

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Established in 1988, the Construction Management Program reviews sediment control and stormwater management for State and federal projects. The Program manages the Stormwater Pollution Control Cost Share Program (SPCCSP), which funds stormwater retrofit projects throughout the State, and the Stormwater Grant-in-Aid (SGIA) Program, which funds stormwater management programs in local jurisdictions.

TOXICS, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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The Toxics, Environmental Science and Health Administration was formed in 1991. Under the Administration are five programs: Radiological Health, Environmental Health, Industrial Operations, Toxics Registries and Analysis, and Toxics Operations. The Administration is aided by three advisory boards: the Advisory Council on Lead Poisoning, the Radiation Control Advisory Board, and the Council on Toxic Substances.

The Director oversees management of the five programs which provide scientific and medical expertise to the Department and to the public and private sectors. These programs formulate toxic chemical strategy and develop criteria for that strategy. Maintaining a repository of health effects information, the Programs conduct special health effects studies and serve as consultants and advisors for the Department.

The Administration'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 U.S. 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 Administration integrates toxic substances strategy; defines scientific criteria for toxic pollutants; and devises mass balance accounting schemes for toxic chemicals. The Administration also formulates asbestos inspection and abatement criteria and risk assessment protocols.

The Administration oversees a health registries system for toxic substances, birth defects, cancer, and occupational disease. The registries offer 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 Administration secures scientific reference information and disseminates information through chemical data fact sheets, alerts, and toxic substances incident reports.

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

RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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The Radiological Health Program originated in 1959 as a radiation protection section within the State Department of Health. By 1967, the section had evolved into the Division of Radiological Health. When Maryland became a party to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Agreement in 1971, the Division was reorganized as the Division of Radiation Control within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In 1987, the Division became part of the Department of the Environment and was renamed the Center for Radiological Health. In 1989, the Center was reorganized as the Radiological Health Program.

In accordance with the Maryland Radiation Act, the Program regulates all radiation sources in the State. This responsibility includes licensing, registration, and enforcement of regulations that cover both ionizing and nonionizing radiation sources, by-product material, and limited quantities of special nuclear material. The Program also establishes requirements for persons engaged in the business of testing for radon (Code Environment Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-601).

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