
INTERSTATE AGENCIES

Interstate agencies enable states to work together for common purposes. Often, these agencies are created from interstate compacts approved by the U.S. Congress. The authority for interstate compacts is found in the U.S. Constitution (Article I, sec. 10).

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Federal Co-Chairperson: Jacqueline L. Phillips
States' Co-Chairperson: Robert P. Casey, Governor
of Pennsylvania

*Maryland member appointed by Secretary of Housing
& Community Development with Governor's approval:*
William Donald Schaefer, Governor (Ronald M.
Kreitner, alternate)

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The Appalachian Regional Commission was created by the federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-4). To implement this act, the Governor and Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Commission (Chapter 415, Acts of 1965).

The Commission plans and coordinates programs to develop the thirteen-state Appalachian region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. Commission programs include construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational schools, and sewage treatment works; development of land, timber, and water resources; rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development at the local level.

The Commission's major function is to support economic development of the Appalachian region through allocation of federal funds to member states. The Commission can act only on proposals submitted to it by state members.

With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary of Housing and Community Development appoints the State member and alternate (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 4-501 through 4-505).

APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

Maryland members appointed by Governor: two
vacancies

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In 1986, Maryland repealed the Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact and ratified the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact (Chapter 33, Acts of 1986). The Compact provides for a commission consisting of two members, appointed by the governor from each party state, and five members from each host state. Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia also have ratified the Compact. After anticipated Congressional approval of the Compact, the Commission will have central offices in Pennsylvania.

The Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact provides a framework for cooperative efforts. It assures proper packaging and transportation of low-level wastes. For radioactive waste disposal, the Compact identifies a host state (based on the volume and curie content of radioactive waste generated) to receive radioactive waste from party states; and distributes the costs and benefits equitably among party states. The Compact, after establishment of a regional facility, will ban wastes generated outside the region.

The Commission designates as a host state any party state that generates 25 percent or more of Pennsylvania's volume or total curie content of low-level radioactive waste, based on a comparison of averages over three successive years. A party state designated as a host state must begin immediate development of a regional facility designed to serve at least thirty years. Party states exempt from host state responsibilities continue as party states provided they generate less than the threshold amount of low-level radioactive waste over successive three-year periods.