

Commission; a representative of local a government; and one member each from the Senate and House of Delegates. The Council also includes nine public members, of whom five are handicapped individuals and four represent the legal profession, the public relations field, private agencies, and an organization for parents of handicapped children. After the expiration of initial terms of service, succeeding appointments are for three-year terms. A member may not serve for more than six years.

The State Advisory Council assists the Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped in the implementation and performance of its responsibilities; reviews statewide activities for the handicapped; fosters coordination and support for programs for the handicapped; receives and reviews reports and publications of existing committees and commissions; studies ways of increasing the use of facilities and services available to the handicapped; and conducts open meetings to provide direct communication by the handicapped with private and public organizations and the general public in order to solicit statements regarding the status of programs, services, needs, desires, and opinions.

Authorizing legislation for the agency was extended to June 30, 1984, by Chapter 308, Acts of 1980.

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES SITING BOARD**

*Chairperson:* Dr. Robert H. Roy, 1985

Charles R. Baker, 1983; Richmond W. Hill, 1983; Burton L. Mobley, 1983; John L. Menke, 1984; Robert W. Ridky, Ph.D., 1984; John A. Todhunter, Ph.D., 1985.

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Established by Chapter 528, Acts of 1980, this Board is an independent seven-member group appointed by the Governor. One member is nominated by the Maryland Association of Counties, one by the Maryland Municipal League, and one by the Chamber of Commerce. Of the remaining four members, two must be from the scientific community, one of whom is a geologist, and two must be members of the general public, one of whom has a demonstrated record of involvement

in environmental matters. The Board represents the various geographical regions of the State. No two members may be from the same county. The Maryland Environmental Service is staff agency for the Board.

The Board is authorized to issue a Certificate of Public Necessity, which exempts a particular site and the design, construction, and operation of the facilities on the site from the need for approval by any political subdivision. The subdivision in which a site is located has the right of inspection and the right to property taxes or payment in lieu of taxes.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene retains full authority for the final approval or disapproval of a facility through the permit process. A Certificate is not required if approval of the political subdivision can be obtained and other requirements are met. A Certificate is obtained by application to the Board.

The Act requires the Board to consider, though not be limited to, two principal areas of concern in issuing a certificate: first, the suitability of the site with respect to community, environmental, and economic impact; and second, statewide needs for hazardous waste disposal and the ability of the proposed facility to contribute to a solution of the problem.

The purpose clause of the Act also itemizes other factors that must be given due consideration. These include: public health and safety; the natural environment; geology and water supply; cost; State revenues and employment; source reduction, resource recovery, incineration, and expeditious disposal; safeguards once a facility is closed; equitable geographic distribution; and local land use preferences.

## **MARYLAND HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

*Chairperson:* John A. Luetkemeyer, 1983

*Vice-Chairperson:* Mrs. Lyn Meyerhoff, 1984

*Ex officio member:* William S. James, *Treasurer of Maryland*

*Appointed members:* Walter D. Pinkard, 1981; E. Leister Mobley, 1982; Francis X. Knott, 1983; Paul B. Meritt, 1984; Leonard I. Frenkil, 1985; Robert D. H. Harvey, 1985.

Edward W. Lister, Jr., *Executive Director*