

Iowa Energy Policy Council

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The 65th General Assembly, 1974, created the Energy Policy Council to formulate an energy policy for Iowa and to assist the state's response to problems of energy supply, consumption, and development. The 13-member council, composed of four legislators, five governor appointees, four state agency heads, and the position of director were created for a period ending June 30, 1977. The 66th General Assembly, 1976, extended the life of the Council to June 30, 1979, added responsibilities to its assignment, and expanded to 17 the number of council members.

The duties of the Council are: to annually prepare a state energy policy for submission to the governor and general assembly; to establish an energy data depository; to prepare, on at least a quarterly basis, a report on energy supply, demand, and conservation in the state; to review and recommend legislation relating to energy use and development within the state; to develop educational programs for energy conservation; and to administer the state set-asides of fuel under the terms of the Mandatory Fuel Allocation Program of the Federal Energy Administration.

The Council may determine that the health, safety, or welfare of the people of Iowa is threatened by shortages of energy and, by resolution, recommend to the Governor that a state of energy emergency be declared. Upon the issuance of such a proclamation, the governor may order certain extraordinary measures to conserve energy and allocate available supplies of energy.

The Energy Policy Council also initiated the Rail Branch Line Assistance Program. Under this program, the legislature requested the Council to "identify those segments of branch line railroad trackage which, if improved, may provide increased transportation services for the citizens of this state." In 1974 the Council, using State, local, and railroad funds, arranged nearly three hundred miles of rail improvement projects throughout the state. Responsibility was assumed by the Department of Transportation in Sept., 1975.

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The State Board of Engineering Examiners was created by the 38th General Assembly in 1919. No person can practice professional engineering or land surveying without first being registered with this board. The board meets from time to time and conducts examinations of applicants for registration.

The law provides that the membership of the board shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Five of these members shall be professional engineers and two, representatives of the general public.

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Iowa's environmental program is carried out by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) through programs which manage air quality, water quality, water supplies, solid waste disposal, and agricultural chemicals. The environmental programs are established by the four commissions. The commissioners are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms. The Executive Committee consists of the four commission chairmen plus six ex-officio, non-voting members. The Executive Committee assures coordination and compatibility of the environmental programs by reviewing the rules developed by each commission with respect to the effect on the other programs.

Each commission is charged with developing a comprehensive prevention, protection and abatement plan. Authority to adopt standards and rules, limit effluents, require operational conditions and initiate enforcement actions is vested in each commission. The policies established by the commissions and the Executive Committee are carried out by the Executive Director who is appointed by the Governor.

The Air Quality Commission's program is designed to attain or maintain ambient air quality in compliance with the established standards.

The Chemical Technology Commission's program is designed to assure safe usage of agricultural chemicals.

The Solid Waste Disposal Commission's program is designed to assure proper solid waste management, safe transportation, handling and disposal of radioactive materials, and an effective litter control program. A hazardous materials handling program responds to spills of these materials to assure proper handling and disposal. A radiation emergency response plan has been developed and the transportation and disposal of radioactive materials are managed to protect the public health and safety.

The Water Quality Commission's program is designed to protect surface and ground waters from pollution and to assure safe public water supplies. Safe drinking water standards have been adopted and all public water supplies must submit samples routinely to confirm safety. Water quality standards set contamination limits for surface water while the effluent standards limit the discharge from any source.