

IC 21-47-2

Chapter 2. State Geologist; Geological Survey

IC 21-47-2-1

State geologist; Indiana University faculty member; appointment; duties

Sec. 1. (a) The state geologist, while holding the office of state geologist, shall be regarded as a member of the faculty of Indiana University. The state geologist may be appointed to a full-time or part-time position on the faculty of Indiana University.

(b) The state geologist shall be chosen by Indiana University. The state geologist shall serve for an indefinite period at the pleasure of Indiana University.

(c) The state geologist shall direct the collection and archiving of rock, mineral, soil, and other geologic samples. These samples shall be retained, as considered proper by the state geologist, at Indiana University.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.288.

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Geological survey; establishment; purpose

Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana geological survey is established as a part of Indiana University.

(b) The head of the survey is the state geologist.

(c) The survey is under the direction and control of the board of trustees of Indiana University to:

- (1) continue the geological and scientific survey of Indiana;
- (2) continue the work of discovering, developing, and preserving the mineral, energy, and ground water resources of Indiana; and
- (3) have charge of the state geological sample collection.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.288.

IC 21-47-2-3

Geological survey; duties; powers

Sec. 3. (a) The survey shall do the following:

- (1) Provide geologic information about the energy, mineral, and ground water resources and geologic related hazards of Indiana.
- (2) Provide services that include:
 - (A) the archiving of rock cores, well cuttings, other subsurface geologic information, and other physical and chemical data on geologic materials; and
 - (B) the collection and storage of data.
- (3) Provide public service, information, and educational programs.
- (4) Engage in research.
- (5) Participate in cooperative studies and contractual projects with the department of natural resources and other agencies of state and federal government.
- (6) Participate in cooperative studies and contractual projects

with state educational institutions and private educational institutions.

(7) Disseminate published maps and reports.

(b) The survey may also do the following through contractual agreements:

(1) Provide the department of natural resources with information on the geologic occurrence of ground water and the vulnerability of this resource to contamination.

(2) Provide to the department of natural resources and other state agencies geologic information needed for the effective regulation of the mineral, water, and energy resources of Indiana.

(3) At the request of the department of natural resources, perform geotechnical investigations for a variety of mine reclamation programs.

(4) Provide general geotechnical consultation and assistance as may be needed from time to time.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.288.

IC 21-47-2-4

Geological survey advisory council

Sec. 4. (a) The president of Indiana University may appoint a geological survey advisory council.

(b) The council, if appointed, consists of nine (9) or more members who shall be selected with regard to their experience and knowledge concerning the public needs or enterprises served by the geological survey.

(c) The president of Indiana University shall specify the length of the term for which members of the council are appointed.

(d) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). A member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(e) The council shall meet with the state geologist from time to time, at the call of the state geologist, to make recommendations concerning:

(1) the functions and performance of the survey; and

(2) appropriations and funding for the survey.

(f) The council may make recommendations concerning the effectiveness and efficiency of the survey and other matters.

(g) Recommendations and reports of the council shall be directed to the following:

(1) The governor.

(2) The budget agency.

(3) The president of Indiana University.

(4) The director of the department of natural resources.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.288.

IC 21-47-2-5

State geologist; duty to confer with department of natural resources

Sec. 5. The state geologist and Indiana University shall confer periodically with the director of the department of natural resources concerning the enforcement of laws that address conservation issues and the development of natural resources.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.288.

IC 21-47-2-6

Geological survey; appropriations; responsibility of Indiana University; responsibility of state

Sec. 6. (a) Appropriations to support the operations of the survey shall be made to Indiana University by separate line item.

(b) Indiana University is not responsible for the expenses and cost of operating and maintaining the survey except to the extent that the appropriations and the income generated by contracts and other operations of the survey are sufficient. If at any time the board of trustees of Indiana University determines that it is no longer feasible for the survey to be a part of Indiana University, the director of the department of natural resources and the governor shall be advised as promptly as possible so that the state may make other arrangements to fulfill the mission of the survey.

(c) The state, and not Indiana University or the department of natural resources, shall defend against and be liable to satisfy claims against the survey arising from the performance by the survey of the powers and duties set forth in section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.288.