



## North Dakota Files Lawsuit Over Minnesota Renewable Law

North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem has filed a federal lawsuit challenging provisions of Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act, citing "direct and serious consequences" for North Dakota. Stenehjem's action follows four years of talks between the two states, where North Dakota officials encouraged their Minnesota counterparts to rescind portions of the law. Minnesota's legislature did rescind part of the law during the legislative session, but Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton vetoed the measure. [Read the Forum story.](#)



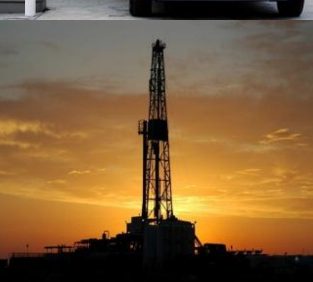
## North Dakota May Join Fracking Lawsuit

North Dakota's Industrial Commission will ask the North Dakota State Legislature to appropriate \$1 million to support a lawsuit over possible federal oversight in hydraulic fracturing during a special legislative session next week. North Dakota's Governor, Attorney General, and Agriculture Commission comprise the state's Industrial Commission and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem says if the state takes legal action, he'll work with other states to coordinate efforts. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## Oil Company Cited for Water Pollution

The North Dakota Department of Health has issued violation notices to Oklahoma-based Continental Resources, citing two separate incidents where drilling mud and oil contaminated soil and water in Williams and Divide counties this spring. Department of Health officials say that the company has two weeks to respond to the violation notices and that fines could be as high as \$5,000 per day for the violations. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## Permit for Tribal Oil Refinery Under Review

Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes have asked for a federal review of an EPA-issued permit to construct an oil refinery on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. The review requests were made to EPA's Environmental Review Board and the permit will now be on hold until at least December to allow EPA Region 8 to respond to the requested review and for a public comment period following the review board's ruling. [Read the Bismarck Tribune story.](#)



## Calendar of Events



November 7-8	<a href="#">CAPTS Farm Bill Conference</a>	Fargo
November 14-15	<a href="#">Great Plains Energy Expo</a>	Bismarck
November 15	<a href="#">NDARE Membership Meeting</a>	Bismarck
November 18-19	<a href="#">Prairie Energy &amp; Carbon Teacher Training Institute</a>	Grand Forks
January 11-13	<a href="#">Midwest Energy Solutions Conference</a>	Chicago, IL
January 24-26	<a href="#">2012 Energy Generation Conference</a>	Bismarck
June 4-7	<a href="#">Fuel Ethanol Workshop</a>	Minneapolis, MN



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