

Iowa's air quality programs are concerned with cleaning up areas that are not meeting air quality standards and planning ways to keep unpolluted areas clean. Also, DEQ has developed a program for controlling nuisance odors.

Land quality programs include closing open dumps, approving sanitary landfills, encouraging recycling efforts and controlling hazardous substances. The Department maintains an environmental emergency response program for responding to hazardous substance spills and also is involved in the statewide radiation safety program.

DEQ's water quality programs consist of three major areas: wastewater treatment, drinking water supply protection, and clean water management planning. A certification program for operators of wastewater and water supply treatment plants is conducted by DEQ.

State Executive Council

Office located on first floor of Capitol Building.

Membership ex officio.

ROBERT D. RAY, Governor.
 MELVIN D. SYNHORST, Secretary of State.
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 MAURICE E. BARINGER, Treasurer of State.
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The executive Council was created by the adoption of the Code of 1860. The Secretary of State acted as Secretary of the Council until the enactment of the Code of 1897, which provided for a Secretary.

Business of the Executive Council

Among the duties placed upon the Executive Council by the laws of Iowa are the following: To act upon all state activities and to notify all interested persons of action taken therein; to determine the value at which property may be taken by Iowa corporations and amount of stock which may be issued on account thereof; to approve articles of incorporation and by-laws of building and loan associations, and plan for liquidation of said associations; to approve property purchases and acceptance of gifts; to authorize department leases; to approve the issuance of patents, corrected patents and easements; to authorize and pay special assessments; to authorize and pay court costs, and special Attorney General fees; to authorize condemnation proceedings; approve bank depositories of public funds; the canvass of votes cast for state and district officers; the declaration of changes in classification of cities; the approval of out-of-state travel.

Report of the Executive Council Secretary

Section 19.6 Code of Iowa, 1977, requires that a report of the secretary of the Executive Council be published in the Iowa Official Register. That portion of the secretary dealing with matters of general interest is presented here.

Other matters required in the report as to Iowa cities and the official canvass of Iowa election results are presented in tables elsewhere.

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