

plants successfully with a maximum benefit to society and minimum detriment to the ecosystem.

*Site Acquisition* identifies, investigates, acquires, and holds in a land bank an inventory of sites suitable for the construction and operation of power plants.

The Power Plant Siting Program is served by three committees:

#### **Environmental Research Guidance Committee**

Dr. Charles Epifanio, *Chairperson*

The Committee identifies research needs of the Power Plant Siting and Research Program. It invites proposals for individual research projects, reviews those proposals, and reviews the technical progress of ongoing research projects. The Committee also prints and distributes the final research reports (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102(d), 3-303).

#### **Power Plant Siting Advisory Committee**

Joseph J. DiNunno, *Chairperson*

Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Committee advises the Secretary on the goals and policies of the Power Plant Siting Program (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102 (d), 3-303).

#### **Western Maryland Power Plant Siting Study Advisory Group**

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This study group serves as an advisory body to the Power Plant Siting Program in conducting a power plant site selection study in Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties. Members are appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

#### **BUREAU OF MINES**

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The Bureau of Mines has two distinct areas of responsibility: environmental control of active mines and restoration of abandoned mines.

*Active Mines.* The Bureau evaluates mining plans for proposed deep and strip coal mines. Environmental controls are established and reclamation

plans for the land must be approved before 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 surcharge 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 (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-201 through 7-203).

#### **ENERGY OFFICE**

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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 Conservation 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 (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-211).

The Energy Office is served by three committees:

#### **Energy Conservation Board**

Dr. Donald E. Milsten, *Chairperson*

Appointed by the Energy Office Director, the Board evaluates and coordinates energy related policies and activities of all agencies of the executive branch of State government, and monitors the energy savings accrued by energy management and conservation efforts undertaken by State agencies (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 11-102).

#### **Citizens' Energy Advisory Committee**

Kathleen Ellett, *Chairperson*

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