

565—18.1(473) Scope of authority and purpose. The state energy program is established to promote energy management improvements by all Iowa consumers. Funds for this program are made available through annual grants from the U.S. Department of Energy and from other sources determined by the Iowa legislature. The funds are administered by the environmental services division of the department of natural resources.

The state energy program was enacted under Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Public Law 94-163, amended by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, Public Law 94-385. Regulations were promulgated in 10 CFR Part 420 on February 20, 1976.

The program was enacted to develop and implement a comprehensive program for the identification, development and demonstration of energy efficiency and alternative energy opportunities to meet local needs and to utilize local resources.

The purpose of the program is to comply with federally required program measures, to demonstrate energy efficiency within state government, to develop and promote community energy management models, to provide energy information and education for Iowa consumers, to support the development and use of Iowa energy resources, and to evaluate procedures to improve marketing effectiveness and operation efficiency.

The department of natural resources will annually submit to the U.S. Department of Energy a combined state energy plan and grant application. The plan will qualify the department to receive an annual federal grant for the next fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) and to implement the program measures described in the plan.