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GET TO KNOW YOUR NDDEQ

Monitoring the quality of North Dakota's water resources is essential.

OUR MISSION

To conserve and protect the quality of North Dakota's air, land and water resources following science and the law.

A variety of inspections are conducted to help safeguard the environment.

Did you know...

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has primacy for all environmental programs in North Dakota.

Primacy means the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has (1) responsibility for ensuring that state and many federal environmental laws are implemented and (2) authority to enforce those laws and related regulations. NDDEQ has primacy on all lands within the state borders except tribal and reservation lands where the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has jurisdiction for federal environmental regulations.

Did you know...

Some of the functions of the NDDEQ have been around since the 1920s.

In 1923, the State Board of Health reorganized to the State Department of Health, including a Division of Sanitary Engineering, precursor to the department's Environmental Health Section and today's NDDEQ. Responsibilities included regulating public water supplies and sewage disposal systems. One-hundred years later, safe drinking water and proper disposal of waste are still primary responsibilities of the NDDEQ.

Did you know...

The NDDEQ is organized employs about 200 people.

Divisions in the NDDEQ are Accounting, Air Quality, Chemistry, Municipal Facilities, Waste Management and Water Quality. The staff includes scientists, engineers, biologists, chemists, geologists and administrative and legal personnel. We collaborate with other state, federal and local groups, as well as our international neighbors in Canada to protect the environment.

Did you know...

NDDEQ staff inspect thousands of facilities each year to ensure that environmental laws are being followed.

NDDEQ scientists and engineers permit, monitor or inspect more than 10,000 regulated facilities within the state. Our staff work closely with agriculture and energy industries, as well as other regulated industries, to make sure facilities comply with environmental regulations.

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