

## ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT/AGRICULTURE

The **LOCKRIDGE GRINDAL NAUEN P.L.L.P. Federal Relations Group** has extensive experience in developing and implementing successful federal relations and public policy advocacy programs on behalf of association and coalition groups, counties, private operators, and manufactures. Our team of seasoned professionals has a deep understanding of energy, agricultural, and resources issues and long-lasting relationships with key policymakers which help our clients achieve their goals.

The **Federal Relations Group's** team of seasoned professionals has decades of experience working in and with the Administration and Congress and specifically the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Interior (DOI), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), as well as independent agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This familiarity and collegiality helps to further our clients' federal legislative and regulatory affairs objectives and inevitably results in successful outcomes for our clients. Our experience has led to proven and measurable results for our clients, including successful efforts to direct targeted federal research and development dollars, influence distribution formulas, insert legislative and report language, implement regulatory relief actions, and directly intervene to support client objectives.

### Record of Success

- Clean Energy Initiatives
- Agricultural Operations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Local Governments

### Special Expertise

- Authorization Legislation
- Congressional Appropriations
- Federal Regulatory Processes
- Competitive Grant Strategies

**“I just learned that the city is currently represented by Dennis McGrann. You really have a terrific person in Dennis and many... here are good friends with him and praise his work to the skies.”**

- Lynn G. Cutler  
former Deputy Assistant to the President  
*The White House*  
Washington, D.C.

# Energy/Environment/Agriculture Client Successes

The **LOCKRIDGE GRINDAL NAUEN P.L.L.P. Federal Relations Group** creates value by applying proven strategies to advance client objectives. Notable successes include:

## ➤ **Disaster Funds**

Worked with representatives of other states, Governors' offices, and state Congressional Delegations to help secure passage of \$8.6 billion disaster relief legislation to assist communities, businesses, and farms impacted by 1997 floods across the Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota.

## ➤ **Wastewater Management**

Pursued an aggressive strategy to secure funding for upgrades to aging parts of a client community's wastewater system over several consecutive years, resulting in millions in new federal investments for the local government.

## ➤ **Regulatory Relief**

After a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ruling threatened to eliminate a Fortune 100 food production/distribution corporation's ability to manufacture and distribute a major line of retail consumer food products, successfully positioned the company before key policy makers, allowing the client an opportunity to present its case in a constructive and favorable environment and ultimately postponing implementation of the ruling.

## ➤ **Sustainable Business Model**

Worked with Members of Congress to secure a specific funding designation in the Department of Interior Appropriations bill to kick-start a Midwestern Indian tribe's plan for a sustainable natural resource business model. Obtained over a half million federal dollars, allowing the reservation to create a market for organic wild rice and increase the visibility of its product, thus enriching the community's economic vitality for both present and future generations.

## ➤ **Energy Loan Guarantee**

Drafted a strategic plan emphasizing the unique nature of a Midwestern energy enterprise's new energy technologies and innovative coal gasification project and highlighting the benefits to local government. Congress passed a major energy bill including the project and dedicated an \$800 million Department of Energy loan guarantee for the plant.

## ➤ **Renewable Energy**

Assist a coalition of Midwestern producers to seek a legislative remedy when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling that was highly unfavorable to many Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) production facilities across the country. Helped create a coalition of public and private producers and assisted in development of a strategy that protected the production facilities and offered a long term solution to the challenge. Ultimately, Congress and the courts were able to clarify the ruling and offer a path to continued resource utilization.