

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND WATER
RESOURCES**

The Commission

Chairman: Arthur B. Stewart, 1962
Harry R. Hall, 1960; C. Victor Cushwa, 1961;
Richard W. Cooper, 1963; John C. Geyer, 1964.
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The Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources was established in 1941 to supersede the State Geological and Economic Survey Advisory Commission, the Water Front Commission, and the Water Resources Commission. The Department is directed by a five-man Commission appointed by the Governor for five-year terms, one term expiring each year. The Commission selects its own chairman and appoints the Director of the Department. The Director supervises activities that deal with geology and water; the Bureau of Mines supervises the mining industry.

The Department supervises topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and magnetic surveys. It prepares topographic, geologic, and such other maps as may be necessary to meet a specific need. It makes reports on the extent and character of the State's mineral and water resources. In cooperation with the United States Government, it makes surveys of the water resources of the State. It investigates and recommends plans and policies for the protection of the State's waterfront and waterways against erosion. In addition, the Department controls and conserves, insofar as is practicable, the surface and underground waters of Maryland; and to that end has jurisdiction over the construction and repairs of reservoirs, dams, and other waterway obstructions. It licenses all water well drillers in the State and issues a permit for each well to be drilled. The Commission also makes and enforces rules to conserve the State's oil and gas resources (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 15-17, 675-95, 718-55).

Appropriations	1959	1960
General Funds	\$97,580	\$101,452
Special Funds	10,300	12,125
	\$107,880	\$113,577
Total		
Staff: 7.		

BUREAU OF MINES

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The first Mine Inspectors were appointed by the Governor in 1878 to serve in Allegany and Garrett counties. These inspectors functioned independently, reporting only to the Governor, until 1916, when they were placed within the Board of Labor and Statistics. The inspection powers became a function of the Bureau of Mines upon its organization in 1922 as a unit of the Department of Labor and Statistics. When the Board of Natural Resources was organized in 1941, the Bureau was transferred to the newly created Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources. The Director of the Bureau is appointed by the Governor from a list of eligible persons certified by the State