Geoscience in Your State: Wyoming
By the numbers: Wyoming

- 2,197 geoscience employees (excludes self-employed)
- 748 million gallons/day: total groundwater withdrawal
$2.41 billion: value of nonfuel mineral production in 2017

30 total disaster declarations, including 18 fire, 5 flood, and 2 severe storm disasters (1953-2017)?

$4.65 million: NSF GEO grants awarded in 2017...

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Agencies Working on Geoscience Issues in Wyoming

**Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality**
http://deq.wyoming.gov/
The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for enforcing state and federal environmental laws. It is comprised of seven divisions including: administration, abandoned mine land, air quality, industrial siting, land quality, solid & hazardous waste, water quality.

**Wyoming State Emergency Response Commission**
https://hls.wyo.gov/
Among the SERC’s duties are the following: designate local emergency planning districts within the state and appoint a local emergency planning committee (LEPC) to serve each of the districts; coordinate and supervise activities of the local committees; review local emergency response plans annually; receive all chemical release notifications and inventory reports.

**Wyoming State Geological Survey**
https://www.wsgs.wyo.gov/
The Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS) performs the important and critical function of interpreting Wyoming’s complex geology.

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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Groundwater Protection in Oil and Gas Production

Introduction The United States relies on groundwater for roughly 25% of its fresh water.1 This groundwater is found in porous, permeable rocks (aquifers) that often lie close to the Earth’s surface – the deepest freshwater aquifers are found more than 6,000 feet underground,2 but most are much...