

of the Director of the Maryland Geological Survey and six appointed members. The Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources, appoints the members of the Council for four-year terms. Two of the appointed members must represent the mining industries and two must be public members with a demonstrated and continuing interest in conservation matters (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-701 through 7-703).

NORTHEAST INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

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In 1983 Maryland ratified the Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact (Chapter 515, Acts of 1983). The Compact provides for a commission consisting of a member, appointed by the governor, from each party state.

The Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Commission develops, adopts, maintains, and implements a regional management plan to ensure the safe and efficient storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal of low-level radioactive waste. The Commission may conduct legislative and adjudicatory hearings and require reports, studies, evidence and testimony to carry out its duties. If party states fail to voluntarily pursue the development of treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, the Commission may designate, by a two-thirds vote, a host state where regional facilities will be established.

The Commission may enter into agreements with any person, state, regional body, or group of states for the importation of waste into the region and for the right of access to facilities outside the region for wastes generated within the region. Authorization to import requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Commission and an affirmative vote of the representatives of the host state in which any affected regional facility is located. This power can only be used after the Commission and the host state have assessed the affected facilities' capability to handle such wastes and evaluated relevant environmental, economic, and public health factors, as defined by the appropriate regulatory authorities.

Upon petition, the Commission may grant to an individual who produces or processes low-level radioactive waste, or to a group of such generators in the region, the right to export wastes to a facility located outside the region. This right shall be granted for a period of time and amount of waste, and on such other terms and conditions as determined by the Commission and approved by the affected host states.

The Commission reviews the capability of party states to ensure the siting, operation, post-closure observation and maintenance, and institutional control of facilities within the region. After public notice and opportunity for comment, the Commission may establish procedural regulations to ensure efficient operation, orderly gathering of information, and protection of affected persons' rights of due process (Code Health-Environmental Article, secs. 7-301 through 7-310).

INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT COMMISSION

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The Interstate Oil Compact was executed in Dallas, Texas, on February 16, 1935. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959. Under the provisions of Chapter 390, Acts of 1959, Maryland entered into the Compact with thirty-three other states to formulate plans to conserve oil and gas.

Membership on the Commission consists of the Governor of each signatory state together with an alternate representative (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 6-401 through 6-404).

INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Maryland Representatives:

Harry Hughes, *Governor*; Robert Y. Clagett, 1985;
George H. Shoemaker, 1985.

Alternates: Norton Dodge, Ph.D., 1985; James W. Peck, 1985.

Executive Director: Paul W. Eastman