

Board advises and consults with the Secretary of the Environment on matters relating to radiation.

The Board's twelve members are appointed by the Secretary of the Environment for four-year terms. Two members represent the community at large (Code Environment Article, secs. 8-201 through 8-205).

WASTE MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Functions of the Waste Management Administration originated in 1912 with the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering in the Department of Health. In 1951, the Bureau became the Division of Sanitary Engineering under the Department's Bureau of Environmental Hygiene. Certain functions of the Division in 1966 were assigned to the Division of Solid Waste Disposal under the Bureau of Resources Protection. As the Division of Solid Wastes, the Division was placed under the Environmental Health Administration, when the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene was formed in 1969. The Division was renamed the Division of Solid Waste Control by 1973 and assigned to Community Health Programs by 1977. Also under the Environmental Health Administration by 1977 was the Toxic Substances Control Program. Elements of these programs were combined by 1980 as the Waste Management and Enforcement Program of the Environmental Health Administration. The Program was reorganized as the Waste Management Administration by 1982, became part of the Department of the Environment in 1987, and was renamed the Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Administration in 1988 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). It received its current name in 1992.

The Administration provides for the safe collection and disposal of solid wastes. It regulates and inspects industrial facilities that treat wastewater and controls the transport, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances.

Industrial wastes may not be discharged nor designated hazardous substances disposed of without an Administration permit. The Administration conducts inspections to assure compliance with the conditions of permits, certifications, and licenses that have been issued and investigates reported water and pollution violations. It also administers the Resource Conservation and Recovery Planning Act. The Office of Recycling within the Solid Waste Program leads State recycling initiatives.

Under the Administration are five programs: Planning and Resource Management; Solid Waste;

Hazardous Waste; Environmental Response and Restoration; and Oil Control.

CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Controlled Hazardous Substance Advisory Council was created in 1976 (Chapter 618, Acts of 1976). 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 and assists in identifying any hazardous substance as a controlled hazardous substance. The Council also helps 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).

CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES TASK FORCE

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In 1992, the General Assembly asked the Secretary of the Environment to convene a Controlled Hazardous Substances Task Force (Chapter 197, Acts of 1992). With the Department of the Environment, the Task Force is devising a strategy to reduce, treat, reuse, manage, and dispose of controlled hazardous substances in Maryland.

The Task Force has seventeen members. They include twelve members appointed by the Secretary of the Environment; a senator appointed by the Senate President; and a delegate appointed by the House Speaker. Serving ex officio are the Secretary of the Environment, who chairs the Task Force; the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and the Secretary of Economic and Employment Develop-