

the mining operation can begin. Active mines are monitored for compliance with the law and agreement with the approved plans.

Abandoned Mines: Recent legislation makes possible the restoration of abandoned mines, which for decades have presented serious environmental problems. Money collected from a surface on mined coal is used to repair the environmental damage caused by abandoned mines. In addition, abandoned mines are reclaimed in conjunction with the Active Mining Program.

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The Energy Office implements the State Energy Conservation Plan, funded under the National Energy Policy and Conservation Act. A State Energy Conservation Board was formed to assist in this effort. The Office sponsors a variety of training programs aimed at energy consumers in the residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, and government areas. It implements the federal Institutional Building Grants Program, and its Energy Extension Service is the lead agency for the Residential Conservation Service.

The Energy Office is responsible for fuel allocations and contingency planning for energy supply emergencies.

The Energy Office is served by two committees:

CITIZENS' ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Dorlester, *Chairperson*

Appointed by the Energy Office Director (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 11-102).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Donald Vandrey, *Chairperson*

The Committee was established under the State Energy Conservation Plan to respond to the

needs of local jurisdictions. Appointed by the Energy Office Director, the Committee assists with conferences and roundtables and advises on literature and programs (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 11-102).

LAND RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Kenneth N. Weaver, *Director, Maryland Geological Survey*

Department of Natural Resources members: Edward J. Golden, Stephen Layton, Paul R. Mateer.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene member: Robert V. Creter

Craig Hartsock, *Allegany County Soil Conservation District Supervisor*; Shaun Sanders, *Garrett County Soil Conservation District Supervisor*.

Appointed members: John E. Carey, *Garrett County*, 1984; James M. Coffroth, *Allegany County*, 1984; Frances Pope, *Garrett County*, 1984; Hugh B. Trimble, *Garrett County*, 1984; Tim Carney, *Allegany County*, 1985; June Neder, *Allegany County*, 1985.

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The Land Reclamation Committee, originally established by Chapter 144, Acts of 1967, had its functions expanded by Chapter 414, Acts of 1969, Chapter 6, Acts of the Special Session of 1973, and Chapter 299, Acts of 1982. The Committee consists of thirteen members. Four members of the Department of Natural Resources, including a chairperson of the Committee, are appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources. One member represents the soil conservation district of Allegany County, and one represents the soil conservation district of Garrett County. Two members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three-year terms to represent the mining industry. The Planning and Zoning Commissions of Allegany County and Garrett County are each represented by a member who serves a three-year term. The Secretary of Natural Resources appoints for three-year terms two members from the community who do not have any interest in any mining operation. One of these must reside in Allegany County and the other in Garrett County. One member of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.