

recommended by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, one senator appointed by the president of the Senate, and one delegate appointed by the speaker of the House. Each Council member must be knowledgeable or have a serious interest in toxic and carcinogenic substances. The Council is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Licensing and Regulation, Transportation, State Planning, Economic and Community Development, the State Fire Marshal, the Maryland State Police, the State Emergency Management and Civil Defense Agency, the AFL-CIO, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, The Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions, the University of Maryland Medical Institutions, and any other private or governmental entity that the Governor deems appropriate.

The Council reports to the Governor and the General Assembly annually (Code Health-Environmental Article, secs. 6-102 through 6-106).

#### ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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The Assistant Secretariat for Environmental Programs is responsible for all major environmental programs in Maryland (Executive Order 01.01.1980.04).

The mission of the Assistant Secretariat is to foster and protect the public health and well-being by providing an environment free of the uncontrolled release or disposal of toxic, hazardous, or undesirable substances or emissions, and by affording the consumer safe and wholesome food, drugs, and other consumable products. To achieve these goals, the Assistant Secretariat is organized into four major programs and three support units, identified collectively as the Office of Environmental Programs (OEP). The major programs are Air Management Administration, Community Health Program, Water Management Administration, and Waste Management Administration. The support units are Administrative Services, Planning and Analysis, and Science and Health Advisory.

#### AIR MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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The Air Management Administration develops air resources management plans and program strategies. It develops and enforces regulations for control of emissions from stationary and other sources. It also maintains a statewide comprehensive air monitoring system to provide current information on ambient pollutant levels in order to institute regular and emergency procedures for their control.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

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The Community Health Program assures safe and wholesome products and protects the public health through regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of milk, food, and other consumer products, and through the regulation of controlled dangerous substances or drugs with an abuse potential. It also regulates the control of dangerous emissions from ionizing and non-ionizing radiation sources and protects the public from dangerous levels of noise pollution through regulation and inspection.

#### WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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The Water Management Administration is responsible for the development and implementation of efforts to provide safe and adequate public drinking water supplies and to protect State waters by appropriate planning, compliance, permitting, and monitoring actions.

The Administration issues municipal discharge permits, monitors water quality, and conducts technical analysis, including mathematical modeling of water quality problems. It reviews and revises sewerage control plans, conducts needs surveys, and develops priority listings for the construction of sewerage facilities. It monitors the operation and maintenance of community water supplies and publicly owned sewage treatment plants. It also awards federal and State grant funds for construction of treatment facilities, reviews and approves design plans for water and sewerage treatment construction, and conducts initial and