Oil sludge and oil refuse.
- 9        13. "Portable tank" means a storage tank along with its piping and wiring that is not  
10       stationary or affixed, including a tank that is on skids.
- 11       14. "Release" means any unintentional spilling, leaking, emitting, discharging, escaping,  
12       leaching, or disposing of petroleum from a tank into the environment whether  
13       occurring before or after the effective date of this chapter, but does not include  
14       discharges or designed venting allowed under federal or state law or under adopted  
15       rules.
- 16       15. "Tank" means any one or a combination of containers, vessels, and enclosures,  
17       whether aboveground or underground, including associated piping or appurtenances  
18       used to contain an accumulation of petroleum. The term does not include:  
19       a. Tanks owned by the federal government.  
20       b. Tanks used for the transportation of petroleum.  
21       c. A pipeline facility, including gathering lines:  
22       (1) Regulated under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968.  
23       (2) Regulated under the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979.  
24       (3) Regulated under state laws comparable to the provisions of law in  
25       paragraph 1 or 2, if the facility is an interstate pipeline facility.  
26       d. An underground farm or residential tank with a capacity of one thousand one  
27       hundred gallons [4163.94 liters] or less or an aboveground farm or residential  
28       tank of any capacity used for storing motor fuel for noncommercial purposes.  
29       However, the owner of an aboveground farm or residential tank may, upon  
30       application, register the tank and be eligible for reimbursement under this  
31       chapter.

- 1           e. A tank used for storing heating oil for consumptive use on the premises where  
2           stored.
- 3           f. A surface impoundment, pit, pond, or lagoon.
- 4           g. A flowthrough process tank.
- 5           h. A liquid trap or associated gathering lines directly related to oil or gas production  
6           or gathering operations.
- 7           i. A storage tank situated in an underground area such as a basement, cellar, mine  
8           working, drift, shaft, or tunnel, if the storage tank is situated upon or above the  
9           surface of the floor.
- 10          j. A tank used for the storage of propane.
- 11          k. A tank used to fuel rail locomotives or surface coal mining equipment.
- 12          l. An aboveground tank used to feed diesel fuel generators. Upon application, the  
13          owner or operator of an aboveground tank used to feed diesel fuel generators  
14          may register the tank and is eligible for reimbursement under this chapter.
- 15          m. A portable tank.
- 16          n. A tank with a capacity under one thousand three hundred twenty gallons  
17          [4996.728 liters] used to store lubricating oil.

18    16. "Tank integrity test" means a test to determine that a tank is sound and not leaking.  
19    For an underground tank, the term means a certified third-party test that meets  
20    environmental protection agency leak detection requirements. For an aboveground  
21    tank, the term means a test conducted according to steel tank institute SP 001 or  
22    American petroleum institute 653.

23    17. "Third party" means a person who is damaged by the act of a registered owner,  
24    operator, or dealer requiring corrective action, or a person who suffers bodily injury or  
25    property damage caused by a petroleum release.

26    **23.1-12-03. Petroleum release compensation board.**

27    The petroleum release compensation advisory board shall review claims against the fund.  
28    The board consists of five members appointed by the governor, three of whom are active in  
29    petroleum marketing; one of whom is active in the petroleum, crude oil, or refining industry; and  
30    one of whom is active in the insurance industry. A member active in petroleum marketing must  
31    be appointed from a list of three recommended by the North Dakota retail petroleum marketers

1 association. A member active in the petroleum, crude oil, or refining industry must be appointed  
2 from a list of three recommended by the North Dakota petroleum council. A member active in  
3 the insurance industry must be appointed from a list of three recommended by the North Dakota  
4 professional insurance agents association. Members must be appointed to terms of three years  
5 with the terms arranged so the term of at least one member, but no more than two members,  
6 expires June thirtieth of each year. A member shall hold office until a successor is duly  
7 appointed and qualified. Each member of the board is entitled to receive sixty-two dollars and  
8 fifty cents per diem for each day actually spent in the performance of official duties, plus  
9 mileage and expenses as allowed to other state officers.

10 **23.1-12-04. Administration of fund - Staff.**

11 The administrator shall administer the fund according to this chapter. The administrator  
12 shall convene the board as may be necessary to keep the board apprised of the fund's general  
13 operations. However, the board shall meet at least once each half of each calendar year to  
14 review and to advise the administrator regarding the administration of the fund, the fund's  
15 general operations, and to hear and decide denials of claims by the administrator which may be  
16 appealed to the board, and to discuss all claims against the fund. The administrator may employ  
17 any assistance and staff necessary to administer the fund within the limits of legislative  
18 appropriation. A claimant aggrieved by a decision of the administrator regarding a claim upon  
19 the fund may appeal the decision to the board. The board may sustain, modify, or reverse the  
20 decision of the administrator. The claimant or the administrator may appeal the board's decision  
21 to the commissioner. The decision of the commissioner may be appealed under chapter 28-32.

22 **23.1-12-05. Adoption of rules.**

23 The administrator shall adopt rules regarding the practices and procedures of the fund, the  
24 form and procedure for applications for compensation from the fund, procedures for  
25 investigation of claims, procedures for determining the amount and type of costs that are  
26 eligible for reimbursement from the fund, procedures for persons to perform services for the  
27 fund, procedures for appeals to the board by claimants aggrieved by an adverse decision of the  
28 administrator, and any other rules as may be appropriate to administer this chapter.

1        **23.1-12-06. Release discovery.**

2        If the department has reason to believe a release has occurred, it shall notify the  
3 administrator. The department shall direct the owner or operator to take reasonable and  
4 necessary corrective actions as provided under federal or state law or under adopted rules.

5        **23.1-12-07. Owner or operator not identified.**

6        The department may cause legal action to be brought to compel performance of a  
7 corrective action if an identified owner or operator fails or refuses to comply with an order of the  
8 department, or the department may engage the services of qualified contractors for  
9 performance of a corrective action if an owner or operator cannot be identified.

10       **23.1-12-08. Imminent hazard.**

11       Upon receipt of information that a petroleum release has occurred which may present an  
12 imminent or substantial endangerment of health or the environment, the department may take  
13 emergency action necessary to protect health or the environment.

14       **23.1-12-09. Duty to notify.**

15       This chapter does not limit a person's duty to notify the department and to take action  
16 related to a release. However, payment for corrective actions required as a result of a petroleum  
17 release is governed by this chapter.

18       **23.1-12-10. Providing of information.**

19       A person the administrator or the department has reason to believe is an owner or operator,  
20 the owner of real property where corrective action is ordered to be taken, or a person that may  
21 have information concerning a release shall, if requested by the administrator or the  
22 department, or any member, employee, or agent of the administrator or the department, furnish  
23 to the administrator or the department any information that person has or may reasonably  
24 obtain which is relevant to the release.

25       **23.1-12-11. Examination of records.**

26       Any employee of the administrator or the department may, upon presentation of official  
27 credentials:

- 28       1. Examine and copy books, papers, records, memoranda, or data of any person that  
29       has a duty to provide information to the administrator or the department under section  
30       23.1-12-10; and

1       2. Enter upon public or private property to take action authorized by this section,  
2           including obtaining information from a person that has a duty to provide the  
3           information under section 23.1-12-10, conducting surveys and investigations, and  
4           taking corrective action.

5       **23.1-12-12. Responsibility for cost.**

6       The owner or operator is liable for the cost of the corrective action required by the  
7       department, including the cost of investigating the releases. This chapter does not create any  
8       new cause of action for damages on behalf of third parties for release of petroleum products  
9       against the fund or licensed dealers.

10      **23.1-12-13. Liability avoided.**

11      An owner or operator may not avoid liability by means of a conveyance of any right, title, or  
12      interest in real property or by any indemnification, hold harmless agreement, or similar  
13      agreement. However, this chapter does not:

- 14      1. Prohibit a person that may be liable from entering an agreement by which the person  
15          is insured or is a member of a risk retention group, and is thereby indemnified for part  
16          or all of the liability;
- 17      2. Prohibit the enforcement of an insurance, hold harmless, or indemnification  
18          agreement; or
- 19      3. Bar a claim for relief brought by a person that may be liable or by an insurer or  
20          guarantor, whether by right of subrogation or otherwise.

21      **23.1-12-14. Other remedies.**

22      This chapter does not limit the powers of the administrator or department, or preclude the  
23      pursuit of any other administrative, civil, injunctive, or criminal remedies by the administrator or  
24      department or any other person. Administrative remedies need not be exhausted to proceed  
25      under this chapter. The remedies provided by this chapter are in addition to those provided  
26      under existing statutory or common law.

27      **23.1-12-15. Revenue to the fund.**

28      Revenue from the following sources must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to  
29      the fund:

- 30      1. Any registration fees collected under section 23.1-12-17;

- 1       2. Any money recovered by the fund under section 23.1-12-23, and any money paid
- 2           under an agreement, stipulation, or settlement;
- 3       3. Any interest attributable to investment of money in the fund; and
- 4       4. Any money received by the administrator in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements,
- 5           or appropriations from any source intended to be used for the purposes of the fund.

6       **23.1-12-16. Penalty.**

7       A tank owner violating section 23.1-12-17 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor unless another  
8 penalty is specifically provided.

9       **23.1-12-17. Registration fee.**

- 10      1. An owner or operator of a tank shall pay an annual registration fee of fifty dollars for
- 11           each aboveground or underground tank owned or operated by that person. If after the
- 12           fiscal year has been closed and all expenses relating to the fiscal year have been
- 13           accounted for, the fund balance is less than six million dollars, the annual registration
- 14           fee of fifty dollars is increased to one hundred dollars. If after the fiscal year has been
- 15           closed and all expenses relating to the fiscal year have been accounted for, the fund
- 16           balance is five million five hundred thousand dollars or more and the annual
- 17           registration fee has been increased to one hundred dollars, the fee must be reduced
- 18           to fifty dollars. If after the fiscal year has been closed and all expenses relating to the
- 19           fiscal year have been accounted for, the fund balance exceeds nine million dollars, the
- 20           annual registration fee is reduced to five dollars. Annual registration fees must
- 21           continue at five dollars until the fund balance does not exceed nine million dollars.
- 22      2. An owner or operator of an existing tank that is discovered at a location that currently
- 23           and previously has had tanks registered with the fund shall pay an additional
- 24           twenty-five dollar penalty fee in addition to the registration fee for each aboveground
- 25           tank and each underground tank owned or operated by that person for each previous
- 26           year that the tank was required to be registered for which a fee was not paid. The
- 27           payment includes the fees and the penalty for the failure to register.
- 28      3. An owner or operator of an existing tank at a location that was not previously and
- 29           continuously registered with the fund, whether the registration was required by law or
- 30           not must provide the fund with a phase two environmental study conducted by a
- 31           qualified firm according to American society for testing materials standards. A tank

1 integrity test must also be performed. The environmental study and tank integrity test  
2 must be reviewed by the commissioner along with the application for registration with  
3 the fund. If the commissioner rejects the application, the applicant is denied eligibility  
4 to the fund. However, if the site is remediated and the leaking tank is replaced, the  
5 applicant may reapply for registration with the fund. A new installation that is using a  
6 used tank must provide tank integrity test results for the used tank. Use of a synthetic  
7 liner in an aboveground dike system negates the need for a tank integrity test. The  
8 owner or operator of a new tank at a new site or a new tank at an existing site that had  
9 a tank registered at the site previously need only pay the required fees for registration  
10 with the fund.

11 4. If accepted for registration with the fund, the owner or operator of the tank shall pay an  
12 additional twenty-five dollar penalty fee in addition to the registration fee for each  
13 aboveground tank and underground tank owned or operated by that person for each  
14 previous year that the tank was required to be registered for which a fee was not paid,  
15 regardless of ownership in each of those years. The payment includes the fees and  
16 the penalty for the failure to register.

