

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 and, in 1992, Environmental Health Coordination.

Environmental Health Coordination advises the Department on the health effects of environmental conditions and on science-related environmental issues. The Office studies health and the environment, and coordinates risk assessment and, with local health agencies, the Department's environmental health program.

The Office oversees the Advisory Council on Lead Poisoning and two programs: Lead Coordination; and Environmental Health Assessment and Surveillance.

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LEAD POISONING

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The Advisory Council on Lead Poisoning was established in 1986 (Chapter 404, Acts of 1986). The Council reviews rules and regulations relating to lead poisoning prevention and develops educational programs to eliminate lead poisoning.

The Council's twenty-one members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. The Senate President and the House Speaker, or their designees, serve ex officio as nonvoting members (Code Environment Article, secs. 6-601 through 6-608).

#### MARYLAND WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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The Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration was created in 1988 within the Department of the Environment (Chapter 535, Acts of 1988). The Administration maintains and administers the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund.

Local governments may secure financial assistance from the Fund for wastewater treatment facilities in accordance with Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-4). The Fund finances loans to local governments for construction projects to abate and control water pollution and thereby improve water quality. Loans from the Fund may be used to buy or refinance debt obligations of local governments. They also may help guarantee or purchase insurance for bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation issued by a local government (Code Environment Article, secs. 9-1601 through 9-1622).

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The Director of Finance and Administration oversees five divisions: Budget Management; Fiscal Services; Management Information Systems; Personnel Services; and Central Services. Finance and Administration also provides security and safety and library services for the Department.

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### AIR & RADIATION MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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State concerns with air quality and the effects of radiation were evident by 1951 when the Division of Industrial Health and Air Pollution was formed under the Bureau of Environmental Hygiene, Department of Health. The work of monitoring and regulating was restructured in 1966 when the Division of Air Quality Control was established within the Bureau of Resources Protection, and the Division of Radiological Health functioned under the Bureau of Consumer Protection. These divisions continued under the Environmental Health Administration in 1969, when the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene was formed. By 1977, under the *Environmental Health Administration*, Community Health Programs regulated the control of dangerous emissions through ionizing and non-ionizing radiation sources, while Air Quality Programs developed air resource management plans. Air Quality Programs were reorganized as the Air Management Administration by 1983 and, with the Division of Radiation Control of Community Health Programs, transferred to the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). In 1992, the Administration was reorganized as the Air and Radiation Management Administration to include the Radiological Health Program.

The Administration develops and implements programs for cleaner air. To this end, the Administration monitors ambient pollutant levels of air across the State and devises plans to achieve and maintain air quality standards. To control air emissions, the Administration makes and enforces regulations and issues permits that set emission standards for construction or operation of equipment that emits to the atmosphere. The Administration sets standards for the Motor Vehicle