

toxic and carcinogenic substances, including asbestos in schools and public buildings, and advises the Secretary of the Environment on short-range and long-range courses of action. The Council assists State agencies and private individuals or organizations in developing grant proposals relating to toxic and carcinogenic substances. The Council evaluates the economic impact of proposals relating to toxic and carcinogenic substances and develops an effective communication system for dealing with emergencies involving these substances. The Secretary of the Environment is to refer to the Council all significant issues involving toxic and carcinogenic substances.

The Council consists of twenty-seven members. The Governor appoints twenty-five members from a list of persons recommended by the Secretary of the Environment. One senator is appointed by the president of the Senate, and one delegate is appointed by the speaker of the House. Each Council member must be knowledgeable or have a serious interest in toxic and carcinogenic substances. The Council is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Licensing and Regulation, Transportation, State Planning, Economic and Employment Development, and the State Fire Marshal, the Maryland State Police, the State Emergency Management and Civil Defense Agency, the AFL-CIO, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Two members represent the general public.

The Council reports to the Governor and the General Assembly annually (Code Environment Article, secs. 6-101 through 6-106).

PLANNING, INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The Planning, Inspection and Compliance Program works to ensure a safe and sufficient water supply for Maryland. The Program is responsible for functions formerly carried out by three programs: Planning and Evaluation, Inspection and Compliance, and Municipal Construction Grants and Permits. Prior to 1987 these programs were administered by the Office of Environmental Programs of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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The Program reviews and approves county water and sewerage plans and then reviews river basin water quality plans to ensure that they are consistent with those county plans. Water quality sampling programs and statewide studies are designed and conducted by the Program. The Program also monitors water quality in shellfish areas and in the discharges from municipal waste treatment plants. In addition, the Program conducts sampling and analysis of particular spill incidents and performs mathematical modeling to predict trends in the water quality of streams and Chesapeake Bay.

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The Program implements the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Maryland. Under this Act, the Program inspects approximately 800 community drinking water supplies. The Program also reviews subdivision plans to ensure the provision of sufficient and safe drinking water supplies and sewerage systems.

The Program assists local health departments with the design, installation, and maintenance of on-site water and sewerage systems and maintains a research and development program of innovative and alternative technologies for on-site sewerage systems. The Program administers an inspection program for all community sewerage systems and provides assistance to wastewater plant operators. Through inspections and the review of Daily Monitoring Reports submitted by permit holders, the Program monitors municipal discharges and works to secure compliance with water quality standards.

CONSTRUCTION GRANTS AND PERMITS

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The Program reviews applications for projects to be funded with federal and State assistance under the federal Clean Water Act. These projects include the construction of and improvements to sewage treatment plants. The Program also reviews the designs for water supply and wastewater facilities.

The Program issues combined State and federal discharge permits for municipal point source