17 5. The registration fees collected under this section must be paid to the fund  
18 administrator for deposit in the state treasury for the dedicated credit to the petroleum  
19 release compensation fund.

20 6. If a registration payment is not received within sixty days of July first by the  
21 commissioner, a late fee of twenty-five dollars per tank per month must be imposed on  
22 the tank owner or operator.

23 **23.1-12-18. Reimbursement for corrective action.**

24 1. The administrator shall reimburse an eligible owner or operator for ninety percent of  
25 the costs of corrective action, including the investigation, which are greater than five  
26 thousand dollars and less than one million dollars per occurrence and two million  
27 dollars in the aggregate. An eligible tank owner or operator may not be liable for more  
28 than twenty thousand dollars out-of-pocket expenses for any one release. A  
29 reimbursement may not be made unless the administrator determines that:

30 a. At the time the release was discovered the owner or operator and the tank were  
31 in compliance with state and federal rules and rules applicable to the tank.



- 1                   including rules relating to financial responsibility, rules relating to infrastructure  
2                   compatibility, and all rules relating to health and safety which were in effect at the  
3                   time of the release;
- 4           b.   The department was given notice of the release as required by federal and state  
5                   law;
- 6           c.   The owner or operator has paid the first five thousand dollars of the cost of  
7                   corrective action; and
- 8           d.   The owner or operator, to the extent possible, fully cooperated with the  
9                   department and the administrator in responding to the release.
- 10       2.   The fund shall compensate third parties for corrective action taken for a petroleum  
11           release if the provisions of subdivisions a, b, c, and d of subsection 1 were met at the  
12           time the release was discovered. Compensation for third-party corrective action  
13           includes compensation for costs incurred in returning the real estate to that level  
14           deemed duly remediated by the department.
- 15       3.   The fund shall reimburse the tank owner, operator, or dealer for bodily injuries to a  
16           third party caused by a petroleum release if the provisions of subdivisions a, b, c, and  
17           d of subsection 1 were met at the time the release was discovered in an amount  
18           determined by:
- 19           a.   Findings reduced to judgment in federal or state district court or such other court  
20                   having jurisdiction over the matter in a proceeding in which the fund has been  
21                   made a party;
- 22           b.   Findings by an arbitration panel agreed upon in writing by the parties in a  
23                   proceeding in which the fund has been made a party; or
- 24           c.   A written settlement entered into by the parties in which the commissioner or the  
25                   commissioner's agent has participated. The settlement must be reviewed and  
26                   approved by the commissioner.
- 27       4.   In any civil action against the owner, operator, or dealer for damages resulting from a  
28           petroleum release, if the pre-leak condition of real estate is an issue, and if there is no  
29           reasonable means of determining the pre-leak condition of real estate, the condition is  
30           that which exists at the time the department determines the real estate has been duly  
31           remediated.

1        5. The fund may not compensate for attorney's fees of owners, operators, or dealers, nor  
2        may the fund compensate for exemplary damages, criminal fines, or administrative  
3        penalties.

4        6. A third party accepting monetary compensation directly from the fund for damages due  
5        to a release caused by a tank owner, operator, or dealer covered by the fund is  
6        deemed to have waived any cause of action against the fund or against the tank  
7        owner, operator, or dealer.

8        7. The fund shall reimburse the department for all costs, attorney's fees, and other legal  
9        expenses relating to administrative and adjudicative proceedings under this chapter  
10       and any subsequent legal proceeding. Any monies reimbursed must be deposited in  
11       the department's operating fund in the state treasury and must be spent subject to  
12       appropriation by the legislative assembly.

13       **23.1-12-19. Application for reimbursement.**

14       An owner or operator that is a first-party claimant and that proposes to take corrective  
15       action or has undertaken corrective action in response to a release, the time of the release  
16       being unknown, may apply to the administrator for partial or full reimbursement under section  
17       23.1-12-18. An owner or operator who is a first-party claimant may be reimbursed only for costs  
18       incurred after July 1, 1989, even if the releases were discovered before July 1, 1989, up to the  
19       maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars per location.

20       **23.1-12-20. Administrator to determine costs.**

21       A reimbursement for corrective actions taken by an owner, operator, or dealer may not be  
22       made from the fund until the administrator has determined that the costs for which  
23       reimbursement is requested were actually incurred and were reasonable. All necessary loss  
24       adjustment expenses must be included as a component of the loss and must be paid out of the  
25       fund.

26       **23.1-12-21. Liability of responsible person.**

27       The right to apply for reimbursement and the receipt of reimbursement does not limit the  
28       liability of an owner or operator for damages or costs incurred as the result of a release.

1        **23.1-12-22. Reimbursement not subject to attachment.**

2        The amount of reimbursement to be paid for corrective action that was done by a third party  
3 is not subject to legal process or attachment if actually paid to a third party that performed the  
4 corrective action.

5        **23.1-12-23. Recovery of expenses.**

6        Any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the fund, which exceed the coverage  
7 limits provided by section 23.1-12-18, in taking a corrective action, including costs of  
8 investigating a release, and in taking legal actions, may be recovered in a civil action in district  
9 court brought by the administrator against an owner or operator. The certification of expenses  
10 by an approved agent of the fund is prima facie evidence that the expenses are reasonable and  
11 necessary. Any expenses that are recovered under this section must be deposited in the fund.

12        **23.1-12-24. Costs exceeding reimbursement.**

13        If the cost of any extraordinary authorized action under this chapter exceeds amounts  
14 awarded to the administrator or the department from the federal government, the administrator  
15 may pay the department the cost of the corrective actions, including the cost of investigating a  
16 release, if the board finds that the cause was a petroleum substance, that an adequate amount  
17 exists in the fund to pay for the corrective action, that the occurrence was extraordinary in  
18 scope and size, and that a danger to the health and safety of citizens exists.

19        **23.1-12-25. Coordination of benefits.**

20        If an owner or operator has an insurance policy that provides the same coverage as the  
21 fund, the administrator of the fund shall pay the share of the covered loss or damage for which  
22 the fund is responsible. The share that must be paid from the fund is equal to the proportion that  
23 the applicable limit of coverage under the fund bears to the limits of insurance of all insurance  
24 coverage on the same basis.

25        **23.1-12-26. Third-party damages - Participation in actions and review of settlements.**

- 26        1. An owner or operator sued for damages resulting from a release shall notify the  
27 administrator within fourteen days of being served with a summons and complaint.  
28        The owner or operator also shall advise the administrator if any insurer is defending  
29 the owner or operator and provide to the administrator the name of that insurer.  
30        2. An owner or operator that, before litigation, enters negotiations with a third party that  
31 claims to have been damaged by a release, or that receives a demand for payment of

1 damages to a third party that claims to have been damaged by a release, shall notify  
2 the administrator within fourteen days of the demand or the negotiations.

3 3. The administrator and the board shall review the conduct of any litigation or  
4 negotiation. The administrator may not assume any legal costs incurred by the  
5 defendant or plaintiff, but may participate in discovery, trial proceedings, or settlement  
6 negotiations of either disputed liability or damages that bear on the determination of a  
7 plaintiff's damages.

8 4. The administrator and the board shall review any settlement negotiations to determine  
9 the dollar amount of bodily injury or property damage actually, necessarily, and  
10 reasonably incurred by third parties which, if paid by the defendant, would be  
11 considered eligible costs.

12 **23.1-12-27. Third-party damages - Documentation.**

13 1. An applicant's payments for third-party damages pursuant to a judgment entered in a  
14 court must include copies of the notice of entry of judgment and abstract of costs.

15 2. An applicant's payments for third-party damages made by agreement in settlement of  
16 litigation must include copies of the settlement agreement and supporting documents  
17 required by the administrator.

18 3. An applicant's payments for third-party damages made by agreement without  
19 reference to litigation must include copies of the settlement and supporting documents  
20 required by the administrator.

21 4. The administrator and the board may require a third party who claims bodily injury to  
22 be examined by a physician and require that the physician's report to be submitted to  
23 the administrator. The administrator may require a third party that claims property  
24 damage to permit a property appraiser or claims adjuster retained by the administrator  
25 to inspect the property and report to the administrator.

26 5. The fund shall pay a judgment against an owner, operator, or dealer awarded to a third  
27 party as a result of a third-party claim and property damage against an owner,  
28 operator, or dealer registered by the fund.

29 6. The fund shall pay for corrective action as awarded to a third party in any judgment  
30 against an owner, operator, or dealer.

1       7. Liability of the tank owner, operator, dealer, or fund to third parties for corrective action  
2       or personal injuries and property damage may not exceed, per person, one million  
3       dollars. Maximum liability of the fund, including all claims by third parties, may not  
4       exceed, for any release site, the maximum provided in section 23.1-12-18.

5       8. A third party may not bring an action against an owner, operator, or dealer more than  
6       three years after a corrective action plan has been approved by the department if the  
7       owner, operator, or dealer fully implements and complies with the corrective action  
8       plan.

9       9. In investigating a release site or reviewing the implementation of a corrective action  
10      plan approved by the department, the department shall determine whether the release  
11      threatens public health or the environment. The department shall require, based on  
12      science and technology appropriate for the site, any monitoring, remediation, or other  
13      appropriate corrective action that is reasonably necessary to protect public health or  
14      the environment. The department may require corrective action at a release site at any  
15      time after a release occurs.

16      **23.1-12-28. Matching federal funds.**

17      The administrator and the board may annually allow the department a ten percent matching  
18      grant for federal leaking underground storage tank funds to be paid out of the fund if the  
19      moneys are available and the administrator and the board determine the allowance appropriate.

20      **23.1-12-29. Fund appropriations.**

21      Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the administrator for the purpose of  
22      making reimbursements under this chapter.

23      **23.1-12-30. Investment of fund.**

24      Investment of the fund is under the supervision of the state investment board in accordance  
25      with chapter 21-10. The commissioner may purchase a contract for reinsurance of any risk to be  
26      paid by the fund. The administrator may investigate the purchase of insurance that reimburses  
27      an owner or operator for property damage claims by third parties other than claims for costs of  
28      corrective action.

29      **SECTION 28.** Chapter 23.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
30      as follows:

1       **23.1-13-01. Definitions.**

2       In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

3       1. "Adulterated", when used to describe any petroleum or alternative fuel product, means  
4       a petroleum or alternative fuel product that fails to meet the specifications prescribed  
5       by this chapter.

6       2. "Alternative fuel" means a fuel for an engine or vehicle, or used as heating oil, other  
7       than a petroleum-based fuel. The term includes biodiesel and green diesel as defined  
8       in section 57-43.2-01.

9       3. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

10      4. "Diesel fuel" means any petroleum product intended for use or offered for sale as a  
11      fuel for engines in which the fuel is injected into the combustion chamber and ignited  
12      by pressure without electric spark.

13      5. "Gasoline" means a refined petroleum naphtha which by its composition is suitable for  
14      use as a carburant in internal combustion engines.

15      6. "Heating oil" means any product intended for use or offered for sale as a furnace oil,  
16      range oil, or fuel oil for heating and cooking purposes to be used in burners other than  
17      wick burners regardless of whether the product is designated as furnace oil, range oil,  
18      fuel oil, gas oil, or is given any other name or designation.

19      7. "Kerosene" means a petroleum fraction which is free from water, additives, foreign or  
20      suspended matter, and is suitable for use as an illuminating oil.

21      8. "Lubricating oil" means any petroleum, or other product, used for the purpose of  
22      reducing friction, heat, or wear in automobiles, tractors, gasoline engines, diesel  
23      engines, and other machines.

24      9. "Misbranded", when used in connection with any petroleum or alternative fuel product,  
25      means a petroleum or alternative fuel product that is not labeled as required under the  
26      provisions of this chapter.

