

The Department of the Environment protects and restores Maryland's environment and safeguards the environmental health of Maryland citizens. These responsibilities encompass enforcement and regulation, long-term planning and research, and technical assistance to industry and communities in their efforts to handle pollution, waste disposal, and emergency spills of waste or oil.

The Department's four key programs are Air and Radiation Management; Waste Management; Water Management; and Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Management. Since these all affect the health of the Chesapeake Bay, the Department of the Environment has a crucial role in all initiatives to restore the Bay.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

David A. C. Carroll, *Secretary of the Environment*

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Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Secretary of the Environment heads the Department. The Secretary of the Environment appoints the Deputy Secretary with the Governor's approval.

In addition to administrative responsibilities, the Secretary of the Environment (or the Secretary's designee) is authorized to subpoena any person or evidence, administer oaths, and take depositions and other testimony. The Secretary also is responsible for investigating the influence of locality, employment, habit, and other conditions on health and for researching the causes of diseases and mortality, to the extent that they may relate to environmental factors. To obtain information about cancers caused by carcinogens and toxic substances and the incidence of these diseases, the Secretary may institute studies.

The Secretary serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's Subcabinet for Energy Management; the Governor's Council on the Chesapeake Bay; the Governor's Pesticide Council; the Chesapeake Bay Trust; the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs; the State Soil Conservation Committee; the Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board; the Herring Run Public Watershed Association Commission; and the Implementation Committee of the Chesapeake Executive Council. The Secretary also chairs the Asbestos Oversight Committee and serves on the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, and the Northeast Ozone Transport Commission.

COORDINATING OFFICES

Ronald Nelson, *Deputy Secretary*
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The Deputy Secretary coordinates the development and implementation of policies, procedures, and regulations to ensure that programs and services within the Department serve environmental needs.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Timmerman T. Daugherty, *Director*
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The Office of Community Assistance was formed in 1991. The Office coordinates community outreach for the Department. As an ombudsman, the Office is the liaison between the Department and citizens, industry, local government officials, other State agencies, international contacts, non-profit organizations, regional advisory councils, media organizations, environmental advocacy organizations, local communities, and civic organizations. The Office develops constituent participation policies and informs the public of new programs, permits, and regulations. Under Maryland's Public Information Act, the Office responds to requests for departmental records and directs media relations.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COORDINATION

Susan Scotto, *Director*
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Created in 1991, the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Coordination coordinates strategic planning and manages Department programs for capital improvement. The Office coordinates and manages initiatives to prevent pollution and sets goals and policies for growth management. The Office coordinates its efforts with the Board of Public Works. The Office also develops and implements comparative risk and strategic planning initiatives.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY & ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION

John Chlada, *Director*
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The Office of Emergency and Enforcement Coordination was established in 1992. In response to environmental and other emergencies, the Office coordinates planning and action by local, State and federal governments in cooperation with the private sector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COORDINATION

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Environmental Health Coordination originated as the Division of Environmental Disease within the