

455E.8 Powers and duties of the director.

In addition to other groundwater protection duties, the director, in cooperation with soil and water conservation district commissioners and with other state and local agencies, shall:

1. Develop and administer a comprehensive groundwater monitoring network, including point of use, point of contamination, and problem assessment monitoring sites across the state, and the assessment of ambient groundwater quality.
2. Include in the annual report required by section 455A.4, the number and concentration of contaminants detected in groundwater. This information shall also be provided to the director of public health and the secretary of agriculture.
3. Report any data concerning the contamination of groundwater by a contaminant not regulated under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300(f) et seq. to the United States environmental protection agency along with a request to establish a maximum contaminant level and to conduct a risk assessment for the contaminant.
4. Complete groundwater hazard mapping of the state and make the results available to state and local planning organizations by July 1, 1991.
5. Establish a system or systems within the department for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating groundwater quality data and information.
6. Develop and maintain a natural resource geographic information system and comprehensive water resource data system. The system shall be accessible to the public.
7. Develop and adopt by administrative rule, criteria for evaluating groundwater protection programs by July 1, 1988.
8. Take any action authorized by law, including the investigatory and enforcement actions authorized by chapters 455B and 459, subchapters I, II, III, IV, and VI,* to implement the provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.
9. Disseminate data and information, relative to this chapter, to the public to the greatest extent practical.
10. Develop a program, in consultation with the department of education and the department of environmental education of the University of Northern Iowa, regarding water quality issues which shall be included in the minimum program required in grades seven and eight pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of education under section 256.11, subsection 4.

87 Acts, ch 225, § 108; 88 Acts, ch 1262, § 8

*Chapter 459, subchapters I, II, III, IV, and VI, transferred from chapter 455B and subchapter V transferred from former subchapter 455J in Code 2003 pursuant to legislative directive in 2002 Acts, ch 1137