27      10. "Sell" and "sale" include the keeping, offering, or exposing for sale, transportation, or  
28      exchange of the restricted or prohibited article.

29      11. "Tractor fuel" means any product, other than gasoline or kerosene, intended for use or  
30      offered for sale as a fuel for tractors, regardless of whether the product is designated  
31      as distillate, gas oil, fuel oil, or is given any other name or designation.

1        **23.1-13-02. Department to enforce law - Regulation of petroleum products.**

2        This chapter must be enforced by the department. The department may adopt rules under  
3 chapter 28-32 for the interpretation of this chapter.

4        **23.1-13-03. Sale of adulterated and misbranded gasoline, kerosene, tractor fuel,**  
5 **heating oil, diesel fuel, or lubricating oil prohibited.**

6        A person may not sell or offer or expose for sale any kerosene, gasoline, or other petroleum  
7 product intended to be used as kerosene, gasoline, any tractor fuel, heating oil, diesel fuel, or  
8 lubricating oil that is adulterated or misbranded.

9        **23.1-13-04. Retail sale of alcohol-blended gasoline - Label requirements.**

10       A dealer may not sell at retail alcohol-blended gasoline unless the dispensing unit and any  
11 price advertising bear the name of the alcohol blended with the gasoline if the alcohol-blended  
12 gasoline consists of one percent or more by volume of any alcohol. The disclosure must be in  
13 letters at least the same size as those used for the label of the basic grade of gasoline and must  
14 be next to the gasoline grade label. A producer of alcohol-blended gasoline may provide a  
15 retailer with a label promoting the benefits of alcohol-blended gasoline, if the label at least  
16 meets the requirements of this section.

17       **23.1-13-05. Retail sale of gasoline containing methyl tertiary butyl ether - Restriction.**

18       A person may not sell, offer for sale, supply, or offer for supply gasoline that contains methyl  
19 tertiary butyl ether in quantities greater than five-tenths of one percent by volume. However, a  
20 person may ship gasoline containing methyl tertiary butyl ether within the state for disposition  
21 outside the state, including storage coincident to shipment.

22       **23.1-13-06. Retail sale of alternative fuels - Notice required.**

23       A dealer may not sell at retail alternative fuel unless the dispensing unit and price  
24 advertising contains the name and main components of the alternative fuel or alternative fuel  
25 blend. The disclosure must follow the same labeling specifications that apply for  
26 petroleum-based fuels. The department shall adopt rules under chapter 28-32 for labeling of  
27 petroleum products and alternative fuels. A producer of alternative fuels or alternative fuel  
28 blends may provide a retailer with a label promoting the benefits of the alternative fuel if the  
29 label meets the requirements of this section.

1        **23.1-13-07. Labeling gasoline containers - Gasoline pipeline.**

2        Every package, barrel, filling station pump, and every tank wagon, truck, or car containing  
3 gasoline for sale or consignment or held with intent to sell or consign the same within this state  
4 or to transport it into this state must be clearly and distinctly stamped, labeled, or tagged with  
5 the word "gasoline". Every oil station pipeline for gasoline must be painted red. The fittings upon  
6 such lines; however, may be painted other colors to designate grades. Pipelines for gasoline  
7 must be entirely separate from lines for kerosene or for any other high flash product. Every can,  
8 bucket, barrel, or other container of less than sixty gallons [227.12 liters] capacity used for  
9 storage or delivery of gasoline, benzine, or benzine products, unless the same is made of glass,  
10 must be painted bright red, and such containers may not be used for the storage or delivery of  
11 kerosene. In the case of glass containers, the contents must be designated by a red label  
12 securely pasted on or attached to the containers bearing the name of the product.

13        **23.1-13-08. Labeling kerosene - Containers - Pipeline.**

14        Every package, barrel, filling station pump, and every tank wagon, truck, or car containing  
15 kerosene for sale or consignment when held within this state or transported into this state must  
16 be clearly and distinctly stamped, labeled, or tagged with the word "kerosene". Every oil station  
17 pipeline for kerosene must be painted aluminum and must be entirely separate from lines for  
18 gasoline or other low flash products.

19        **23.1-13-09. Labeling tractor fuel.**

20        Every package, barrel, pump, and every truck, tank wagon, or car containing tractor fuel oil,  
21 other than gasoline or kerosene, for sale or consignment, when held within this state or when  
22 being transported into this state must be clearly and distinctly tagged, marked, and labeled with  
23 the legend "Tractor fuel oil, not for illuminating purposes nor wick burners". Every oil station  
24 pipeline for tractor fuel must be painted yellow and must be entirely separate from lines for  
25 kerosene or other high flash product.

26        **23.1-13-10. Labeling heating oil.**

27        Every package, barrel, pump, and every tank wagon, truck, or car containing heating oil for  
28 sale or consignment, when held within this state or when being transported into this state, must  
29 be clearly and distinctly tagged, marked, or labeled with the designation of grade established by  
30 the department. Every oil station pipeline for heating oil must be painted green.



1        **23.1-13-11. Labeling diesel fuel.**

2        Every package, barrel, pump, and every tank wagon, truck, or car containing diesel fuel for  
3 sale or consignment, when held within this state or transported into this state, must be clearly  
4 and distinctly tagged, marked, or labeled with the designation "diesel fuel" together with its  
5 cetane number and the grade established by the department. Every oil station pipeline for  
6 diesel fuel must be painted green.

7        **23.1-13-12. Specifications for petroleum products - Tests used.**

8        Specifications for gasoline, kerosene, tractor fuel, diesel oil, heating oil, lubricating oil,  
9 alternative fuels, and liquefied petroleum gases, including propane, propylene, normal butane or  
10 isobutane, and butylene, must be determined by the department and must be based upon  
11 nationally recognized standards. When so determined by the department and adopted and  
12 promulgated as regulations and orders of the department in accordance with chapter 28-32,  
13 such specifications must be the specifications for such petroleum products sold in this state and  
14 official tests of such petroleum products must be based upon test specifications so determined  
15 adopted and promulgated.

16        **23.1-13-13. How volume of heating oil determined.**

17        In case of a dispute, heating oil must be sold on the basis of the United States gallon  
18 containing two hundred thirty-one cubic inches [3785.41 milliliters] at sixty degrees Fahrenheit  
19 [15.56 degrees Celsius]. The volume of the delivered oil; however, may be calculated from its  
20 weight and gravity degrees API in accordance with the national standard petroleum oil tables  
21 prepared by the national bureau of standards.

22        **23.1-13-14. Department may prohibit sale of certain gasolines or motor fuels.**

23        The department may prohibit the sale of any "gasoline improver" or motor fuel dope, oil  
24 additive, and of any gasoline mixed or compounded with any other chemical, substance, or  
25 solution which may be detrimental to the public health, injurious to internal combustion engines,  
26 or concerning which unsubstantiated claims are made. However, it may not prohibit the sale of  
27 any material, substance, or solution that has been favorably reported on by the United States  
28 bureau of standards or by the surgeon general or bureau of public health of the United States.

29        **23.1-13-15. Sale of prohibited gasolines - Penalty.**

30        Any person violating any of the provisions of section 23.1-13-14 is guilty of a class B  
31 misdemeanor.

1       **23.1-13-16. Inspection fees.**

2       Every person licensed by the tax commissioner as a motor vehicle fuel or special fuels  
3 dealer shall pay to the tax commissioner an inspection fee of one-fortieth of one cent per gallon  
4 [3.79 liters] for every gallon [3.79 liters] of gasoline, kerosene, tractor fuel, heating oil, or diesel  
5 fuel sold or used during a calendar month except those gallons sold out of state or those  
6 gallons sold as original package sales as defined in chapters 57-43.1 and 57-43.2. The fee  
7 must accompany the monthly report required in the following section and is due no later than  
8 the twenty-fifth day of each calendar month for the preceding month. The tax commissioner  
9 shall forward all money collected under this section to the state treasurer monthly, and the state  
10 treasurer shall place the money in the general fund of the state. The tax commissioner shall  
11 make available annually a report by licensed dealer listing the number of gallons [liters] of motor  
12 vehicle fuel and special fuels upon which the inspection fee has been paid. The provisions of  
13 chapters 57-43.1 and 57-43.2 pertaining to the administration of motor vehicle fuel and special  
14 fuels taxes not in conflict with the provisions of this chapter govern the administration of the  
15 inspection fee levied by this chapter.

16       **23.1-13-17. Report to tax commissioner of petroleum products - Contents.**

17       No later than the twenty-fifth day of each calendar month, every person licensed by the tax  
18 commissioner as a motor vehicle fuel, special fuels, or liquefied petroleum wholesale dealer  
19 shall send to the tax commissioner a correct report of all purchases and sales of gasoline,  
20 kerosene, tractor fuel, heating oil, or diesel fuel during the preceding month. The report must  
21 include the same information as required in chapters 57-43.1 and 57-43.2 for motor vehicle fuel  
22 and special fuels tax collection purposes. Failure to send the report and inspection fee required  
23 by the preceding section to the tax commissioner constitutes a violation of the provisions of this  
24 chapter.

25       **23.1-13-18. Bond may be required of dealer in petroleum products.**

26       The tax commissioner may require any person licensed by the tax commissioner as a motor  
27 vehicle fuel, special fuels, or liquefied petroleum wholesale dealer to furnish a surety bond  
28 payable to the state in the sum of five hundred dollars, or twice the amount of inspection fees  
29 due for any calendar month, whichever amount is the greater, guaranteeing to the state true  
30 reports of purchases and sales of gasoline, kerosene, tractor fuel, heating oil, and diesel fuel  
31 and the payment of all inspection fees provided for in this chapter. The tax commissioner shall

1 determine the sufficiency of the bond. A single bond may cover dealing in one or all of the  
2 petroleum products mentioned in this chapter. When any inspection fee is not paid within twenty  
3 days after it has become delinquent, the person bonding the delinquent may be called upon to  
4 make good upon the bond for such delinquent fees.

5 **23.1-13-19. Department may designate ports of entry and hold cars for inspection -**  
6 **Penalty.**

7 The department may designate ports of entry of all transportation companies carrying  
8 petroleum products into this state for sale or consignment and may hold or delay any car or  
9 other vehicle of transportation entering this state carrying such products for sale or consignment  
10 until samples thereof have been obtained for inspection and analysis and until any other  
11 required information regarding the products contained in the shipment has been secured. The  
12 department may not hold or delay any shipment or consignment of petroleum products at the  
13 port of entry if the transportation company carrying such products will permit proper inspection  
14 and sampling of shipments or consignments at convenient designated points without the state,  
15 and will permit the inspection of transportation records and provide adequate information  
16 regarding the records of cars or other vehicles carrying such products at division points or at  
17 other places within or without the state where such cars or other vehicles, in normal practice,  
18 are stopped and held for switching and rearrangement or where ample opportunity is provided  
19 for proper inspection and sampling. The failure on the part of a transportation company or any  
20 of its officers or employees to hold car or other vehicle of transportation for inspection is a  
21 class B misdemeanor.

22 **23.1-13-20. Penalties.**

23 A person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, or with any  
24 rule issued under this chapter, is, unless another penalty is specifically provided, guilty of a  
25 class B misdemeanor.

26 **SECTION 29.** Chapter 23.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
27 as follows:

28 **23.1-14-01. Administration.**

29 The department of environmental quality shall administer this chapter.

30 **23.1-14-02. Definitions.**

31 In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- 1       1. "Antifreeze" means any substance or preparation sold, distributed, or intended for use  
2       as the cooling liquid, or to be added to the cooling liquid, in the cooling system of  
3       internal combustion engines to prevent freezing of the cooling liquid, to lower its  
4       freezing point, or to raise its boiling point.
- 5       2. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 6       3. "Distribute" means to hold with intent to sell to the consumer, offer for sale, to sell,  
7       barter, or otherwise supply.
- 8       4. "Label" means any display of written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, a  
9       package or the outside individual container or wrapper of the package.
- 10      5. "Package" means a sealed retail package, drum, or other container in which antifreeze  
11      is distributed to the consumer or a container holding no more than fifty-five gallons  
12      [208.20 liters] from which the antifreeze is directly installed in the cooling system by  
13      seller or reseller.

