

**466B.42 Water quality initiative.**

The division shall establish a water quality initiative in order to assess and reduce nutrients in this state's watersheds, including subwatersheds and regional watersheds, and for implementing its responsibilities under the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy. The division shall establish and administer projects to reduce nutrients in surface waters from nonpoint sources in a scientific, reasonable, and cost-effective manner. The division shall utilize a pragmatic, strategic, and coordinated approach with the goal of accomplishing reductions over time. To evaluate the progress achieved over time toward the goals of the Iowa nutrient reduction strategy and the United States environmental protection agency gulf hypoxia action plan, the baseline condition shall be calculated for the time period from 1980 to 1996.

[2013 Acts, ch 132, §60](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1001, §22](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1152, §12](#)

Referred to in [§455E.11](#), [466B.43](#), [466B.44](#)