

**H.F. No. 2123, Conference Committee Report - 86th Legislative Session (2009-2010)**

17.25By January 15, 2010, the commissioner  
17.26shall submit a report evaluating and  
17.27recommending options to provide for the  
17.28long-term protection of the state's surface  
17.29water and groundwater resources and  
17.30the funding of programs to provide this  
17.31protection.

18.26By October 1, 2009, the commissioner shall  
18.27develop a plan for the development of an  
18.28adequate groundwater level monitoring  
18.29network of wells in the 11-county  
18.30metropolitan area. The commissioner,  
18.31working with the Metropolitan Council,  
18.32the Department of Homeland Security, and  
18.33the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
18.34Agency, shall design the network so that  
18.35the wells can be used to identify threats to  
19.1groundwater quality and institute practices to  
19.2protect the groundwater from degradation.  
19.3The network must be sufficient to ensure  
19.4that water use in the metropolitan area  
19.5does not harm ecosystems, degrade water  
19.6quality, or compromise the ability of future  
19.7generations to meet their own needs. The  
19.8plan should include recommendations on  
19.9the necessary payment rates for users of the  
19.10system expressed in cents per gallon for well  
19.11drilling, operation, and maintenance.