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- 1941 Missouri Valley Regional Planning Commission Created
- 1943 Missouri River States Committee Formed
- 1944 Flood Control Act/Pick-Sloan Plan
- 1945 Rivers and Harbors Act
- 1945 Establishment of Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee
- 1946 Fort Randall Dam Construction Begins
- 1946 Garrison Dam Construction Begins
- 1948 Oahe Dam Ground-Breaking
- 1952 Fort Randall Dam Completed
- 1952 Gavins Point Dam Construction Begins
- 1955 Garrison Dam Completed
- 1957 Gavins Point Dam Completed
- 1959 Big Bend Dam Construction Begins
- 1960 Water Resources Council Created
- 1962 Oahe Dam Dedication
- 1964 Big Bend Dam Completed
- 1965 Water Resources Planning Act
- 1969 National Environmental Protection Act, Requires Environmental Impact Statements
- 1972 Missouri River Basin Commission Created
- 1973 Department of Natural Resources Development (DNRD) Created
- 1979 Department of Natural Resources Development becomes the Department of Water and Natural Resources (DWNR)
- 1991 Department of Water and Natural Resources becomes the Department of Environment and Natural Resources