14       **23.1-14-03. Registration - Penalty.**

15       Before antifreeze may be distributed in this state, the manufacturer or person whose name  
16       appears on the label shall apply to the department on forms provided by the department for  
17       registration for each antifreeze the manufacturer or person whose name appears on the label  
18       desires to distribute. All registrations expire on June thirtieth of each year. The application for  
19       registration must be accompanied by an inspection fee of forty dollars for each product, and by  
20       a label or other printed matter describing the product. Upon approval by the department, a copy  
21       of the registration must be furnished to the applicant. The department shall remit inspection fees  
22       received by the department to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund. A penalty  
23       of fifty percent of the registration fee must be imposed if the certificate of registration is not  
24       applied for on or before July first of each year or within the same month such antifreeze is first  
25       manufactured or sold within this state.

26       **23.1-14-04. Adulteration.**

27       Antifreeze is adulterated:

- 28      1. If, in the form in which it is sold and directed to be used, it would be injurious to the  
29      cooling system of an internal combustion engine, or if, when used in the cooling  
30      system of such an engine, it would make the operation of the engine dangerous to the  
31      user; or

- 1       2. If its strength, quality, or purity falls below the standard of strength, quality, or purity  
2           under which it is sold or offered for sale.

3       **23.1-14-05. Misbranding.**

4       Antifreeze is misbranded:

- 5       1. If it does not bear a label which specifically identifies the product, states the name and  
6           place of business of the registrant, states the net quantity of contents in terms of liquid  
7           measure separately and accurately in a uniform location under the principal display  
8           panel, and contains a statement warning of any hazard of substantial injury to human  
9           beings which may result from the intended use or reasonably foreseeable misuse of  
10          the antifreeze;
- 11       2. If the product is to be diluted with another substance for use and its labeling does not  
12          contain a statement or chart showing appropriate amounts of each substance to be  
13          used to provide protection from freezing at various degrees of temperature;
- 14       3. If the labeling contains a corrosion protection claim and does not include a statement  
15          of the amount to be used to provide such protection;
- 16       4. If its labeling contains any claim that it has been approved or recommended by the  
17          department; or
- 18       5. If its labeling is false, deceptive, misleading, or is illegal under any law.

19       **23.1-14-06. Rules and regulations.**

20       The department may adopt reasonable rules and standards under chapter 28-32 as  
21       necessary to administer this chapter.

22       **23.1-14-07. Inspection, sampling, and analysis.**

23       The department may, at reasonable hours, enter, inspect, and examine all places and  
24       property where antifreeze is stored or distributed for the purpose of taking reasonable samples  
25       of antifreeze for analysis together with specimens of labeling. The department shall examine  
26       promptly all samples received in connection with the administration and enforcement of this  
27       chapter and report the results to the owner and the registrant of the antifreeze.

28       **23.1-14-08. Prohibited acts.**

29       It is unlawful to:

- 30       1. Distribute any antifreeze that has not been registered under this chapter or for which  
31          the label is different from that accepted for registration.

- 1       2. Distribute any antifreeze that is adulterated or misbranded.
- 2       3. Refuse to permit entry or inspection or refuse to permit the acquisition of a sample of
- 3       any antifreeze under this chapter.
- 4       4. Dispose of any antifreeze under "withdrawal from distribution" order under this
- 5       chapter, except as provided in this chapter.
- 6       5. Distribute any antifreeze unless it is in the registrant's or manufacturer's package,
- 7       except a distributor may obtain written authorization from the department annually to
- 8       distribute antifreeze in bulk using a container supplied by the customer, provided the
- 9       distributor attaches to the container a label bearing all of the information required by
- 10       this chapter.
- 11      6. Use the term "ethylene glycol" on the label of a product which contains other glycols
- 12       unless it is qualified by the word "base", "type", or wording of similar import and unless
- 13       the product contains a minimum ethylene glycol content of seventy-five percent by
- 14       regulation weight and a minimum total glycol content of ninety-three percent by weight.
- 15       The product also must have a corrected specific gravity to give reliable freezing point
- 16       readings on a commercial ethylene glycol type hydrometer and a freezing point, when
- 17       mixed with an equal volume of water, of thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit [53.33 degrees
- 18       Celsius] below zero or lower.

19       **23.1-14-09. Enforcement.**

20       When the department finds any antifreeze being distributed in violation of this chapter or  
21       any rules adopted under this chapter, it may issue and enforce a written or printed "withdrawal  
22       from distribution" order, warning the distributor not to dispose of any of the lot of antifreeze in  
23       any manner until written permission is given by the department or a court of competent  
24       jurisdiction. Copies of the order must also be sent by registered or certified mail to the registrant  
25       or to the person whose name and address appear on the label of the antifreeze. The  
26       department shall release for distribution the lot of antifreeze so withdrawn upon compliance with  
27       applicable rules, or for return to the registrant or the person whose name and address appears  
28       on the label for reprocessing or relabeling as may be required. If compliance is not obtained  
29       within thirty days, the department may begin proceedings for condemnation. Any lot of  
30       antifreeze not in compliance with the law is subject to seizure upon complaint of the department  
31       in the district court of the county in which it is located or in the district court of Burleigh County.

1        **23.1-14-10. Submission of formula.**

2        The department may require an applicant for registration to furnish a statement of the  
3 formula of the applicant's antifreeze, unless the applicant can furnish other satisfactory  
4 evidence that the antifreeze is not adulterated or misbranded. The statement need not include  
5 inhibitor or other ingredients that total less than five percent by weight of the antifreeze. All  
6 statements of formula and other trade secrets furnished under this section are privileged and  
7 confidential and may not be made public or open to the inspection of any persons other than the  
8 department. No statement is subject to subpoena. Nor may a statement be exhibited or  
9 disclosed before any administrative or judicial tribunal by virtue of any order or subpoena of  
10 such tribunal without the consent of the applicant furnishing the statement to the department.

11        **23.1-14-11. Penalty.**

12        Any person that violates or fails to comply with this chapter, for which another penalty has  
13 not been specifically provided, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

14        **23.1-14-12. Prosecutions - State's attorney.**

15        Each state's attorney to whom the department reports any violation of this chapter shall  
16 institute appropriate proceedings in court without delay. However, nothing in this chapter may be  
17 construed as requiring the department to report minor violations for the institution of  
18 proceedings under this chapter whenever it believes the public interest will be served  
19 adequately by suitable written notice or warning.

20        **23.1-14-13. Injunction proceedings.**

21        In addition to other remedies, the department may apply to the district court of Burleigh  
22 County for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating a  
23 provision of this chapter regardless of whether there exists an adequate remedy at law, and  
24 appropriate costs must be taxed by the court for all expenses to the department for the  
25 injunctive proceedings.

26        **23.1-14-14. Reports by department.**

27        Except as otherwise provided, the department may publish reports of any analyses,  
28 inspections, or research done under this chapter for the information of the public.

29        **SECTION 30.** Chapter 23.1-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
30 as follows:

1       **23.1-15-01. Definitions.**

2       For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 3       1. "Abandoned motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as defined in section 39-01-01,  
4       that has remained for a period of more than forty-eight hours on public property  
5       illegally or lacking vital component parts, or has remained for a period of more than  
6       forty-eight hours on private property without consent of the person in control of the  
7       property or in an inoperable condition such that it has no substantial potential further  
8       use consistent with its usual functions, unless it is kept in an enclosed garage or  
9       storage building. It also means a motor vehicle voluntarily surrendered by its owner to  
10       a person duly licensed under section 23.1-15-09. An antique automobile, as defined in  
11       section 39-04-10.4, and other motor vehicles to include parts car and special interest  
12       vehicles, may not be considered an abandoned motor vehicle within the meaning of  
13       this chapter.
- 14       2. "Collector" means the owner of one or more special interest vehicles that collects,  
15       purchases, acquires, trades, or disposes of special interest vehicles or parts of special  
16       interest vehicles for the person's own use in order to restore, preserve, and maintain a  
17       special interest vehicle or antique vehicle.
- 18       3. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.
- 19       4. "Parts car" means a motor vehicle generally in nonoperable condition which is owned  
20       by the collector to furnish parts to restore, preserve, and maintain a special interest  
21       vehicle or antique vehicle.
- 22       5. "Special interest vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least twenty years old and  
23       has not been altered or modified from original manufacturer's specifications and,  
24       because of its historic interest, is being preserved by hobbyists.
- 25       6. "Unit of government" includes a state department or agency, a county, city, township,  
26       or other political subdivision.
- 27       7. "Vital component parts" means those parts of a motor vehicle that are essential to the  
28       mechanical functioning of the vehicle, including, but not limited to, the motor, drive  
29       train, and wheels.



1        **23.1-15-02. Penalty for abandoning a motor vehicle.**

2        Any person that abandons a motor vehicle on any public or private property, without the  
3 consent of the person in control of the property, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

4        **23.1-15-03. Custody of abandoned vehicle.**

5        Units of government may take into custody and impound an abandoned motor vehicle.

6        **23.1-15-04. Conditions under which an abandoned vehicle may be sold immediately.**

7        When an abandoned motor vehicle is more than seven model years of age, is lacking vital  
8 component parts, and does not display a license plate currently valid in North Dakota or any  
9 other state or foreign country, it is immediately eligible for disposition and must be disposed of  
10 to a scrap iron processor licensed under section 23.1-15-09, and is not subject to the  
11 notification, reclamation, or title provisions of this chapter. Any license plate displayed on an  
12 abandoned vehicle must be removed and destroyed prior to the purchaser taking possession of  
13 the vehicle.

14       **23.1-15-05. Notice to owner of abandoned vehicle.**

- 15       1. When an abandoned motor vehicle does not fall within the provisions of section  
16 23.1-15-04, the unit of government taking it into custody shall give notice of the taking  
17 within ten days. The notice must set forth the date and place of the taking, the year,  
18 make, model, and serial number of the abandoned motor vehicle, and the place where  
19 the vehicle is being held, must inform the owner and any lienholders or secured  
20 parties of their right to reclaim the vehicle under section 23.1-15-06, and must state  
21 that failure of the owner or lienholders or secured parties to exercise their right to  
22 reclaim the vehicle is deemed a waiver by them of all right, title, and interest in the  
23 vehicle and a consent to the sale of the vehicle at a public auction pursuant to section  
24 23.1-15-07.
- 25       2. The notice must be sent by mail to the registered owner, if any, of the abandoned  
26 motor vehicle and to all readily identifiable lienholders or secured parties of record. If it  
27 is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity and address of the  
28 registered owner and all lienholders, the notice must be published once in a  
29 newspaper of general circulation in the area where the motor vehicle was abandoned.  
30 Published notices may be grouped together for convenience and economy.

1        **23.1-15-06. Right of owner to reclaim abandoned vehicle.**

- 2        1. The owner, secured parties, or any lienholder of an abandoned motor vehicle has a  
3        right to reclaim such vehicle from the unit of government taking it into custody upon  
4        payment of all towing and storage charges resulting from taking the vehicle into  
5        custody within fifteen days after the date of the notice required by section 23.1-15-05.  
6        2. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to impair any lien of a garagekeeper under  
7        the laws of this state or the right of a lienholder or secured parties to foreclose. For the  
8        purposes of this section, "garagekeeper" is an operator of a parking place or  
9        establishment, an operator of a motor vehicle storage facility, or an operator of an  
10       establishment for the servicing, repair, or maintenance of motor vehicles.

