

**RCW 43.21A.600 Powers and duties—Electric power resources.** The department shall make studies and surveys, collect, compile and disseminate information and statistics to facilitate development of the electric power resources of the state by public utility districts, municipalities, electric cooperatives, joint operating agencies and public utility companies. The director may cause studies to be made relating to the construction of steam generating plants using any available fuel and their integration with hydro-electric facilities. He or she may cause designs for any such plant to be prepared. He or she shall employ such engineers and other experts and assistants as may be necessary to carry out his or her power resources functions. [2009 c 549 s 5086; 1988 c 127 s 8; 1965 c 8 s 43.21.220. Prior: 1957 c 284 s 2. Formerly RCW 43.21.220.]

*Joint operating agencies: Chapter 43.52 RCW.*