Geoscience in Your State: South Dakota
By the numbers: South Dakota

- 1,505 geoscience employees (excludes self-employed)
- 238 million gallons/day: total groundwater withdrawal
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Agencies Working on Geoscience Issues in South Dakota

South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
https://denr.sd.gov/
To protect public health and the environment by providing environmental monitoring and natural resource assessment, technical and financial assistance for environmental projects, and environmental regulatory services; all done with reduced red tape, expanded e-government functions, and exceptional customer service to promote a prosperous economy while protecting South Dakota's environment and natural resources for today and tomorrow.

South Dakota Geological Survey
http://www.sdgs.usd.edu/
The mission of the Geological Survey Program is to perform scientific investigations that are designed to generate information on South Dakota's geologic and hydrologic resources. Fundamental aspects of those investigations are to include the collection, interpretation, and dissemination of geologic and hydrologic information leading to (1) a better understanding of the geology and hydrology of South Dakota, (2) better and easier use of the information by government, industry, and the public for decisions related to resource development and protection, (3) greater economic development, and (4) a better quality of life for South Dakota's citizens.

South Dakota Office of Emergency Management
https://dps.sd.gov/emergency-services/emergency-management
The purpose of the OEM is to protect South Dakotans and their property from the effects of natural, manmade, and technological disasters.

Maps & Visualizations

Interactive database for geologic maps of the United States
U.S. Geological Survey
The U.S. Geological Survey hosts the National Geologic Map Database (NGMDB). This interactive tool serves as a national archive for high-quality, standardized geologic maps created by the U.S. Geological Survey and state geological surveys. The MapView section of the NGMDB displays geologic maps...

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Geologic Mapping and Public Health

Using Geologic Maps to Protect Public Health Geologic maps can be used to understand and mitigate public health risks across the US, in addition to their more traditional use in resource and infrastructure decisions. Geologic maps can show the location of naturally occurring hazardous materials and...

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Webinars & Forums

2016-10-27
The 2016 Critical Issues Forum was a 1-½ day meeting covering multiple aspects of groundwater depletion in the High Plains.

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Research Database Publications

South Dakota
2000, United States Geological Survey

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