

The General Permits Section is responsible for issuing wetlands permits for the regulation of dredging and filling in of tidal wetlands, certification to federal agencies of impact of proposed projects and issuing of permits involving surface water use, including appropriations, dams and reservoir construction and construction in waterways and floodplains, and issuing permits involving groundwater use including appropriations and construction of water wells. The water quality permits activity is responsible for issuing waste discharge permits for 1500 industrial discharges and several thousand discharges from active mines and agricultural sources and licensing of all persons engaged in storage, transfer, treatment or disposition of oil (Natural Resources Article, secs. 9-102 to 9-309).

The Technical Services Program provides technical support to the enforcement, and permits and certification sections (Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-1402 to 8-1410, 8-1101 to 8-1107).

The Water Resources Administration makes inspections for Sediment Control Plans and also surveys point sources of discharge (Industrial, Mining, Agricultural).

Wetland Management Activities includes work on Board of Public Works licenses, and advisory service projects. Water Quality Certification includes work on Wetland Projects, and projects involving Department of the Army permits (Corps of Engineers). Surface Water Management projects included work on small ponds, eight dams and reservoirs, seven permits for Surface Water appropriations, projects involving construction in a waterway and projects requiring the review and advisory service of the Administration. Groundwater Management projects includes the issuance of Well Permits, and permits for the Appropriation of Groundwater. Review and revision were made to existing Groundwater Appropriation Permits. The Laboratory Services of the Administration performs analyses.

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## **MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE**

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The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) was created by Chapter 240, Acts of 1970 as a public corporation to assist local governments and industry in elimination of pollution resulting from the disposal of liquid and solid wastes. On July 1, 1972, the Service was authorized to provide water supply and related facilities.

As a Corporation, the Service is governed by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the Director, the Secretary and the Treasurer who are appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources with the approval of the Governor. The Service is to assist with the preservation, improvement and management of the quality of land, air and water resources. To this end, it encourages reduction in the amount of waste generated and discharged to the environment and serves the State's political subdivisions and economic interests.

The Maryland Environmental Service represents a new approach to the problem of environmental pollution. It is a product of the realization that all levels of government share the responsibility for the existence of the problem and must, therefore, assist each other in finding its solution. As a public corporate utility enterprise, the Service has all the powers necessary to conduct business, to plan, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain liquid and solid waste management systems and water supply facilities (Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-101 to 3-132).

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