

2020 Reports and Studies

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee

Required Reports and Studies

Report	Description	Authority	Deadline
Lands			
PLPCO Activities and Expenditures	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office and the Constitutional Defense Council, are required to report on the office's activities and expenditures.	63J-4-603	Annual report
R.S. 2477 Plan	The Constitutional Defense Council and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is required to present an R.S. 2477 plan after providing the plan to the committee at least seven days before the presentation.	63C-4a-403	July 1 each year
Utah Wilderness Act	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office coordinator is required to report on any recommendations for future action related to the Utah wilderness preservation.	63L-7-109	Nov. 30 each year
Transfer of Public Lands to the State	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is required to carry out its statutorily defined duties, and to disseminate information regarding and advance the transfer of certain public lands to the state in accordance with 63L-6-101 et. seq. through: (1) Education; (2) Negotiation; (3) Legislation; and (4) Litigation, as applicable. The Office shall report on its activities related to the foregoing.	2019 G.S. S.B. 5 Item 79	October 30, 2019
Federal Land Disposal Applications	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is required to present a written and verbal report on: 1) the office's and coordinator's activities under Section 63J-4-308; 2) land applications and potential land applications under federal land disposal law requesting the Secretary of the Interior to sell or lease federal lands; 3) decisions of the secretary on land applications submitted by government entities in the state; and 4) the quantity of land acquired under the land applications.	63J-4-608	Aug. 31 each year
Utah-Specific Roadless Rules	The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is required to present proposed draft language for Utah-specific roadless rules.	2019 G.S. S.B. 2 Item 296	Aug 31, 2019
Mountainous Planning District	A planning commission with jurisdiction over a mountainous planning district in a county of the first class is required to submit a report that summarizes actions the planning commission has taken and any recommendations regarding the mountainous planning district.	17-27a-901(3)	Nov. 30 each year
Commission on Federalism	The Commission on Federalism is required to report on any action taken by the commission under Section 63C-4a-303 and on any proposed legislation the commission recommends.	63C-4a-303	Nov. 30 each year
Federal Lands Designation	If a governmental entity intends to advocate for a federal designation with the state, they must first notify the chairs of NAE and upon the chairs' request meet to review the proposal.	63L-2-301	*Conditional*
Energy			

Energy Producer States' Agreement	Legislators who are appointed to study and work with legislative members from other participating energy producing states are required to produce a report with recommendations regarding an energy producer states' agreement and are required to report on the agreement.	36-12-20	Nov. 30 each year
Energy Advisor	The governor's energy advisor is required to report on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status and development of the state's energy resources, • The energy advisor's activities, • The activities and accomplishments of the Office of Energy Development, and • Recommended energy-related executive or legislative action the energy advisor considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy. 	63M-4-203	Annual report
Review of Energy Policy	The committee is required to review the state energy policy and propose changes to the Legislature.	63M-4-302	Annual review
Air Quality			
State Agency Air Quality Best Practices	The State Coordinator of Resource Stewardship is required to annually report on state agency best practices and stewardship efforts to improve air quality.	63A-1-116	Annual report
Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project	The Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center is required to report on the results of certain air quality research in the Uintah Basin.	53B-18-1401	Nov. 30 each year
Emission Inspection For Diesel Powered Motor Vehicles Pilot Program	The legislative body of a county that participates in an emissions inspection for diesel-powered motor vehicles pilot program is required to report on specified inspection information. After each report the Division of Air Quality is required to provide to the Committee and the legislative body an estimate of the tons of pollution emitted due to the failure rate of the diesel-powered motor vehicles in the pilot program.	41-6a-1642 (7)	- one time after January 1, 2020, but before August 31, 2020; and - one time after January 1, 2021, but before August 31, 2021.
Water			
Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force	The Agricultural Water Optimization Task Force is required to report on its progress	73-10g-203	Nov. 30 each year
Total Maximum Daily Load Review	Water Quality Board is required to submit the total maximum daily load for review, <i>if the total maximum daily load will require a public or private expenditure in excess of \$10,000,000 but less than \$100,000,000.</i> NAE will also review all rules and standards created by the Water Quality Board. If there are suspensions of a director facility, the director of the Water Quality Board shall report any suspensions to NAE.	19-5-104.5 19-6-108	*Conditional*/before sending to EPA
Water Forfeiture	The state engineer shall present the rule for a written plan to NAE if the Legislature is not in session.	73-1-4(2)(f)(iii)	*Conditional, no deadline
State Water Policy Review	NAE shall review state water policy and recommend priority balancing and other changes.	73-1-21	*annually- no deadline
Aquatic Invasive Species Fee Report	Division of Wildlife Resources shall present a report regarding capability and feasibility of automated fining system.	23-27-304	Nov. 30, 2020

