

the Bureau before starting operations and to report periodically during such operations. Effective June 1, 1955, all strip-mining operators must obtain a permit from the Bureau, pay a filing fee of \$200, and furnish bond at \$100 per acre, said bond to be released when acreage has been backfilled and meets with the approval of the Director of the Bureau. During the 1959 Session, the General Assembly amended the Strip Mining Law; and, effective June 1, 1959, the operator must pay a filing fee of \$50, and furnish bond at \$300 per acre, no bond being for less than \$1,200. By Chapter 618, Acts of 1963, the amount of bond in Garrett County was increased to \$500 per acre. By Chapter 514, Acts of 1965, the amount of bond in Allegany County was increased to \$500 per acre. No bond is to be less than \$2,000. No operator who has previously forfeited any bond posted pursuant to stripping activities or who had failed to pay royalties or wages due during such activities is to be permitted to strip any area by open-pit mining. In addition, no pond in Garrett County may be constructed in lieu of back-filling. The Bureau of Mines examines all applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. It conducts classes in mining operations throughout the western part of the State and furnishes training in gas detection 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 1957, 1965 Supp., Art. 66C, secs. 486-674).

#### Mine Examining Board

Chairman: Carl A. Schell

Leslie T. Foote, Miners; J. J. Walker, Operators

The Mine Examining Board, created by Chapter 307, Acts of 1922, 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 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 486-674).

#### Maryland Commission on Mining Laws

Chairman: Donald Moran

Kenneth Bray, Chelsie A. Liller

The Maryland Commission on Mining Laws, created by Chapter 36, Acts of 1950, consists of three members, one of whom represents the mine operators, one the mine employees, and one a representative of the minority party. The Governor designates the Chairman.

The Commission reviews the mining laws from time to time and recommends any necessary changes. The Commission also has the authority to make recommendations as to personnel, equipment and mining safety (Code 1957, Art. 66C, sec. 491).

Appropriations	1965	1966
General Funds .....	\$69,308	\$62,176
Staff: 7.		

#### DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

##### Water Resources Commission

Chairman: Maurice Siegel

Members: Robert M. Brown, 1966; George F. Hazelwood, 1967; R. Lamar Green, 1968; Robert J. McLeod, 1969.