

State of Minnesota

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(5) Department of Natural Resources: water quantity monitoring and regulation, sensitivity mapping, and development of a plan for the use of integrated pest management and sustainable agriculture on state-owned lands; and

(6) Department of Health: regulation of wells and borings, and the development of health risk limits under section 103H.201.

(b) The Environmental Quality Board shall prepare a report on policy issues related to its responsibilities listed in paragraph (a), and include these reports with the assessments in section 103A.43 and the "Minnesota Water Plan" in section 103B.151.

(c) Where groundwater levels are depleted and not naturally recovering with sufficient speed, it is the policy of the state that artificial recharge options be considered and implemented where feasible and appropriate.

Sec. 2. **REPORT ON ARTIFICIAL AQUIFER RECHARGE.**

By February 1, 2021, the Environmental Quality Board, in cooperation with the agencies listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 103A.204, paragraph (a), must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy on the feasibility of using artificial aquifer recharge to replenish groundwater levels in aquifers where water levels are insufficient. The report must include:

(1) an explanation of the various techniques available for artificial aquifer recharge;

(2) a summary of the strengths, weaknesses, and costs of each of the recharge methods identified;

(3) an overview of which aquifers in the state might be candidates for artificial recharge;

(4) an explanation of the potential environmental effects of artificial recharge; and

(5) identification of any statutory, regulatory, or policy changes needed to facilitate and implement the policy in Minnesota Statutes, section 103A.204.