The North Dakota Department of Water Resources (DWR) manages several areas of regulatory requirements regarding North Dakota's water resources. However, the DWR's regulatory requirements are only a subset of the regulatory requirements or considerations a project may have with respect to water resources regulation and management. Below is a list developed by the DWR of known regulatory considerations for water resource projects. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive and is only provided as general guidance.

### STATE AGENCIES

**Department of Water Resources (DWR)**
- Construction permitting for dams, dikes, and other water control devices
- Drainage permitting for surface drainage projects
- Permitting for projects within the ordinary high water mark of North Dakota's navigable rivers and lakes (i.e., sovereign lands)
- Water use permitting for consumptive and other water uses
  - Contact DWR at (701) 328-2750 or dwr@nd.gov
  - Website: [https://www.dwr.nd.gov/](https://www.dwr.nd.gov/)

**North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**
- 401 permitting and other water quality regulations and considerations
  - Contact DEQ's Water Quality Division at (701) 328-5210 or deq@nd.gov
  - Website: [https://deq.nd.gov/WQ/](https://deq.nd.gov/WQ/)

**North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT)**
- Authority and permitting for water or drainage related activities within NDDOT rights-of-way
  - Website: [https://www.dot.nd.gov/district/index.htm](https://www.dot.nd.gov/district/index.htm)

**North Dakota Game and Fish (NDG&F)**
- Invasive species and threatened and endangered species considerations
  - Contact NDG&F's Conservation and Communications Division at (701) 328-6311
  - Website: [https://gf.nd.gov/wildlife](https://gf.nd.gov/wildlife)

### LOCAL ENTITIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

**Water Resource Districts’ Authorities Over Water Management**
- Website: [https://www.dwr.nd.gov/info_edu/water_links/nd_resource_boards.html](https://www.dwr.nd.gov/info_edu/water_links/nd_resource_boards.html)

**Floodplain Management Regulations and Permitting**
- Website: [https://www.dwr.nd.gov/reg_approp/FloodplainManagement/](https://www.dwr.nd.gov/reg_approp/FloodplainManagement/)

**Zoning Regulations and Permitting by Political Subdivisions (i.e., county, township, city)**

**Road Right-of-Way Regulations and Permissions by Political Subdivisions**

### FEDERAL AGENCIES

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Dakota Regulatory Office (USACE ND)**
- 404 permitting and authorizations for placement of fill in Waters of the United States
  - Contact USACE ND at (701) 255-0015 or CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil
  - Website: [https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/North-Dakota/](https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/North-Dakota/)

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)**
- Wetland easement regulations and considerations
  - Federally listed Threatened and Endangered species considerations
  - Contact USFWS at (701) 250-4481 or ndfieldoffice@fws.gov
  - Website: [https://www.fws.gov/northdakotafieldoffice/](https://www.fws.gov/northdakotafieldoffice/)

**National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**
- Farm program compliance regulations and considerations
  - Contact NRCS State office at (701) 530-2000
  - Local NCs: [https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nd/contact/local/](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nd/contact/local/)
  - Website: [https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/nd/home/](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/nd/home/)