

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.2609 Board duties and responsibilities; advice to governor.**

Sec. 2609. (1) The board shall advise the governor and any state office, agency, or department specified by the governor on issues affecting the protection of the environment or the management of natural resources of this state. The board's duty to provide advice is limited to the specific advice requested from time to time by the governor. Any advice provided by the board is not legally binding on or enforceable against any individual, governmental entity, private entity, or other person.

(2) The board shall not review or advise on any application, recommendation, or decision regarding a permit, license, or environmental impact statement.

(3) Advice provided by the board shall be based on the following factors:

(a) Objective reasoning.

(b) Sound science.

(c) All of the following factors to the extent the governor specifies in the request under section 2611 that these factors are relevant to the decision for which the board's advice is sought:

(i) Relative and realistic risk to human health and the environment.

(ii) Analogous practices used or positions taken by the federal government and regulatory bodies in other states.

(iii) Economic reasonableness.

(d) Other relevant factors as specified by the governor in the request.

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