

The purpose of the Compact is to protect and restore land, water, and other resources affected by mining; assist in reducing the deterioration of land, water, and air attributable to mining; and encourage programs to protect, conserve, and improve the usefulness of natural resources.

The total budget of the Compact is \$147,286. The first half of the budget is assessed to each state on an equal basis. The other half is pro-rated on the basis of the value of mineral production in the party states.

The Compact establishes a Commission with one representative and one alternate from each state. Under the Compact, the Commission recommends techniques to improve, restore, or protect land and other resources affected by mining; and helps support and maintain an efficient, productive mining industry.

The Commission is composed of the seventeen governors of the states that have ratified the Interstate Mining Compact. Each governor may designate an alternate (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-701 through 7-703).

INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT COMMISSION

Chairperson: Steve Cowper, *Governor of Alaska*

Maryland representative: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor*

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In 1935, the Interstate Oil Compact was executed in Dallas, Texas. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959 (Chapter 390, Acts of 1959). The Compact established the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, which is based in Oklahoma. Through the Commission, thirty-six member states work to conserve oil and gas resources.

Membership on the Commission consists of the Governor of each signatory state together with an assistant representative who may act in the Governor's stead (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 6-401 through 6-404).

INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Chairperson: James J. Corbalis, Jr., *Virginia*, 1989

Ex officio: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor*

Maryland members appointed by Governor: Robert Y. Clagett, 1989; George H. Shoemaker, 1989.

Alternates appointed by Governor: Norton Dodge, Ph.D., 1989; Minny Pohlmann, 1989; Herbert M. Sachs, 1989.

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The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin is an agency of those states comprising the Potomac River drainage basin. Established by an Act of Congress in 1940 and amended in 1970 (P.L. 91-407), the Commission operates under the Potomac River Sanitation Compact. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1939 (Chapter 320, Acts of 1939; Chapter 29, Acts of 1960).

The Commission has jurisdiction over the Potomac Valley Conservancy District, created by the enabling act. The Commission analyzes and interprets data; conducts studies; coordinates planning and programs; disseminates information and educational material to the public; and promotes uniform laws and regulations. It recommends solutions to problems relating to stream pollution and the use and conservation of water and associated land resources in the District. The Commission's Cooperative Water Supply Operations (CO-OP) Section provides technical and managerial services for coordinated drought-related operations of the major Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia public water supply utilities in the Washington Metropolitan Area (Water Supply Coordination Agreement of July 22, 1982).

The Commission is composed of representatives of the five signatory members: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. While the United States government is a member of the Commission, it is not a signatory member. The representatives from Maryland include the Governor and two residents of the Potomac Valley Conservancy District, who are appointed by the Governor for two-year terms.

The Commission is financed by appropriations from each of the participating bodies (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-303, 8-304).

Monthly, the Commission issues a newsletter, *The Potomac Basin Reporter*. Other technical and general information reports are also available to the public.