

develop rules and regulations relating to the management and disposal of controlled hazardous substances and low-level nuclear waste.

Appointed by the Governor, the Council consists of thirteen members who serve six-year terms. Ten members are appointed with the advice of the Secretary of the Environment, and three public members are selected with Senate advice and consent. Serving on the Council are the pesticides coordinator for the Cooperative Extension Service, the State Fire Marshal or designee, and a person in the resource recovery business. Members also include one representative each from the Department of Agriculture; Division of Labor and Industry in the Department of Licensing and Regulation; Department of Natural Resources; an industry that generates hazardous substances; the hazardous substance disposal and management industry; an industry that generates low-level nuclear waste; and the low-level nuclear waste management industry (Code Environment Article, secs. 7-211 through 7-215).

#### OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Vacancy, *Administrator*

631-3305

The Operational Management Program oversees and coordinates data and budget management, federal programs, community and industry relations, public hearings, local liaison, and special projects for the Administration. The Program is organized as three divisions: Support Services, Regional Liaison, and Data Management.

#### SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Barry Schmidt, *Acting Administrator*

631-3318

The Solid Waste Program issues construction and operation permits for all facilities that accept solid waste. These include sanitary landfills, processing facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, and resource recovery plants. The Program also issues permits for sewage sludge use and disposal.

All county plans for solid waste management and recycling are reviewed by the Program. Under the Program is the Recycling and Waste Minimization Division.

#### OFFICE OF RECYCLING (RECYCLING & WASTE MINIMIZATION DIVISION)

Harry Benson, *Director*

631-3315

The Office of Recycling, also known as the Recycling and Waste Minimization Division, was created in 1988 (Chapter 536, Acts of 1988). The Office provides support and technical assistance to county governments as they develop recycling plans to reduce the volume of waste through recycling. The

Office reviews the plans and coordinates State efforts to facilitate their implementation (Code Environment Article, secs. 9-1701 through 9-1707).

The Office, in cooperation with the Department of General Services, devised a State Agency Recycling Plan to reduce by at least 20 percent the solid waste stream generated for disposal by State government.

#### NEWSPRINT RECYCLING BOARD

Theodore G. Venetoulis, *Chairperson*, 1995

*Appointed by the Governor (who also designates chair):*

G. B. DeLashmet, 1993; D. Kay Rand, 1993; Marvin F. Wilson, 1993; Robert C. Chance, 1994; Michael A. Gagliardo, 1994; Jean C. Halle, 1994; Lorraine A. Kelly, 1995; Michael Taylor, 1995.

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Established in 1990, the Newsprint Recycling Board considers applications by newspaper publishers for exemptions from the statutory percentage requirements for recycled newsprint (Chapter 301, Acts of 1990). The percentages are staggered beginning in 1992, but by 1998, forty per cent of the total newsprint used by a publisher must be recycled newsprint.

The Board's members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. They represent newspaper publishers, the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority, the Maryland Environmental Service, local government, newspaper recycling industry, other industry, and environmental groups.

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Alvin L. Bowles, *Administrator*

631-3343

The Hazardous Waste Program, created in 1977, issues permits and certifies all who generate, treat, store, dispose of, or transport hazardous waste in the State. The Program certifies haulers of hazardous waste and drivers of hazardous waste transport vehicles and reviews permit applications for hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities. In addition, the Program interprets and develops regulations for hazardous waste and for the implementation of the regulatory program. Upon final promulgation of low-level radioactive waste regulations in 1991, the Program will become responsible for issuing permits and certifying statewide low-level nuclear waste activities.

#### CERCLA/UST/LUST PROGRAM

Vacancy, *Administrator*

631-3437

The CERCLA/UST/LUST Program encompasses three functions: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Projects; Underground Storage Tank