11       **23.1-15-07. Public sale - Disposition of proceeds.**

- 12       1. An abandoned motor vehicle not more than seven model years of age taken into  
13       custody and not reclaimed under section 23.1-15-06 must be sold to the highest  
14       bidder at public auction or sale, following reasonable published notice. The purchaser  
15       must be given a receipt in a form prescribed by the department which is sufficient title  
16       to dispose of the vehicle. The receipt also entitles the purchaser to register the vehicle  
17       and receive a certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership. The  
18       license plates displayed on an abandoned vehicle must be removed and destroyed  
19       prior to the purchaser taking possession of the vehicle.  
20       2. From the proceeds of the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle, the unit of government  
21       shall reimburse itself for the cost of towing, preserving, and storing the vehicle, and all  
22       notice and publication costs incurred pursuant to this chapter. Any remainder from the  
23       proceeds of a sale must be held for the owner of the vehicle or entitled lienholder or  
24       secured parties for ninety days and then must be deposited in the state treasury as  
25       provided in section 1 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota and credited to  
26       the permanent school fund.

27       **23.1-15-08. Disposal of vehicles not sold.**

- 28       When no bid has been received for an abandoned motor vehicle, the unit of government  
29       may dispose of it pursuant to contract under section 23.1-15-09.

1       **23.1-15-09. Contracts for disposal - Issuance of licenses by department of**  
2 **environmental quality - Reimbursement of units of government for costs.**

- 3       1. A unit of government may contract with any qualified licensed scrap iron processor for  
4 collection, storage, incineration, volume reduction, transportation, or other services  
5 necessary to prepare abandoned motor vehicles and other scrap metal for recycling or  
6 other methods of disposal. The contract may authorize the contracting scrap iron  
7 processor to pay to the owner of any abandoned motor vehicle an incentive payment  
8 for vehicle if it is voluntarily surrendered and delivered to the scrap iron processor. For  
9 purposes of this section, an owner of an abandoned motor vehicle includes only a  
10 person that has owned and operated the vehicle for the person's personal or business  
11 use.
- 12       2. The department may issue a license to any qualified scrap iron processor desiring to  
13 participate in a contract under this section that meets the requirements for solid waste  
14 disposers established by the department.
- 15       3. When a unit of government enters a contract with a scrap iron processor duly licensed  
16 by the department, the department may review the contract to determine whether it  
17 conforms to the department's plan for solid waste disposal. A contract that does  
18 conform may be approved by the department. When a contract has been approved,  
19 the department may reimburse the unit of government for the costs incurred under the  
20 contract, including incentive payments authorized and made under the contract,  
21 subject to the limitations of legislative appropriations.
- 22       4. The department may demand that a unit of government contract for the disposal of  
23 abandoned motor vehicles and other scrap metal under the department's plan for solid  
24 waste disposal. When the unit of government fails to contract within one hundred  
25 eighty days of the demand, the department, on behalf of the unit of government, may  
26 contract with any scrap iron processor duly licensed by the department for such  
27 disposal.

28       **23.1-15-10. Abandoned motor vehicle disposal fund.**

29       The abandoned motor vehicle disposal fund is established in the state treasury. All moneys  
30 derived from the investment of the fund are to be credited to the fund.

1        **23.1-15-11. Tax on initial motor vehicle certificates of title.**

2        A tax of one dollar and fifty cents is imposed on each initial North Dakota certificate of title  
3 issued to a passenger motor vehicle or a truck motor vehicle. The proceeds of the tax must be  
4 paid into the abandoned motor vehicle disposal fund. No registration plates or title certificate  
5 may be issued unless the tax is paid. Expenses of the fund arising under this chapter must be  
6 paid from the fund within the limits of legislative appropriation. If, on the first day of July in any  
7 year, the amount of uncommitted money in the abandoned motor vehicle disposal fund is two  
8 hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, the amount in excess of two hundred fifty thousand  
9 dollars must be transferred to the highway fund.

10       **23.1-15-12. Storage of vehicles by collector - Limitations.**

11       A collector may store unlicensed, operable or inoperable, vehicles and parts cars on the  
12 collector's property provided the vehicles and parts cars and the outdoor storage area are  
13 maintained so they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from ordinary public  
14 view by means of a fence, trees, shrubbery, or other appropriate means.

15       **SECTION 31. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-03-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17       **24-03-23. Encroachments on state highways.**

18       No part of the right of way for state highways may be encroached upon by erection thereon  
19 of any structure, or placing thereon any personal property, other than a temporary parking of a  
20 motor vehicle, without a written permit from the director. Any encroachment may be caused to  
21 be removed, obliterated, or corrected by order of the director and the total cost thereof must be  
22 paid by the person responsible for the encroachment. Property other than motor vehicles left  
23 upon highway right of way for a period exceeding seventy-two hours, the ownership of which  
24 cannot be determined after reasonable effort has been made to do so, must be deemed  
25 abandoned and may be removed from the right of way and stored at the nearest site available  
26 for thirty days and if it is not claimed by the owner during such period, and the cost of removal  
27 and storage paid, it may be disposed of in the manner prescribed by the director. Abandoned  
28 motor vehicles are subject to the provisions of ~~sections 39-26-01 through 39-26-11~~chapter  
29 23.1-15. If such property is disposed of it must, except as otherwise provided by this section, be  
30 sold or disposed of in the manner provided in ~~sections 39-26-05 through 39-26-09~~chapter

1 ~~23.1-15~~. The receipts therefrom must be deposited in the state treasury as provided in section 1  
2 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota and credited to the permanent school fund.

3 **SECTION 32. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 28-32-50 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 5. In any civil judicial proceeding involving adverse parties to an appeal or enforcement  
6 action involving an environmental permit issued under chapter ~~23-20.3, 23-25,~~  
7 ~~23-29~~23.1-04, 23.1-06, 23.1-08, or 61-28 in which two or more of the adverse parties  
8 are not an administrative agency or an agent of an administrative agency, the court  
9 may award the prevailing nonagency party reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the  
10 court finds in favor of that party and determines that the nonprevailing nonagency  
11 party acted without substantial justification, or on the basis of claims or allegations that  
12 are factually unsupported. The court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and costs  
13 if the court determines that the nonprevailing nonagency party's claims or allegations  
14 are frivolous as provided in section 28-26-01. If the appeal or civil judicial proceeding  
15 covered by this subsection involves multiple claims or allegations, the court may  
16 apportion attorney's fees and costs in proportion to the time reasonably spent by a  
17 prevailing party relating to claims pursued by the nonprevailing party that were  
18 frivolous, factually unsupported, or without substantial justification.

19 **SECTION 33. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **38-08-04.5. Abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund - Budget**  
22 **section report.**

23 There is hereby created an abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund.

- 24 1. Revenue to the fund must include:
- 25 a. Fees collected by the oil and gas division of the industrial commission for permits  
26 or other services.
  - 27 b. Moneys received from the forfeiture of drilling and reclamation bonds.
  - 28 c. Moneys received from any federal agency for the purpose of this section.
  - 29 d. Moneys donated to the commission for the purposes of this section.
  - 30 e. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas impact fund.
  - 31 f. Moneys recovered under the provisions of section 38-08-04.8.

- 1           g. Moneys recovered from the sale of equipment and oil confiscated under section  
2           38-08-04.9.
- 3           h. Moneys transferred from the cash bond fund under section 38-08-04.11.
- 4           i. Such other moneys as may be deposited in the fund for use in carrying out the  
5           purposes of plugging or replugging of wells or the restoration of well sites.
- 6           j. Civil penalties assessed under section 38-08-16.
- 7        2. Moneys in the fund may be used for the following purposes:
- 8           a. Contracting for the plugging of abandoned wells.
- 9           b. Contracting for the reclamation of abandoned drilling and production sites,  
10          saltwater disposal pits, drilling fluid pits, and access roads.
- 11          c. To pay mineral owners their royalty share in confiscated oil.
- 12          d. Defraying costs incurred under section 38-08-04.4 in reclamation of oil and  
13          gas-related pipelines and associated facilities.
- 14          e. Reclamation and restoration of land and water resources impacted by oil and gas  
15          development, including related pipelines and facilities that were abandoned or  
16          were left in an inadequate reclamation status before August 1, 1983, and for  
17          which there is not any continuing reclamation responsibility under state law. Land  
18          and water degraded by any willful act of the current or any former surface owner  
19          are not eligible for reclamation or restoration. The commission may expend up to  
20          one million five hundred thousand dollars per biennium from the fund in the  
21          following priority:
- 22           (1) For the restoration of eligible land and water that are degraded by the  
23           adverse effects of oil and gas development including related pipelines and  
24           facilities.
- 25           (2) For the development of publicly owned land adversely affected by oil and  
26           gas development including related pipelines and facilities.
- 27           (3) For administrative expenses and cost in developing an abandoned site  
28           reclamation plan and the program.
- 29           (4) Demonstration projects for the development of reclamation and water  
30           quality control program methods and techniques for oil and gas  
31           development, including related pipelines and facilities.

1 f. For transfer by the office of management and budget, upon request of the  
2 industrial commission, to the environmental quality restoration fund for use by the  
3 ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality for the purposes  
4 provided under chapter ~~23-31~~23.1-10, if to address environmental emergencies  
5 relating to oil and natural gas development, including the disposal of oilfield  
6 waste and oil or natural gas production and transportation by rail, road, or  
7 pipeline. If a transfer requested by the industrial commission has been made  
8 under this subdivision, the ~~state department of health~~department of  
9 environmental quality shall request the office of management and budget to  
10 transfer from subsequent deposits in the environmental quality restoration fund  
11 an amount sufficient to restore the amount transferred from the abandoned oil  
12 and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund.

13 3. This fund must be maintained as a special fund and all moneys transferred into the  
14 fund are appropriated and must be used and disbursed solely for the purposes in this  
15 section.

16 4. The commission shall report to the budget section of the legislative management on  
17 the balance of the fund and expenditures from the fund each biennium.

18 **SECTION 34. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-11.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **38-11.1-03.1. Inspection of well site.**

21 Upon request of the surface owner or adjacent landowner, the ~~state department of~~  
22 ~~health~~department of environmental quality shall inspect and monitor the well site on the surface  
23 owner's land for the presence of hydrogen sulfide. If the presence of hydrogen sulfide is  
24 indicated, the state department of health shall issue appropriate orders under chapter  
25 ~~23-25~~23.1-06 to protect the health and safety of the surface owner's health, welfare, and  
26 property.

27 **SECTION 35. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-11.1-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29 **38-11.1-04.1. Notice of operations.**

30 1. Before the initial entry upon the land for activities that do not disturb the surface,  
31 including inspections, staking, surveys, measurements, and general evaluation of

- 1 proposed routes and sites for oil and gas drilling operations, the mineral developer  
2 shall provide at least seven days' notice by registered mail or hand delivery to the  
3 surface owner unless waived by mutual agreement of both parties. The notice must  
4 include:
- 5 a. The name, address, telephone number, and, if available, the electronic mail  
6 address of the mineral developer or the mineral developer's designee;
  - 7 b. An offer to discuss and agree to consider accommodating any proposed changes  
8 to the proposed plan of work and oil and gas operations before commencement  
9 of oil and gas operations; and
  - 10 c. A sketch of the approximate location of the proposed drilling site.
- 11 2. Except for exploration activities governed by chapter 38-08.1, the mineral developer  
12 shall give the surface owner written notice by registered mail or hand delivery of the oil  
13 and gas drilling operations contemplated at least twenty days before commencement  
14 of drilling operations unless mutually waived by agreement of both parties. If the  
15 mineral developer plans to commence drilling operations within twenty days of the  
16 termination date of the mineral lease, the required notice under this section may be  
17 given at any time before commencement of drilling operations. The notice must  
18 include:
- 19 a. Sufficient disclosure of the plan of work and operations to enable the surface  
20 owner to evaluate the effect of drilling operations on the surface owner's use of  
21 the property;
  - 22 b. A plat map showing the location of the proposed well; and
  - 23 c. A form prepared by the director of the oil and gas division advising the surface  
24 owner of the surface owner's rights and options under this chapter, including the  
25 right to request the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental  
26 quality to inspect and monitor the well site for the presence of hydrogen sulfide.
- 27 3. The notice required by this section must be given to the surface owner at the address  
28 shown by the records of the county treasurer's office at the time the notice is given  
29 and is deemed to have been received seven days after mailing by registered mail or  
30 immediately upon hand delivery.



