

NORTH DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
LIGNITE RESEARCH COUNCIL GOALS

Statutory Goals & Purposes

- Promote economic, efficient, and clean uses of lignite and products derived from lignite in order to maintain and enhance development of North Dakota lignite and its products
- Preserve and create jobs involved in the production and utilization of North Dakota Lignite
- Ensure economic stability, growth, and opportunity in the lignite industry
- Maintain a stable and competitive tax base for our state's lignite industry for the general welfare of North Dakota
- Conduct development in an environmentally sound manner that protects our state's air, water, and soil resources as specified by applicable federal and state law

Priority is to be given to those development projects, processes, and activities which meet the following goals and objectives:

- Preserve existing jobs and production
- Create the greatest number of new jobs
- Create most additional lignite production and economic growth potential in coal-producing counties or counties with recoverable coal reserves
- Attract matching private industry investment equal to at least 50% or more of total cost
- Result in development and demonstration of a marketable lignite product or products with a high level of probability of near term commercialization.

Priority is to be given to those marketing projects, processes, and activities which meet the following goals and objections:

- Develop baseline information
- Implement specific marketing strategies
- Contribute to the effective marketing of lignite and its products by the year 2000 or before

Priority is to be given to those reclamation projects, processes, and activities which meet the following goals and objectives:

- Reduce unnecessary regulatory costs
- Assist in effectively reclaiming surface mined land to its original or better productivity as soon as possible