



Commerce Department Overview

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Commerce Department Mission

- Protect the public interest.
- Advocate for Minnesota consumers.
- Ensure a strong, competitive, and fair marketplace.
- Strengthen Minnesota's economic future.
- Serve as a trusted public resource for consumers and businesses.

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What Commerce Does

- Regulates over 22 industries
- Licenses approximately 350,000 professionals and businesses
- Provides consumer assistance
- Conducts fraud investigations
- Advocates for the public interest before regulatory bodies
- Delivers federal and state energy and telecommunications programs
- Ensures equitable commercial and financial transactions and reliable utility services

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Commerce Department Leadership

Commissioner: Steve Kelley

Deputy Commissioners:

- Anne O'Connor, Chief of Staff
- Fred Andersen (Acting), Insurance
- Max Zappia , Financial Institutions
- Joe Sullivan, Energy Resources

Assistant Commissioners:

- Katherine Blauvelt, Energy Resources
- Marty Fleischhacker, Enforcement
- Peter Brickwedde, Government and External Affairs

Chief Financial Officer:

Tim Jahnke

General Counsel:

Kathleen Finnegan

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Division of Energy Resources

- Energy Regulation and Planning
- State Energy Office
 - Energy Efficiency and Assurance Unit
 - Clean Energy and Programs Unit
- Energy Assistance Program Unit
- Energy Environmental Review and Analysis Unit
- Telecommunications Unit



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Energy Regulation and Planning

Ensures energy service is reliable and reasonably priced while minimizing adverse environmental impacts.



Responsibilities

Energy Regulation and Planning

- Intervenes on the public's behalf before the Public Utilities Commission
- Investigates matters involving reliability, financial issues, and energy conservation
- Analyzes plans, rate cases, and rider filings

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State Energy Office

Helps Minnesota achieve its clean energy goals by accelerating the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy.



Responsibilities

State Energy Office

- Provides oversight to \$300+ million in federal and utility dollars for energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Provides oversight for 140+ utility conservative improvement programs
- Administers the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program
- Provides policy, program, data, and technical expertise for the clean energy economy
- Maintains state emergency energy planning and recovery plans
- Educates residents through the Energy Information Center

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Energy Assistance Program

Administers the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.



Responsibilities

Energy Assistance Program

- Improves low-income Minnesota households' capacity to positively affect their well-being by meeting immediate home energy needs
- Provides oversight to \$115 million+ in annual energy assistance payments to energy vendors statewide
- Serves annually, approximately:
 - 126,400 households totaling 320,000 people
 - 27,100 households with young children (under age 6)

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Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

Directs all aspects of environmental review and permitting of large energy projects.



Responsibilities

Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

- Provides the Public Utilities Commission project management, technical analysis, and public involvement facilitation around environmental impact statements
- Participates in the state's long-range energy planning and policy development processes
- Serves as the Department of Commerce technical representative to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Petrofund Reimbursement Program

Reimbursement Program

- Addresses contamination from leaking petroleum storage tanks
- 90% reimbursement of investigation and cleanup costs
- Petroleum retailers, other businesses, homeowners, farmers, schools, all levels of government



Helping School Districts in Greater MN

Independent School District #721 – New Prague, MN

- School removed (2) 10,000 gallon fuel oil tanks
- After the removal, contamination was discovered and 150 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated and disposed of
- These costs were not covered by insurance
- Petrofund covered 90% (\$5,700)
- School was able to put those funds to better use educating students



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Petrofund Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Removal Program

Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Removal Program

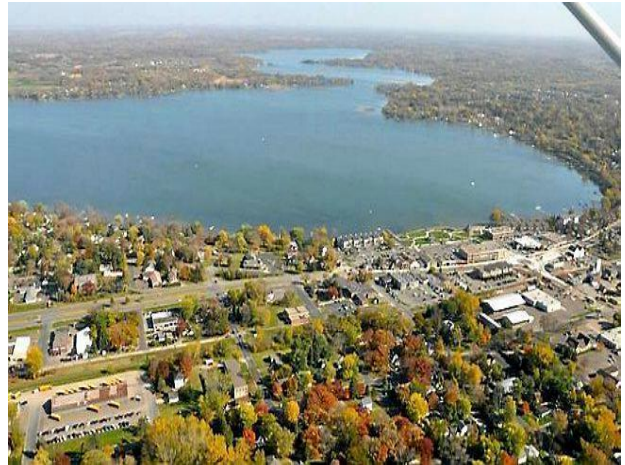
- Removal of abandoned tanks using state contractors
- Address old, forgotten petroleum products before they enter the environment



Helping protect groundwater in Forest Lake

City of Forest Lake, MN

- Removed (1) 560 gallon fuel oil tank and (1) 500 gallon fuel oil tank, with 405 gallons of fuel oil/water/sludge mixture, from former gas station located within a block of Forest Lake.
- Gas station went out of business around the 1950s, leaving tanks in City right-of-way
- Leak discovered and investigation and cleanup in progress
- Funding for tank removal allowed for removing the remaining contaminants before they impacted the groundwater and Forest Lake, in addition to identifying and addressing the petroleum that had already leaked.



