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North Dakota Atmospheric Resource Board looking for public feedback

Online survey, public listening meetings announced

Bismarck, ND - The Atmospheric Resource Board (ARB), in partnership with the North Dakota Weather Modification Association, has opened an online survey and will host two public listening sessions in May to collect feedback from the public regarding the makeup of the ARB, the North Dakota Cloud Modification Project (NDCMP), current active partnerships, research priorities, and public perception of the ARB and its associated projects.

The public listening meetings are slated for May 21 in Bowman, ND, and May 24 in Stanley, ND. Representatives from the ARB will give a presentation with updates on the programs, followed by a public forum to gather information and feedback from attendees. Public comments will be used to further guide the direction of the ARB's ongoing strategy, public policy and administration. The board sets policies and makes decisions regarding the operation of all North Dakota ARB activities.

"The Board has a long history of success with the evaluation and management of atmospheric resource programs in North Dakota," Darin Langerud, ARB Division Director said. "We invite the public to provide feedback on our partnerships and programs as we look to the future."

The powers, functions, and duties of the ARB are administered under the direction and supervision of the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The ARB retains the quasi-judicial, quasi-legislative, advisory, budgetary, rulemaking, and other functions vested in it, which are exercised in accordance with policy and guidelines for weather modification activities as established by the DWR.

The online survey is open to the public and will close on May 31, 2024. The first public listening meeting is at 10 a.m. MDT on May 21 in the Bowman City Hall. The second is May 24 at 10 a.m. CDT at the Mountrail County South Complex in Stanley.

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