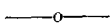


for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. The Bureau of Mines in cooperation with the University of Maryland and the Boards of Education for Allegany and Garrett counties conducts classes in mining operations throughout the western part of the State. The Bureau, under an Act of 1949, is required to furnish gaseous training to men applying for first-class certificates and fire boss certificates of competency. This work is being done in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Mines (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 478-497).

Mine Examining Board

The Mine Examining Board consists of the Director of the Bureau of Mines, who also acts as Chairman of the Board, and two persons appointed by the Governor, one representing the miners and the other the operators. Each appointee serves until his successor is appointed and qualifies. The Board examines applicants for the rating of first-class mine foreman and fire-boss and issues "certificates of competency" to each successful applicant upon payment of the stipulated fee (Code 1951, Art. 66C, secs. 478-497).

Appropriations	1955	1956
General Fund	\$45,603	\$46,200
Staff: 7.		



DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The Commission

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The Department maintains four major programs—research, education, hatcheries, and the State Weather Service. The center for the research and the educational program is at Solomons Island, the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. The research program is concerned primarily with the applied aspects of conservation. Biological and economic problems, including hydrography and pollution, dealing with the more prominent fisheries have been emphasized. A periodical, research reports and educational pamphlets are issued. Emphasis in education is on the school and college level. Lectures and demonstrations are provided for adults through clubs and other agencies.