

The Radiation Control Advisory Board originated in 1960 (Chapter 88, Acts of 1960). Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Board was transferred to the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). The Board advises and consults with the Secretary of the Environment on problems, procedures, and questions relating to radiation.

The Board's twelve members are appointed by the Secretary of the Environment for four-year terms. Two members represent the community at large (Code Environment Article, secs. 8-201 through 8-205).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Boon P. Lim, M.D., *Administrator*
631-3851

The Environmental Health Program originated as the Division of Environmental Disease within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In 1987, the Division was made part of the Department of the Environment and renamed the Center for Environmental Health. In 1989, the Center was reformed to become the Environmental Health Program.

Through environmental toxicology and risk assessment, the Program evaluates the risks to human health of exposures to environmental toxics. The Program, through environmental epidemiology, conducts investigations, surveillance, and special studies on diseases or exposures with identified or suspected relationships to environmental agents, such as carcinogenic or toxic substances.

The Program also is responsible for maintaining health registries on cancer, occupational diseases, and heavy metal poisoning.

INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS PROGRAM

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The Industrial Operations Program began in 1989. The Program provides technical consultation on exposure to toxic substances and support for industrial hygiene to State agencies and facilities, local schools, and county health departments. The Program identifies environmental hazards in State facilities, provides technical assistance and consultation on the management and control of these hazards; and oversees implementation of the programs of the Asbestos Oversight Committee, which is responsible for the management and removal of asbestos in all State facilities. The Program also provides training and medical monitoring to all State employees who routinely work with asbestos and provides technical assistance and consultation to all Maryland schools to help them comply with federal laws regulating the control of asbestos in public and private schools.

TOXICS REGISTRIES & ANALYSIS PROGRAM

George Harman, *Administrator*
631-3778

Formerly the Toxics Information and Operations Center, the Toxics Registries and Analysis Program was formed in 1989. Under the federal Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, the Program receives and stores information about the use of toxics by industry. The Program serves as a central repository for this data which Maryland counties use to develop emergency response plans.

The ecological effects of toxics, primarily on the aquatic environment, are assessed by the Program. These assessments are used by the Department and local agencies. In addition, the Program provides technical support to the Maryland State Police and the Department of Transportation on commercial vehicle safety activities and the transport of hazardous materials.

COUNCIL ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Bruce W. Fowler, Ph.D., *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor upon recommendation by Secretary of the Environment: Dennis G. Averill; Margaret P. Convey; Morton Corn, Ph.D.; Reuben G. Dagold; Mark J. Ewers; George P. Ferreri; Kenneth R. Harry; Donald A. Jackson; Irving I. Kessler, M.D.; Richard G. LaBrocco; Ronald D. LeClair; John N. Maycock, Ph.D.; James T. Noonan; George G. Perdikakis; Marcus E. Pollock; Robert N. Schoepfle, Ph.D.; Mary Ellen Setting; Thomas M. Thomas; Edwin O. Tremper; Benjamin F. Trump, M.D.; Thomas David Tullius, Ph.D.; Lawrence M. Ward; Tyrone A. Williams. *Terms expire 1991.*

Appointed by Senate President: Troy Brailey

Appointed by House Speaker: Joan B. Pitkin

Jeff Underwood, *Secretary*
631-3790

The Council on Toxic Substances was formed in 1979 (Chapter 370, Acts of 1979). The Council collects and evaluates data on toxic and carcinogenic substances, including asbestos in schools and public buildings, and advises the Secretary of the Environment on present and future courses of action. The Secretary of the Environment must refer to the Council all significant issues involving toxic and carcinogenic substances.

State agencies and private individuals or organizations may obtain the Council's help in developing grant proposals relating to toxic and carcinogenic substances. The economic impact of such proposals is evaluated by the Council, which also devises a communication system for emergencies involving these substances.