

The Advisory Committee on Archaeology was created as a division within the Maryland Geological Survey by Chapter 541, Acts of 1968. The Committee consists of five members with skill and knowledge in archaeological matters, including representatives of reputable museums, institutions of higher education and recognized scientific and/or historical societies or institutions. The State Archaeologist is a professional archaeologist appointed by the Director of the Maryland Geological Survey in accordance with the Merit System Law.

The Committee advises the Maryland Geological Survey on archaeological matters and formulates rules and regulations regarding archaeological matters for review and publication by the Survey (Natural Resources Article, secs. 2-305 to 2-308).

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 (Chapter 157, Acts of 1878). These inspectors functioned independently, reporting only to the Governor, until 1916, when they were placed within the Board of Labor and Statistics by Chapter 410, Acts of 1916. 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 (Chapter 307, Acts of 1922). When the Board of Natural Resources was organized in 1941, the Bureau was transferred to the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources. The Director of the Bureau is appointed 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 By Chapter 144, Acts of 1967, the laws relating to the open pit mining were repealed and re-enacted. By Chapter 414, Acts of 1969, the laws relating to mines were again repealed and re-enacted, especially those pertaining to strip mining operations.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 (Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-101 to 7-516).

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,