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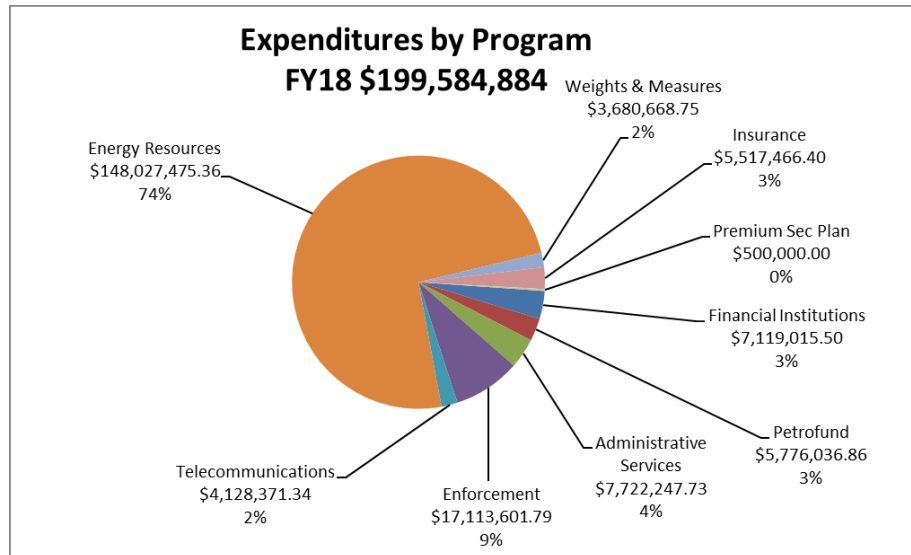
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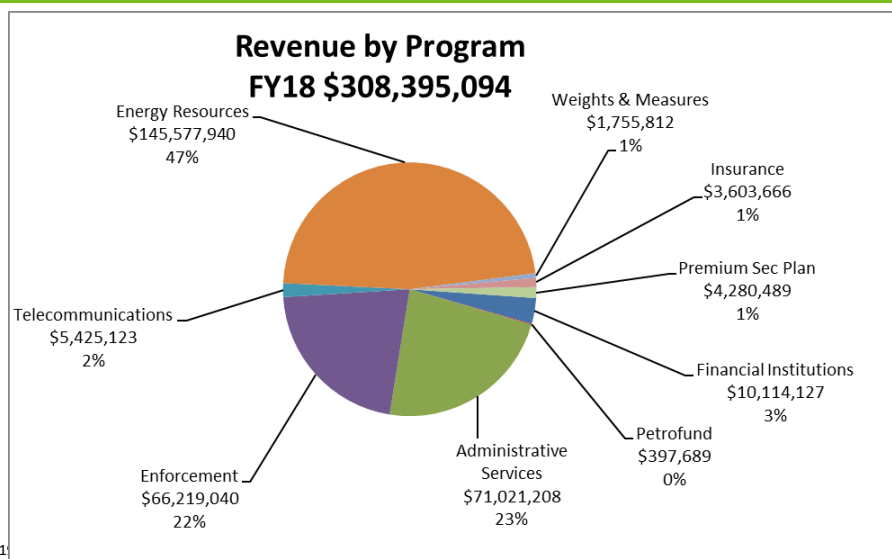
- Petroleum Industry Member
- Insurance Industry Member
- Public Member
- Commerce Commissioner
- Pollution Control Agency Commissioner



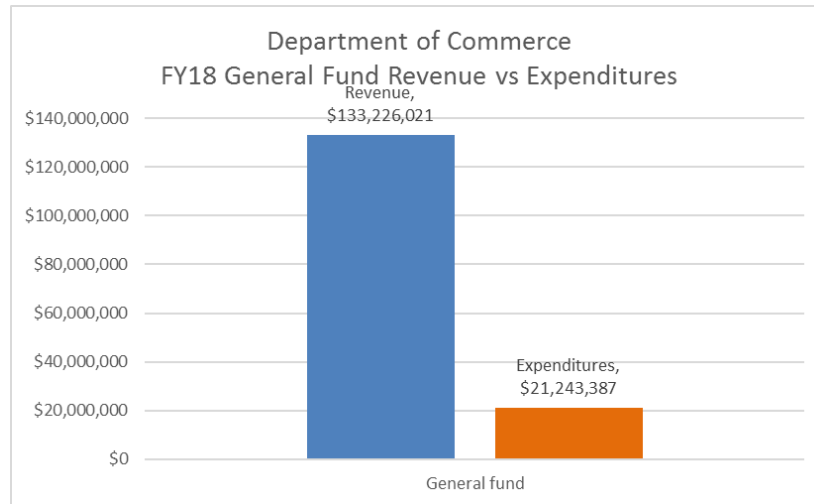
Commerce Department Expenditures by Program



Commerce Department Revenue by Program



Commerce Department General Fund Revenue vs Expenditures



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State Energy Office FY18 Expenditure By Program

State Energy Office	
Conservation Improvement Program	\$4857
Energy Regulation and planning	\$2,362
Environmental Review and Analysis	\$3,789
Low Income Heating Assistance Program-Admin	\$3,234
Weatherization Assistance Program – Admin	\$805
Other State Energy Office Services	\$7,609
Total:	\$22,658

Energy Division Pass-Through Funds and Grants

Pass-Through Funds and Grants	
Low Income Heating Assistance Program	\$117,599
Weatherization Assistance Program	\$7,771
Total:	\$125,370

Petrofund FY18 Expenditures

Regulatory Services	
Petroleum Tank Cleanup Program	\$5,776



THANK YOU!

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