

repository of health effects information, the Group conducts special health effects studies and serves as a consultative and advisory body for the Department.

The Group's role in setting criteria and standards has considerable impact on the health and welfare of Marylanders. The role is shared with the federal government. When differences in scientific judgment occur, negotiations with the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the federal Food and Drug Administration, and public and private parties in the State often are needed to protect public health.

In developing strategy and criteria, the Group integrates toxic substances strategy; develops scientific criteria for toxic pollutants; and develops mass balance accounting schemes for toxic chemicals. The Group also formulates asbestos inspection and abatement criteria, and risk assessment protocols.

The Science and Health Advisory Group has developed a health registries system that includes the Toxic Substances Registry, Birth Defects Registry, Maryland Cancer Registry, and the Occupational Disease Reporting System. The registries system offers data that can be linked and studied for possible relationships. The system also includes location and quantities of toxic substances, as well as information on incidents related to their manufacture, use, disposal, and transport.

By computer links to the National Library of Medicine and other sources, the Group secures scientific reference information. The Group also disseminates information through chemical data fact sheets, alerts, and toxic substances incident reporting.

The Group conducts special studies, including epidemiological studies, cancer cluster investigations, health effects surveys, and special toxic substance surveys. The source and fate of toxic pollutants are also studied. Special projects assigned to the Group include competitive funding requests to support studies and projects; technical oversight of the State Asbestos Survey; and State employees asbestos medical monitoring and training.

The Science and Health Advisory Group provides staff support to the Advisory Council on Lead Poisoning and the Council on Toxic Substances.

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The Advisory Council on Lead Poisoning was created in 1986 (Chapter 404, Acts of 1986). The Council reviews rules and regulations relating to poison prevention and develops educational programs to eliminate cases of lead poisoning.

The Council is comprised of nineteen members. Seventeen are appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms. Two serve *ex officio* (Code Environment Article, secs. 6-701 through 6-708).

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The Council on Toxic Substances was established in 1979 (Chapter 370, Acts of 1979). The Council collects and evaluates data pertinent to