

The Commission regulates undeveloped land use along the Bay's shores and tributaries and may intervene in local governments' development plans if it determines the Bay may be endangered. Periodically, the Commission meets with the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas.

Twenty-six commission members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. They include five ex officio voting members or their designees. The Governor designates the chairperson with Senate advice and consent (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-1801 through 8-1816).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NATURAL RESOURCES

Herbert M. Sachs, *Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources*

974-3547

The Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources oversees four agencies: the Water Resources Administration, the Maryland Geological Survey, the Maryland Environmental Service, and the Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Board.

WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Catherine P. Stevenson, *Director*

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974-3846

The Water Resources Administration, formerly the Department of Water Resources, was created in 1972 (Chapter 348, Acts of 1972). The Administration protects, manages, and develops the water resources of the State. Served by two advisory boards, the Administration conducts three programs: Water and Mineral Management, Resource Protection, and Enforcement and Services. The Administration also is responsible for the Bureau of Mines.

STATE WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James E. Gutman, *Chairperson*

Contact: Ruth Mathes 333-1060

The Committee advises the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment on ways to improve and protect water quality in Maryland (Federal Regulations 40 CFR, Part 25).

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Nicholas Pelagatti, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Natural Resources: Roger R. Blunt; Russell B. Brinsfield, Ph.D.; Raymond P. Morgan, Ph.D.; Benjamin F. Trump, Ph.D.

535-0362

The Commission advises the Director of the Water Resources Administration (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102, 8-202).

WATER & MINERAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Gary Setzer, *Director*

974-2236

The Water and Mineral Management Program originated as the Water Management Program, and received its present name in 1990. The Program manages water supply resources throughout the State. To ensure the safety of dams, the Program also is responsible for planning, technical assistance, monitoring, and regulatory activities. The Program involves water conservation; water supply planning; and water appropriation permits. The Program also inspects existing dams and dams under construction; issues dam construction and repair permits; and provides emergency warning and response. Geotechnical and surveying services are provided by the Program to all agencies within the Department.

DAM SAFETY DIVISION

Brad Iarossi, *Chief* 974-2101

WATER RIGHTS DIVISION

Vacancy, *Chief* 974-3675

SURFACE MINING DIVISION

Edward Larrimore, *Chief* 974-3874

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Rebecca Quinn-Hughes, *Chief* 974-3825

Formerly the Flood Management Division, the Watershed Management Division administers the Flood Hazard Management Act of 1976, which mandates comprehensive planning of flood management programs and provides for a capital project grant program. The Division assists local governments with flood management plans and administers grants to help them solve existing flood problems. The Division also conducts in-house technical studies and manages engineering contracts for identified priority watersheds. In addition, the Division develops the State Flood Warning System Program; coordinates and trains the State Interagency Flood Hazard Mitigation Team; coordinates the National Flood Insurance Program; and administers the Community Assistance Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.