1           4.    If a mineral developer fails to give notice as provided in this section, the surface owner  
2                    may seek appropriate relief in the court of proper jurisdiction and may receive punitive  
3                    as well as actual damages.

4           **SECTION 36. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-11.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6           **38-11.2-02. Inspection of well site.**

7           Upon request of another state agency, the surface owner, or an adjacent landowner, the  
8 ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality shall conduct a site visit and  
9 evaluate site-specific environmental data as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable  
10 environmental protection laws and regulations relating to air, water, and land management  
11 under the jurisdiction of the department.

12          **SECTION 37. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 12 of section 38-14.1-03 of the North Dakota  
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14          12.    To ~~promulgate regulations~~adopt rules consistent with state law, in consultation with the  
15                   state geologist, ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality, and  
16                   the state engineer for the protection of the quality and quantity of waters affected by  
17                   surface coal mining operations.

18          **SECTION 38. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 38-14.1-21 of the North Dakota  
19 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20          2.    The commission's approval or modification of the permit or permit revision application  
21                   must include consideration of the advice and technical assistance of the state  
22                   historical society, the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality,  
23                   the state soil conservation committee, the state game and fish department, the state  
24                   forester, the state geologist, and the state engineer, and may also include those state  
25                   agencies versed in soils, agronomy, ecology, geology, and hydrology, and other  
26                   agencies and individuals experienced in reclaiming surface mined lands.

27          **SECTION 39. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-22-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29          **38-22-07. Permit consultation.**

30          Before issuing a permit, the commission shall consult the ~~state department of~~  
31 ~~health~~department of environmental quality.

1       **SECTION 40. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-22-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **38-22-12. Environmental protection - Reservoir integrity.**

- 4       1. The commission shall take action to ensure that a storage facility does not cause  
5 pollution or create a nuisance. For the purposes of this provision and in applying other  
6 laws, carbon dioxide stored, and which remains in storage under a commission permit,  
7 is not a pollutant nor does it constitute a nuisance.
- 8       2. The commission's authority in subsection 1 does not limit the jurisdiction held by the  
9 ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality. Nothing else in this  
10 chapter limits the jurisdiction held by the ~~state department of health~~department of  
11 environmental quality.
- 12       3. The commission shall take action to ensure that substances that compromise the  
13 objectives of this chapter or the integrity of a storage reservoir do not enter a storage  
14 reservoir.
- 15       4. The commission shall take action to ensure that carbon dioxide does not escape from  
16 a storage facility.

17       **SECTION 41. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-47-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19       **40-47-01. Cities may zone - Application of regulations.**

20       For the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, or the general welfare of the  
21 community, the governing body of any city may, subject to the provisions of chapter 54-21.3,  
22 regulate and restrict the height, number of stories, and the size of buildings and other  
23 structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts, and other open  
24 spaces, the density of population, and the location and use of buildings, structures, and land for  
25 trade, industry, residence, or other purposes. Such regulations may provide that a board of  
26 adjustment may determine and vary the application of the regulations in harmony with their  
27 general purpose and intent and in accordance with general or specific rules therein contained.  
28 The governing body of a city may establish institutional controls that address environmental  
29 concerns with the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality as provided in  
30 section ~~23-20-3-03.1~~23.1-04-04.

1       **SECTION 42. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **43-18-02. State board of plumbing - Members - Appointment - Qualifications.**

4       The state board of plumbing shall consist of the chief sanitary engineer, or the ~~head of any~~  
5 ~~division of the state department of health who may be named by the chief sanitary engineer to~~  
6 ~~act in the chief sanitary engineer's stead~~director of the department of environmental quality, and  
7 four persons appointed by the governor. All of the appointed members must have been  
8 residents of this state for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment, and one  
9 of them must be a master plumber with at least five years of experience in North Dakota, one  
10 must be a journeyman plumber with at least five years of experience in North Dakota, one must  
11 be a registered professional engineer practicing mechanical engineering in North Dakota, and  
12 one must be a representative of the consuming public.

13       **SECTION 43. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15       **43-18-09. Board to adopt plumbing code - Provisions have force of law.**

16       The board shall formulate, prepare, and circulate among all plumbers within this state a  
17 state plumbing code, which must contain the minimum basic standards for plumbing, drainage,  
18 and ventilation of plumbing in buildings of all classes. Such code must be approved by the ~~state~~  
19 ~~department of health~~department of environmental quality. The provisions of said code have the  
20 force and effect of law and any violation thereof constitutes a violation of this chapter.

21       **SECTION 44. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-35-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23       **43-35-03. State board of water well contractors - Members' appointment -**  
24 **Qualification.**

25       The state board of water well contractors consists of the state engineer and the ~~state health-~~  
26 ~~officer~~director of the department of environmental quality, or their duly authorized designees,  
27 two water well contractors appointed by the governor, one geothermal system driller appointed  
28 by the governor, one water well pump and pitless unit installer appointed by the governor, and  
29 one member appointed at large by the governor.

30       **SECTION 45. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-35-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **43-35-19. Standards for well drilling - Reports required.**

2       All construction of water wells must comply with the rules adopted by the ~~state department~~  
3 ~~of health~~department of environmental quality. Within thirty days after the completion of each  
4 well, each water well contractor shall furnish to the board on forms provided by the board  
5 ~~such any~~ information as ~~the state department of health shall require~~required by the department  
6 of environmental quality, including a log of formations penetrated, well depth, and casing size  
7 and weight. A copy of each report also must ~~also~~ be furnished to the customer. All information  
8 submitted must remain the property of the board.

9       **SECTION 46. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-35-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11       **43-35-19.1. Standards for installation of water well pumps and pitless units.**

12       All installation of water well pumps and pitless units must comply with the rules adopted by  
13 ~~the state department of health~~department of environmental quality and the board.

14       **SECTION 47. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-35-19.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16       **43-35-19.2. Standards for installation of monitoring wells - Reports required.**

17       All monitoring wells constructed must comply with the rules adopted by the ~~state~~  
18 ~~department of health~~department of environmental quality and the board. Each monitoring well  
19 contractor shall furnish all reports required by the rules of the ~~state department of~~  
20 ~~health~~department of environmental quality or the board.

21       **SECTION 48. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-35-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23       **43-35-20. Revocation or suspension of certificate - Grounds for - How reinstated.**

24       The board may suspend or revoke any certificate issued under ~~the provisions of this~~  
25 chapter if the holder is found guilty by the board of any violation of the rules adopted by the  
26 ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality or the board after a hearing ~~duly~~  
27 held substantially in conformance with chapter 28-32. Six months after any certificate has been  
28 revoked, an application may be made for another certificate in the same manner as a new  
29 certificate is obtained.

30       **SECTION 49. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **43-35-23. Continuing education - Preapproval requirements.**

2           Each certificate holder shall earn at least six hours of board-approved continuing education  
3 during every two-year reporting cycle to qualify for certificate renewal, except a new certificate  
4 holder is not required to earn continuing education until the second renewal year following initial  
5 certification. Continuing education coursework may be provided by the national ground water  
6 association, the North Dakota well drillers association, incorporated, a board-sponsored  
7 workshop, the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality, the state water  
8 commission, or by any board-approved course provider. A continuing education course must be  
9 preapproved by the board unless otherwise provided under this section. A continuing education  
10 course provider or a certificate holder shall request preapproval of continuing education  
11 coursework by submitting to the board a course outline, the instructor's name, the length of the  
12 training, and an explanation of how the training relates to the construction and service of water  
13 wells. A certificate holder may request approval of education that was not preapproved by  
14 submitting to the board verification of attendance, a course outline, and an explanation of why  
15 preapproval was not obtained. The board shall determine on a case-by-case basis whether to  
16 approve education that was not preapproved.

17           **SECTION 50. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 11 of section 43-48-03 of the North Dakota  
18 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

19           11. Personnel of the division of laboratory services of the state department of health or  
20           department of environmental quality who are participating in the centers for disease  
21           control and prevention's chemical terrorism toxic metals determination program.

22           ~~**SECTION 53. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 43-62-03 of the North Dakota~~  
23           ~~Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows: —~~

24           ~~6. A limited x-ray machine operator who meets the requirements of rules adopted by the~~  
25           ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality under section  
26           ~~23-20.1-04~~23-1-03-04.

27           **SECTION 51. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-62-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29           **43-62-01. Definitions.**

30           1. "Board" means the North Dakota medical imaging and radiation therapy board ~~of~~  
31           ~~examiners.~~

- 1       2. "Certification organization" means a national certification organization that specializes  
2       in the certification and registration of ~~certification of~~ medical imaging and radiation  
3       therapy technical personnel and which has programs accredited by the national  
4       commission for certifying agencies, American national standards institute or the  
5       international organization for standardization, or other accreditation organization  
6       recognized by the board.
- 7       3. "Licensed practitioner" means a licensed physician, advanced practice registered  
8       nurse, surgeon, chiropractor, dentist, or podiatrist.
- 9       4. "Licensee" means an individual licensed by the board to perform medical imaging or  
10       radiation therapy procedures and operate medical imaging or radiation therapy  
11       equipment, including a nuclear medicine technologist, radiation therapist,  
12       radiographer, radiologist assistant, x-ray operator, or sonographer.
- 13       5. "Medical imaging" means the performance of any diagnostic or interventional  
14       procedure or operation of medical imaging equipment intended for use in the  
15       diagnosis or visualization of disease or other medical conditions in human beings,  
16       including fluoroscopy, nuclear medicine, sonography, or x-rays.
- 17       6. "Medical physicist" means an individual who is certified by the American board of  
18       radiology, American board of medical physics, American board of science in nuclear  
19       medicine, or Canadian college of physics in medicine in radiological physics or one of  
20       the subspecialties of radiological physics.
- 21       7. "Radiation therapy" means the performance of any procedure or operation of radiation  
22       therapy equipment intended for use in the treatment of disease or other medical  
23       conditions in human beings.
- 24       8. "Radiation therapist" means a nonphysician licensed by the board to perform radiation  
25       therapy procedures and operate radiation therapy equipment.

26       **SECTION 52. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-62-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27       amended and reenacted as follows:

28       **43-62-03. Exemptions.**

29       This chapter does not apply to the following:

- 30       1. A licensed practitioner performing medical imaging or radiation therapy.
- 31       2. A dental assistant or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 43-20.

- 1       3. A student enrolled in and attending a school or college of medicine, medical imaging,  
2       or radiation therapy who performs medical imaging or radiation therapy procedures on  
3       humans while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or a radiographer,  
4       radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologist assistant, or  
5       sonographer holding a license in the medical imaging or radiation therapy modality  
6       which the student is enrolled or attending under this chapter.
- 7       4. An individual administering medical imaging or radiation procedures and who is  
8       employed by the United States government when performing duties associated with  
9       that employment.
- 10      5. A nurse licensed under chapter 43-12.1 who performs sonography on a focused  
11      imaging target to assess specific and limited information about a patient's immediate  
12      medical condition or to provide real-time visual guidance for another procedure.
- 13      6. ~~A limited x-ray machine operator who meets the requirements of rules adopted by the~~  
14      ~~state department of health under section 23-20.1-04.~~
- 15      ~~7.~~ Medical imaging performed as a part of a post-mortem examination or on other  
16      nonliving remains.
- 17      ~~8.7.~~ Medical imaging performed by emergency medical services personnel certified or  
18      licensed under section 23-27-04.3.

