

4.1-01-18. Federal environmental law impact review committee.

1. The federal environmental law impact review committee consists of:
 - a. The commissioner, who shall serve as the chairman;
 - b. The governor or the governor's designee;
 - c. The majority leader of the house of representatives, or the leader's designee;
 - d. The majority leader of the senate, or the leader's designee;
 - e. One member of the legislative assembly from the minority party, selected by the chairman of the legislative management;
 - f. One individual appointed by the North Dakota corn growers association;
 - g. One individual appointed by the North Dakota grain growers association;
 - h. One individual appointed by the North Dakota soybean growers association;
 - i. One individual appointed by the North Dakota stockmen's association;
 - j. One individual appointed by the North Dakota farm bureau;
 - k. One individual appointed by the North Dakota farmers union;
 - l. The chairman of the public service commission or the chairman's designee;
 - m. The director of the department of water resources or the director's designee;
 - n. The director of the game and fish department, or the director's designee;
 - o. The director of the department of transportation, or the director's designee;
 - p. The director of the department of environmental quality, or the director's designee;
 - q. One representative of an investor-owned utility company;
 - r. One representative from the North Dakota association of rural electric cooperatives; and
 - s. Two individuals from the energy community appointed by the commissioner.
2. The committee shall review federal environmental legislation and regulations detrimentally impacting or potentially detrimentally impacting the state's agricultural, energy, or oil production sectors. The committee shall confer with the attorney general with respect to participation in administrative or judicial processes pertaining to the legislation or regulations.
3.
 - a. Any member of the legislative assembly serving on the committee is entitled to compensation at the rate provided for attendance at interim committee meetings and reimbursement for expenses, as provided by law for state officers, if the member is attending meetings of the committee or performing duties directed by the committee.
 - b. The compensation and reimbursement of expenses, as provided for in this subsection, are payable by the legislative council.

4.1-01-19. Environmental impact - Cost of participation.

1. Any expenses incurred by the commissioner or by the federal environmental law impact review committee in meeting the requirements of section 4.1-01-18 must be paid by the commissioner from the federal environmental law impact review fund.
2. If the attorney general elects to participate in an administrative or judicial process pertaining to federal environmental legislation or regulations, which detrimentally impact or potentially detrimentally impact the state's agricultural, energy, or oil production sectors, any expenses incurred by the attorney general in the participation must be paid by the commissioner from the federal environmental law impact review fund.
3. For purposes of this section, "expenses" include administrative costs, consulting fees, research costs, expert witness fees, attorney fees, and travel costs.

4.1-01-20. Gifts - Grants - Donations.

The commissioner may accept gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes set forth in section 4.1-01-19, provided the commissioner posts the amount and source of any gifts, grants, and donations on the department's website. Any moneys received in accordance with this section must be deposited in the federal environmental law impact review fund.