Water Banking Amendments	The Board of Water Resources shall report annually on the implementation of water banks and shall submit a written report (2029) recommending one or more action.	73-31-601	Report: Nov. interim mtg Written Report: Oct. 31, 2029
Water Loss Accounting Report	The Utah Water Task Force's executive director and commissioner shall report their findings and recommendations on implementing standardized water loss accounting practices and potentially incorporating the data into a water conservation plan.	73-1-20	Either Oct. or Nov. Interim Meeting 2020
Claim to Surface/Underground Water	If claimant is the federal government/federal agency, must provide a copy of the claim to NAE members.	73-5-13	*Conditional
Utah Watersheds Council Report	The state council is required to update NAE "annually or as invited" on the council's activities.	73-10g-305	*annually or as invited*
Review of Watershed Councils Act	NAE shall direct a review of the purposes and interests of the councils, whether they are still relevant and being adequately addressed, and if they have served as valuable forums beginning no later than Oct. 1, 2024. NAE shall submit report, recommendations, and any legislation regarding this matter to the Legislature before Jan. 1, 2026.	73-10g-309	Begin: Oct. 1, 2024 End: Sept. 30, 2025
Miscellaneous			
Local Food Advisory Council	The Local Food Advisory Council is required to prepare and present an annual report.	4-2-604	Nov. 30 each year
Wildfire Decision Making and Management	The Department of Natural Resources is required to recommend how to improve policy related to the coordination and process of wildfire decision making and management.	2019 G.S. S.B. 2 Item 280	Aug. 31, 2019
Prescribed Burn Policies	The Legislature and the Governor urge the Legislature, through the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, work with the executive branch, through the Utah Department of Natural Resources, and their federal counterparts in the United States Forest Services to find policies that can improve our abilities to effectively use prescribed burns, including options for revising the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan to allow for easier permitting of prescribed burns during times of the year with low fire risk.	2019 G.S. H.C.R. 5	N/A
Declining Levels of Great Salt Lake	The Legislature and the Governor encourage the presentation of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature and Governor, including encouraging a report of progress in achieving the objectives of 2019 G.S. H.C.R. 10 to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.	2019 G.S. H.C.R. 10	Nov. 30, 2020
Contract to Delay a Possible Sage Grouse Listing as an Endangered Species	The contractor is required to provide written, quarterly reports on efforts to delay possible sage grouse listing as an endangered species.	Contract 146311 between DNR and Stag Consulting	Quarterly reports
Utah Dairy Commission	If membership changes and the commission does not immediately replace, they are required to report the changes to NAE.	4-22-103	*Conditional, no deadline
Predator Control Measures Report	Division of Wildlife Resources shall annually give a status report on predator control measures.	23-16-10	*No deadline

Natural Resources Legacy Funding Report	The Dept. of Natural Resources shall annually report to the governor and NAE on any expenditures and grants, appropriations, other contributions (etc.) received and credited to the legacy fund during the preceding fiscal year.	23-31-204	Sept. 1
Green River Pipeline Cost Analysis Update	Division of Water Resources to update the 2002 Study to provide current cost estimates and present the update to NAE.	73-10-35	Nov. interim meeting 2020

Sunset Reviews

- Air Quality Policy Advisory Board SECTION 19-2a-102; SECTION 63I-1-219 July 1, 2021
- State Weed Committee SECTION 4-17-104; SECTION 63I-1-204 July 1, 2021
- Federal Land Application Advisory Committee SUBSECTION 63J-4- 608(3); SECTION 63I-1-263 July 1, 2021

Automatic Repeal (Informational)

- Compliance Advisory Panel SUBSECTIONS 19-2-109.2(2) through (10) July 1, 2021