19       **SECTION 53. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-62-15 of the North Dakota  
20 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 21      1. The board shall establish licensure standards for the following medical imaging and  
22      radiation therapy modalities:
  - 23      a. Nuclear medicine technologist.
  - 24      b. Radiation therapist.
  - 25      c. Radiographer.
  - 26      d. Radiologist assistant.
  - 27      e. Sonographer.
  - 28      f. X-ray operator.

29       **SECTION 54. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 44-04-18.4 of the North Dakota  
30 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1           3. This section does not limit or otherwise affect a record pertaining to any rule of the  
2           state department of health or department of environmental quality or to any record  
3           pertaining to the application for a permit or license necessary to do business or to  
4           expand business operations within this state, except as otherwise provided by law.

5           **SECTION 55. AMENDMENT.** Section 44-04-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6           amended and reenacted as follows:

7           **44-04-32. Animal feeding operation record requests.**

8           The ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality shall keep a written  
9           record of each individual who requests information and the type of information requested  
10          regarding an animal feeding operation permit. Within seven business days of receiving the  
11          request, the department shall provide written notice to the owner and operator of the animal  
12          feeding operation describing the type of information that has been requested and the name and  
13          address of the requester. If an individual makes inquiries on more than three files in any one  
14          request, the department shall charge the individual a fee sufficient to cover the cost of mailing  
15          the notice to the owners and operators whose files are being examined and a fee for copying  
16          the records as allowed under section 44-04-18.

17          **SECTION 56.** Subdivision v of subsection 1 of section 54-06-04 the North Dakota Century  
18          Code is created and enacted as follows:

19                 v. Department of environmental quality.

20          **SECTION 57. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2 of the North Dakota  
21          Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 22           1. Notwithstanding sections 2-05-01, 4.1-05-02, 4.1-26-02, 6-01-03, 6-09-02.1,  
23           12-55.1-02, 12-59-01, 15-39.1-05.1, 15.1-01-01, 15.1-13-02, 20.1-02-23, 23-01-02,  
24           ~~23-25-02~~23.1-01-02, 36-01-01, 37-18.1-01, 50-06-05.6, 50-06.1-16, 54-34.3-10,  
25           54-54-02, 55-01-01, and 61-02-04, ~~and 61-28-03~~, all members of the following boards  
26           and commissions must, subject to the limitations of this section, be considered to have  
27           resigned from such boards and commissions effective January first of the first year of  
28           each four-year term of the governor:
- 29           a. The aeronautics commission.
  - 30           b. The milk marketing board.
  - 31           c. The dairy promotion commission.



- 1 d. The state banking board.
- 2 e. The state credit union board.
- 3 f. The advisory board of directors to the Bank of North Dakota.
- 4 g. The pardon advisory board.
- 5 h. The state parole board.
- 6 i. The state board of public school education.
- 7 j. The education standards and practices board.
- 8 k. The board of trustees of the teachers' fund for retirement.
- 9 l. The state game and fish advisory board.
- 10 m. The health council.
- 11 n. The ~~air-pollution control~~environmental review advisory council.
- 12 o. The board of animal health.
- 13 p. The administrative committee on veterans' affairs.
- 14 q. The committee on aging.
- 15 r. The committee on employment of people with disabilities.
- 16 s. The commission on the status of women.
- 17 t. The North Dakota council on the arts.
- 18 u. The state historical board.
- 19 v. The state water commission.
- 20 w. The state water pollution control board.

21 **SECTION 58. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 54-12-08 of the North Dakota  
22 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 23 3. The attorney general may require payment for legal services rendered by any  
24 assistant or special assistant attorney general to any state official, board, department,  
25 agency, or commission and those entities shall make the required payment to the  
26 attorney general. Moneys received by the attorney general in payment for legal  
27 services rendered must be deposited into the attorney general's operating fund.  
28 General fund moneys may not be utilized for the payment of legal services provided by  
29 the attorneys employed by the attorney general, except for those payments required of  
30 the department of human services, state department of health, department of  
31 environmental quality, and the state hospital.

1       **SECTION 59. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.3-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **54-44.3-30. Agencies subject to merit system.**

4       All personnel employed by the department of human services, the regional offices of that  
5 department, job service North Dakota, North Dakota human resource management services,  
6 the state department of health, department of environmental quality, and other agencies or  
7 political subdivisions as may by federal law or rule be required to be subject to a merit system in  
8 order to obtain federal grants-in-aid are covered by the merit system provided in this chapter.  
9 Merit system coverage must also be provided to personnel employed as purchasing agents or  
10 buyers in the purchasing division of the office of management and budget. Other agencies,  
11 departments, or divisions and positions must be placed under a merit system in the manner and  
12 to the extent required by law.

13       **SECTION 60. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 33 of section 57-43.2-01 of the North Dakota  
14 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15       33. "Special fuel" means all combustible gases and liquids suitable for the generation of  
16 power for propulsion of motor vehicles and includes compressed natural gas,  
17 kerosene, liquefied petroleum gases, all gases and liquids which meet the  
18 specifications as determined by the ~~state department of health pursuant to the~~  
19 ~~provisions of section 19-10-10~~department of environmental quality under chapter  
20 23.1-13, as well as all liquids determined by the ~~state department of health~~department  
21 of environmental quality to be heating oil ~~pursuant to the provisions of section~~  
22 ~~19-10-10~~under chapter 23.1-13, except that it does not include either motor vehicle  
23 fuels as defined in section 57-43.1-01, aviation fuels as defined in section 57-43.3-01,  
24 or antifreeze as defined by section ~~49-16.1-02~~23.1-14-02.

25       **SECTION 61. AMENDMENT.** Section 58-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27       **58-03-11. Establishment of zoning districts - Uniformity.**

28       For the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, or the general welfare, or to secure  
29 the orderly development of approaches to municipalities, the board of township supervisors may  
30 establish one or more zoning districts and within such districts may, subject to the provisions of  
31 chapter 54-21.3 and section 58-03-11.1, regulate and restrict the erection, construction,

1 reconstruction, alteration, repair, or use of buildings and structures, the height, number of  
2 stories, and size of buildings and structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the  
3 size of courts, yards, and other open spaces, the density of population, and the location and  
4 use of buildings, structures, and land for trade, industry, residence, or other purposes. All such  
5 regulations and restrictions must be uniform throughout each district, but the regulations and  
6 restrictions in one district may differ from those in other districts. The board of township  
7 supervisors may establish institutional controls that address environmental concerns with the  
8 ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality as provided in section  
9 ~~23-20.3-03.123.1-04-04.~~

10 **SECTION 62. AMENDMENT.** Section 58-03-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **58-03-11.1. Farming and ranching regulations - Requirements - Limitations -**  
13 **Definitions.**

14 1. For purposes of this section:

15 a. "Concentrated feeding operation" means any livestock feeding, handling, or  
16 holding operation, or feed yard, where animals are concentrated in an area that is  
17 not normally used for pasture or for growing crops and in which animal wastes  
18 may accumulate. The term does not include normal wintering operations for  
19 cattle.

20 b. "Farming or ranching" means cultivating land for the production of agricultural  
21 crops or livestock, or raising, feeding, or producing livestock, poultry, milk, or fruit.  
22 The term does not include:

23 (1) The production of timber or forest products; or

24 (2) The provision of grain harvesting or other farm services by a processor or  
25 distributor of farm products or supplies in accordance with the terms of a  
26 contract.

27 c. "Livestock" includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, horses, bison,  
28 elk, fur animals raised for their pelts, and any other animals that are raised, fed,  
29 or produced as a part of farming or ranching activities.

30 d. "Location" means the setback distance between a structure, fence, or other  
31 boundary enclosing a concentrated feeding operation, including its animal waste

- 1 collection system, and the nearest occupied residence, the nearest buildings  
2 used for nonfarm or nonranch purposes, or the nearest land zoned for residential,  
3 recreational, or commercial purposes. The term does not include the setback  
4 distance for the application of manure or for the application of other recycled  
5 agricultural material under a nutrient management plan approved by the ~~state-~~  
6 ~~department of health~~department of environmental quality.
- 7 2. For purposes of this section, animal units are determined as follows:
- 8 a. One mature dairy cow, whether milking or dry, equals 1.33 animal units;  
9 b. One dairy cow, heifer, or bull, other than an animal described in subdivision a  
10 equals 1.0 animal unit;  
11 c. One weaned beef animal, whether a calf, heifer, steer, or bull, equals 0.75 animal  
12 unit;  
13 d. One cow-calf pair equals 1.0 animal unit;  
14 e. One swine weighing fifty-five pounds [24.948 kilograms] or more equals 0.4  
15 animal unit;  
16 f. One swine weighing less than fifty-five pounds [24.948 kilograms] equals 0.1  
17 animal unit;  
18 g. One horse equals 2.0 animal units;  
19 h. One sheep or lamb equals 0.1 animal unit;  
20 i. One turkey equals 0.0182 animal unit;  
21 j. One chicken, other than a laying hen, equals 0.008 animal unit;  
22 k. One laying hen equals 0.012 animal unit;  
23 l. One duck equals 0.033 animal unit; and  
24 m. Any livestock not listed in subdivisions a through l equals 1.0 animal unit per  
25 each one thousand pounds [453.59 kilograms] whether single or combined  
26 animal weight.
- 27 3. A board of township supervisors may not prohibit or prevent the use of land or  
28 buildings for farming or ranching or any of the normal incidents of farming or ranching.
- 29 4. A regulation may not preclude the development of a concentrated feeding operation in  
30 the township.

- 1       5. A board of township supervisors may not prohibit the reasonable diversification or  
2       expansion of a farming or ranching operation.
- 3       6. A board of township supervisors may adopt regulations that establish different  
4       standards for the location of concentrated feeding operations based on the size of the  
5       operation and the species and type being fed.
- 6       7. If a regulation would impose a substantial economic burden on a concentrated feeding  
7       operation in existence before the effective date of the regulation, the board of township  
8       supervisors shall declare that the regulation is ineffective with respect to any  
9       concentrated feeding operation in existence before the effective date of the regulation.
- 10      8. a. A board of township supervisors may establish high-density agricultural  
11       production districts in which setback distances for concentrated feeding  
12       operations and related agricultural operations are less than those in other  
13       districts.
- 14       b. A board of township supervisors may establish, around areas zoned for  
15       residential, recreational, or nonagricultural commercial uses, low-density  
16       agricultural production districts in which setback distances for concentrated  
17       feeding operations and related agricultural operations are greater than those in  
18       other districts; provided, the low-density agricultural production districts may not  
19       extend more than one-half mile [0.80 kilometer] from the edge of the area zoned  
20       for residential, recreational, or nonagricultural commercial uses.
- 21       c. The setbacks provided for in this subsection may not vary by more than fifty  
22       percent from those established in subdivision a of subsection 7 of section  
23       ~~23-25-11~~23.1-06-15.
- 24       d. For purposes of this subsection, a "related agricultural operation" means a facility  
25       that produces a product or byproduct used by a concentrated feeding operation.

26       **SECTION 63. AMENDMENT.** Section 58-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27       amended and reenacted as follows:

28       **58-03-17. Regulation of concentrated animal feeding operations - Central repository.**

- 29       1. Any zoning regulation that pertains to a concentrated animal feeding operation and  
30       which is promulgated by a township after July 31, 2007, is not effective until filed with  
31       the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality for inclusion in the

1 central repository established under section ~~23-01-30~~23.1-01-10. Any zoning  
2 regulation that pertains to a concentrated animal feeding operation and which was  
3 promulgated by a county or a township before August 1, 2007, may not be enforced  
4 until the regulation is filed with the ~~state department of health~~department of  
5 environmental quality for inclusion in the central repository.

