

(12) study the environmental and public health issues surrounding the use of chlorine and alternative methods of disinfection in drinking water and wastewater treatment;

(13) perform a risk assessment and cost analysis relating to the use of chlorine and alternative methods of disinfection in drinking water and wastewater treatment; and

(14) examine the security issues surrounding the use and storage of chlorine and alternative methods of disinfection in drinking water and wastewater treatment.

(g) The Advisory Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2004, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is an Interagency Technical Assistance Committee on Wastewater Treatment Systems.

(b) The Committee shall consist of at least 12 members, including representatives appointed by each of the following agencies and organizations:

- (1) the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (2) the Department of Planning;
- (3) the Maryland Environmental Service;
- (4) the FORVM for Rural Maryland;
- (5) the Maryland Center for Environmental Training;
- (6) the Environmental Finance Center;
- (7) the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development;
- (8) the Maryland Municipal League;
- (9) the Maryland Association of Counties;
- (10) the Maryland Rural Water Association;
- (11) the Chesapeake Bay Foundation; and
- (12) Safe Waterways in Maryland (SWIM).

(c) The members shall elect a chairman from among the members of the Committee.

(d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Committee.