

Emissions Inspection Program, and, with the Department of Transportation, manages the Program. The Administration also licenses asbestos removal contractors and investigates and resolves complaints of noise pollution.

The Administration works through seven programs: Air Quality Policy, Planning, and Regulation Development; Air Monitoring and Information Systems; Air Toxics and New Source Permits; Enforcement; Community Environmental Services; Mobile Sources Control; and Radiological Health. The Air Quality Control Advisory Council, the Environmental Noise Advisory Council, and the Radiation Control Advisory Board support the Administration's work.

AIR QUALITY CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gordon M. Rapier, *Chairperson*, 1996

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The Air Quality Control Advisory Council originated as the Air Pollution Control Council in 1963 (Chapter 806, Acts of 1963). It received its present name in 1967 (Chapter 143, Acts of 1967). Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Council was placed within the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). The Council advises the Department on rules and regulations to control air pollution.

The Council consists of not more than fifteen members appointed by the Secretary of the Environment. Three members represent the general public. Additional members include a physician; a professional engineer nominated by the Baltimore section, American Society of Chemical Engineers; a chemical engineer nominated by the Maryland section, American Institute of Chemical Engineers; and two persons employed in a manufacturing or public utility business in Maryland nominated by the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. One member belongs to and is recommended by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. One member is nominated by the Maryland Association of Counties. Four members are selected, one each from nominees of the Chancellor, University of Maryland System; President, The Johns Hopkins University; President, Maryland State-District of Columbia AFL-CIO; and Chairperson, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Terms of members are five years, except for the Baltimore Metropolitan Council representative whose term coincides with membership on that council (Code Environment Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-206).

ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Environmental Noise Advisory Council began in 1973 as the Noise Pollution Control Advisory Council (Chapter 709, Acts of 1973). It was

renamed the Environmental Noise Advisory Council in 1974 (Chapter 287, Acts of 1974). Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Council became part of the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). The Council advises the Department on environmental noise standards and sound level limits.

The Council's five members are appointed by the Secretary of the Environment for five-year terms. One member is nominated by the Acoustical Society of America. One member must be a physician specializing in hearing, nominated by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. The third member is nominated by the Chancellor of the University of Maryland System. Two members represent the general public; they may be nominated by the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce, the Maryland Transportation Federation, the Maryland Environmental Trust, or other environmental groups (Code Environment Article, secs. 3-201 through 3-205).

AIR QUALITY POLICY, PLANNING, & REGULATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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The Air Quality Policy, Planning, and Regulation Development Program was created in September 1988. The Program tracks State and federal laws and regulations pertaining to air quality. To control air pollutant emissions, the Program develops plans and regulations that help the State meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

AIR MONITORING & INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM

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Created in September 1988, the Air Monitoring and Information Systems Program operates a state-wide air sampling and monitoring network and collection stations for acid deposition. Regularly, the Program prepares air quality data reports and manages air data bases for other programs. The Program also conducts special sampling studies for toxics and other purposes.

AIR TOXICS & NEW SOURCE PERMITS PROGRAM

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The Air Toxics and New Source Permits Program was established in September 1988. The Program reviews applications and issues permits for businesses to construct new industrial processes or modify existing ones that might become sources of