6 2. For purposes of this section:

- 7 a. "Concentrated animal feeding operation" means any livestock feeding, handling,  
8 or holding operation, or feed yard, where animals are concentrated in an area  
9 that is not normally used for pasture or for growing crops and in which animal  
10 wastes may accumulate, or in an area where the space per animal unit is less  
11 than six hundred square feet [55.74 square meters]. The term does not include  
12 normal wintering operations for cattle.
- 13 b. "Livestock" includes beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, horses, and  
14 fur animals raised for their pelts.

15 **SECTION 64. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 13 of section 58-06-01 of the North Dakota  
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 17 13. To request assistance from a county or district board of health or the ~~state department~~  
18 ~~of health~~department of environmental quality.

19 **SECTION 65. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-04.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **61-04.1-04. North Dakota atmospheric resource board created - Membership.**

22 There is hereby created a North Dakota atmospheric resource board which shall be a  
23 division of the state water commission. The board shall be composed of the director of the  
24 state aeronautics commission, a representative of the department of environmental quality  
25 section of the state department of health, the state engineer, and one additional board member  
26 from each of seven districts established by section 61-04.1-05. The governor shall initially  
27 appoint one board member for each of the seven districts from a list of three candidates given  
28 to the governor by weather modification authorities in each district and:

- 29 1. When the term of office of any board member from any district is about to expire.  
30 2. When a vacancy has occurred, or is about to occur, in the term of office of a board  
31 member from any district for any reason other than expiration of term of office.

1 Beginning on July 1, 1983, the term of office for the board shall be arranged so that not less  
2 than three nor more than four terms shall expire on the first day of July of each odd-numbered  
3 year. Therefore, board members appointed on July 1, 1983, from districts II, IV, and VI shall  
4 serve for two-year terms, and board members appointed on July 1, 1983, from districts I, III, V,  
5 and VII shall serve for four-year terms. Thereafter, board members from each district shall serve  
6 for a four-year term of office except in the event the governor shall appoint a member for an  
7 unexpired term, in which case the member shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the  
8 term. In the event any district fails to furnish a list to the governor, or if there are no weather  
9 modification authorities under this chapter within a district, the ~~then~~ governor shall appoint a  
10 board member of the governor's choice residing within such district.

11 **SECTION 66. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 61-28-02 of the North Dakota  
12 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 1. "Board" ~~means the state water pollution control board~~ "Council" means the  
14 environmental review advisory council.

15 **SECTION 67. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 61-28-02 of the North Dakota  
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17 2. "Department" means the ~~state department of health~~ department of environmental  
18 quality.

19 ~~— **SECTION 68. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-28-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
20 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

21 ~~— **61-28-03. State water pollution prevention agency – Board** Council.~~

22 ~~— 1. — The state water pollution control board consists of thirteen persons. The board must~~  
23 ~~include the state health officer, state engineer, director of the game and fish~~  
24 ~~department, state geologist, and nine other members appointed by the governor, three~~  
25 ~~of whom must be representatives of production agriculture, two of whom must be~~  
26 ~~representatives of manufacturing and processing, one of whom must be a~~  
27 ~~representative of the solid fuels industry, one of whom must be a representative of the~~  
28 ~~fluid and gas fuels industry, one of whom must be a representative of the~~  
29 ~~environmental sciences, and one of whom must be a representative of county or~~  
30 ~~municipal government.~~

1 ~~2. Of the nine members appointed by the governor, each shall serve six-year terms. The~~  
2 ~~governor may fill any vacancy in the appointed membership of the board, and may~~  
3 ~~remove any appointed member for cause.~~

4 ~~3. The board shall select its own chairman from among its members. The heads of~~  
5 ~~departments on the board may, by official order filed with the executive secretary of~~  
6 ~~the board, designate a representative of the person's department to perform the duties~~  
7 ~~of the member making the designation. That person, if any, shall have the powers and~~  
8 ~~be subject to the duties and responsibilities of the appointing office.~~

9 ~~4. All members of the board shall serve without compensation for their duties, but must~~  
10 ~~be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of~~  
11 ~~their official duties. Reimbursement must be paid out of funds allocated to the~~  
12 ~~department for water pollution control.~~

13 ~~5. The department shall provide the board~~council ~~with copies of maps, plans,~~  
14 ~~documents, studies, surveys, and all other necessary information in order that the~~  
15 ~~board~~so the council ~~may be fully cognizant of the current status of water pollution and~~  
16 ~~its control in the state and to enable the board to advise the department in~~  
17 ~~development of programs for the prevention and control of pollution of waters in the~~  
18 ~~state.~~

19 ~~6. The board shall hold at least one regular meeting each year, and any additional~~  
20 ~~meetings the chairman deems necessary, at a time and place to be determined by the~~  
21 ~~chairman. Upon written request of any three members, the chairman shall call a~~  
22 ~~special meeting. Seven members constitute a quorum.~~

23 ~~7.2. The board~~council ~~shall consider and make recommendations regarding any rules and~~  
24 ~~standards relating to water quality or pollution, ground water protection, and safe~~  
25 ~~drinking of water that are adopted by the department. The department may not take~~  
26 ~~final action on any rules or standards without consulting the board~~council~~. The~~  
27 ~~board~~council ~~shall consider any other matters related to the purposes of this chapter~~  
28 ~~and may make recommendations on its own initiative to the department concerning~~  
29 ~~the administration of this chapter.~~

30 ~~**SECTION 69. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-28-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
31 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~



1 ~~61-28-05. Rules and standards.~~

2 ~~The department may adopt rules and, jointly with the board council, shall hold public~~  
3 ~~hearings regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules and standards of quality of the~~  
4 ~~waters of the state as provided in this chapter.~~

5 **SECTION 68. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 61-28.1-02 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. "Department" means the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental  
8 quality.

9 **SECTION 69. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 15 of section 61-28.1-03 of the North Dakota  
10 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11 15. Designate the ~~state department of health~~department of environmental quality as the  
12 state safe drinking water agency for all purposes of the federal Safe Drinking Water  
13 Act and is authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate to secure for the  
14 state the benefit of such Act and any grants made thereunder.

15 **SECTION 70. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 61-28.2-01 of the North Dakota  
16 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17 2. There is established the water pollution control revolving loan fund, which must be  
18 maintained and operated by the ~~state department of health~~department of  
19 environmental quality. Grants from the federal government or its agencies allotted to  
20 the state for the capitalization of the revolving loan fund, and state matching funds  
21 when required, must be deposited directly in the revolving loan fund in compliance  
22 with the terms of the federal grant. Money in the revolving loan fund must be  
23 expended in a manner consistent with terms and conditions of the grants received by  
24 the state and may be used to offer loan guarantees; to provide payments to reduce  
25 interest on loans and loan guarantees; to make bond interest subsidies; to provide  
26 bond guarantees on behalf of municipalities, other local political subdivisions, and  
27 intermunicipal or interstate agencies; to provide assistance to a municipality, other  
28 local political subdivisions, or intermunicipal or interstate agencies with respect to the  
29 nonfederal share of the costs of a project; to finance the cost of facility planning and  
30 the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for construction of publicly  
31 owned treatment works or public water supply systems; to provide financial assistance

1 for the construction and rehabilitation of a project on the state priority list; to secure  
2 principal and interest on bonds issued by a public trust having the state of North  
3 Dakota as its beneficiary, or the public finance authority if the proceeds of such bonds  
4 are deposited in the revolving loan fund and to the extent provided in the terms of the  
5 federal grant; to provide for loan guarantees for similar revolving funds established by  
6 municipalities, other local political subdivisions, or intermunicipal agencies; to  
7 purchase debt incurred by municipalities or other local political subdivisions for  
8 wastewater treatment projects or public water supply systems; to improve credit  
9 market access by guaranteeing or purchasing insurance or other credit enhancement  
10 devices for local obligations or obligations of a public trust having the state of North  
11 Dakota as its beneficiary or the public finance authority; to fund other programs which  
12 the federal government authorizes by the terms of its grants; to fund the administrative  
13 expenses of the department associated with the revolving loan fund; and to provide for  
14 any other expenditure consistent with the federal grant program and state law. Money  
15 not currently needed for the operation of the revolving loan fund or otherwise  
16 dedicated may be invested. All interest earned on investments must be credited to the  
17 revolving loan fund.

18 **SECTION 71. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **61-29-04. Administration.**

21 This chapter must be administered by a Little Missouri River commission composed of the  
22 director of the parks and recreation department, the ~~state health officer~~director of the state  
23 ~~department of health~~department of environmental quality, the chief engineer of the state water  
24 commission, or their designated representatives, and one member from each of the following  
25 counties: McKenzie, Billings, Slope, Golden Valley, Dunn, and Bowman. The commission  
26 members representing the above-mentioned counties must be appointed by their respective  
27 boards of county commissioners and shall serve without compensation except that each  
28 appointing board of county commissioners may reimburse its county representative for actual  
29 and necessary mileage to and from meetings of the commission at the same rate as state  
30 officers. The county representatives appointed must be resident landowners who live adjacent  
31 to the Little Missouri River with the exception of the Golden Valley County representative. A

1 county representative unable to attend a meeting of the commission may be represented by a  
2 person who has a written proxy from the representative authorizing that person to act and vote  
3 for the representative. The proxy must be a resident landowner of the county that the proxy is  
4 representing, but need not live adjacent to the Little Missouri River. The county members shall  
5 serve terms of office as follows: two members shall serve one-year terms, two members shall  
6 serve two-year terms, and two members shall serve three-year terms.

7 **SECTION 72. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-33-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **61-33-09. Members of the board - Organization - Meetings.**

- 10 1. The board consists of the manager of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, the  
11 state engineer, the commissioner of university and school lands, the director of the  
12 parks and recreation department, the director of the game and fish department, and  
13 the ~~state health officer~~ director of the department of environmental quality, or their  
14 representatives.
- 15 2. The state engineer is the board's secretary.
- 16 3. The board shall meet at least once a year or at the call of the state engineer or two or  
17 more members of the board. The board shall meet at the office of the state engineer or  
18 at any other place decided upon by the board.
- 19 4. The board may adopt rules to govern its activities.

20 **SECTION 73. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-35-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **61-35-24. Not exempt from other requirements.**

23 This chapter does not exempt any district from the requirements of any other statute,  
24 ~~whether enacted before or after August 1, 1995,~~ under which the district is required to obtain the  
25 permission or approval of, or to notify, the state water commission, or the ~~state department of~~  
26 ~~health~~ department of environmental quality, or any other agency of this state or of any of its  
27 political subdivisions before proceeding with construction, acquisition, operation, enlargement,  
28 extension, or alteration of any works or facilities that the district is authorized to undertake under  
29 this chapter.

30 **SECTION 74. REPEAL.** Chapters 19-10 and 19-16.1 and sections 23-01-01.2, 23-01-04.1,  
31 23-01-23, 23-01-30, and 23-01-36 and chapters 23-20, 23-20.1, 23-20.3, 23-20.5, 23-25, 23-26,

1 | 23-29, 23-29.1, 23-31, 23-32, 23-33, 23-37, and 39-26 and sections 61-28-03 and 61-28-05 of  
2 | the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

3 |       **SECTION 75. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 2 through 7574 of this Act are effective upon  
4 | the receipt by the legislative council of the certification by the chief of the environmental health  
5 | section of the state department of health attesting that all necessary federal approvals have  
6 | been obtained and all necessary federal and other agreements have been amended to ensure  
7 | the state will continue to meet the primacy requirements it currently satisfies after the transfer of  
8 | authority, powers, and duties from the state department of health to the department of  
9 | environmental quality provided under this Act.