

by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources from a list of eligible persons certified by the Secretary of Personnel. The Bureau of Mines inspects all mines within the State for proper sanitation, ventilation, and safety standards in all mining operations. All persons or corporations engaging in open-pit or strip mining operations are required to register with 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, before commencing any operation. Amendments to the law were made during the 1959, 1963 and 1965 Sessions. By Chapter 144, Acts of 1967, the laws relating to the open pit mining were repealed and re-enacted. By Chapter 414, Acts of 1969, the laws relating to mines were again repealed and re-enacted, especially those pertaining to strip mining operations. New regulations supplementing the Open Pit Mining Laws became effective on October 1, 1967, with new regulations becoming effective on June 24, 1970. 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, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 486-673; 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, sec. 674).

Mine Examining Board

Chairman: Harry B. Buckley
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, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 486-674).

Maryland Commission on Mining Laws

Chairman: Donald E. Moran
Kenneth A. 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, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, sec. 491).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$92,516	\$93,482
Staff: 7.		

Land Reclamation Committee

Chairman: Kenneth N. Weaver

Ex officio members: Fred W. Sieling, Director, Fish and Wild-