

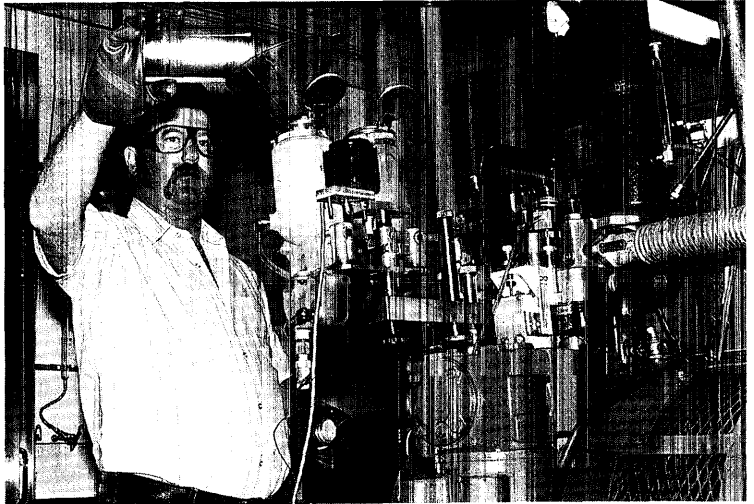


The effort to produce Maryland's comprehensive annual financial report begins as fiscal year-end closing statements pour in, to be reconciled by the professionals in the General Accounting Division of the State Comptroller's Office. Maryland's wide recognition as a leader in the field of financial reporting reflects an important function of the Comptroller's Office.

But at the same time that fiscal year 1991's books were being closed, the comptroller's other responsibilities were being carried out 24 hours a day, seven days a week, across Maryland and our nation.

Join us for 24 hours in the life of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office, a composite of activities taking place while the books were being closed on fiscal year 1991.

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Carrying out one of the Maryland State Comptroller's lesser known responsibilities, David Elrod tests the octane of gasoline sold in the state.

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