

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. Complete groundwater hazard mapping of the state and make the results available to state and local planning organizations by July 1, 1991.
3. Establish a system or systems within the department for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating groundwater quality data and information.
4. Develop and maintain a natural resource geographic information system and comprehensive water resource data system. The system shall be accessible to the public.
5. Develop and adopt by administrative rule, criteria for evaluating groundwater protection programs by July 1, 1988.
6. 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.
7. Disseminate data and information, relative to this chapter, to the public to the greatest extent practical.
8. 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; 2013 Acts, ch 12, §25

Referred to in §455E.11

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

[T] Subsections 2 and 3 stricken and former subsections 4 – 10 renumbered as 2 – 8