

*County Soil Conservation District Supervisor*; June Nader, *Allegany County*, 1979; Hugh B. Trimble, *Garrett County*, 1981.

Appointed members: James F. Coffroth, 1981; George Stanya, 1981.

The Land Reclamation Committee, originally established by Chapter 144, Acts of 1967, had its functions expanded by Chapter 414, Acts of 1969, and by Chapter 6, Acts of the Special Session of 1973. The Committee consists of eleven members. The Director of Energy and Coastal Zone Administration serves as chairperson. The remaining members include the chairpersons of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Garrett and Allegany counties or their representatives, two members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three-year terms to represent the mining industry, the Director of the Bureau of Mines, and three additional members of the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the Secretary. Two members were added by Chapter 672, Acts of 1974. One member resides in Allegany County. Neither of these members may have any interest in mining operations.

The Land Reclamation Committee studies, recommends, and approves procedures for reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of areas affected by open-pit mining within the State. The Committee also reviews all mining and reclamation plans, progress reports, and final reports. The Committee is further to establish plans and methods of procedure as well as practical guidelines for the prompt and adequate reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of all lands disturbed by open-pit mining of bituminous coal within the State (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-205, 7-501 through 7-505, 7-509, 7-510, 7-515).

## MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

### The Commission

*Chairperson*: M. Gordon Wolman, 1982

John C. Gyer, 1979; S. James Campbell, 1980; James F. Coffroth, 1981; Richard W. Cooper, 1983

### The Department

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The Maryland Geological Survey was established by Chapter 73, Acts of 1964, to supersede the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources, created by Chapter 508, Acts of 1941, which superseded the State Geological and Economic Survey Advisory Commission, the Water Front Commission, and the Water Resources Commission. The Survey was placed in the Department of Natural Resources by Chapter 154, Acts of 1969.

The Department is headed by a Director appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources. A Commission composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources acts in an advisory capacity to the Director with respect to matters under the jurisdiction of the Survey.

The Department supervises topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and geophysical surveys. It prepares topographic, geologic, and such other maps as may be necessary to meet specific needs. It makes reports on the extent and character of the State's geologic, mineral, and water resources. The Survey publishes from time to time County Geologic Reports, Reports of Investigations, Water Resources Basic Data Reports, Bulletins, Educational Series, and Information Circulars. The Survey also publishes county topographic maps, county geologic maps, a State geologic map, a State planimetric map, and other miscellaneous maps and charts.

In cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Department makes surveys of the water resources of the State. It also cooperates with the federal Survey in certain geological and geophysical mapping projects. The Survey carries out research and investigations of coastal estuarine problems relating to erosion and sedimentation along bay and ocean shorelines.

The Maryland Geological Survey is no longer responsible for regulatory functions regarding mining and gas well drilling. These activities are regulated by the Energy and Coastal Zone Administration.

The Division of Archeology was created by Chapter 541, Acts of 1968, to engage in research in the archeology of the State and to encourage and coordinate archeological research and investigation undertaken by other societies, institutions, museums, and organizations. The same Act created an Advisory Committee on Archeology to advise the Survey. The Division is headed by the State Archeologist. The Survey, through its Division of Archeology, may grant permits for