

**Severn River Local Advisory Board**  
Inactive since 1985.

**Youghiogheny River Local Advisory Board**  
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## ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

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The Energy Administration was originally incorporated into the Department in 1976 as part of the Energy and Coastal Zone Administration (Chapter 320, Acts of 1976). The Energy Administration became a separate administration in 1979. It includes all energy-related agencies in the Department. The common purpose of these agencies is to evaluate the production and conservation of energy while keeping adverse environmental and fiscal effects to a minimum.

The two operating programs within the Administration are the Power Plant Research Program and the Bureau of Mines.

## POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM

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The Power Plant Research Program was created in 1971 as the Power Plant Siting Program (Chapter 31, Acts of 1971). The Program administers long-range electric power plant environmental research, assesses the impact of existing power plants, evaluates proposed sites, and acquires standby sites for a land bank. *Impact Assessment* monitors, assesses, and models the actual environmental impact of existing power plants. *Site Evaluations* calculates the impact of future power plants at proposed sites. On the basis of site evaluation work, recommendations relating to the design, construction, and operation of power plants are made to the Public Service Commission for conditions that will protect the environment.

*Research* develops the understanding of Maryland's environmental resources and socio-economic structure necessary to site and operate power 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 Research Program is served by the Power Plant Siting Advisory Committee and the Science Advisory Board.

## Power Plant Siting Advisory Committee

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

## Science Advisory Board

### Executive Committee

Dr. Robert J. Huggett, *Chairperson*

Dr. James A. Smith, 1987; Dr. John Hattrup, 1988; David Bailey, 1989; Dr. Dennis T. Burton, 1989; Dr. Ivan E. Strand, Jr., 1989; Jack Urban, 1989; Dr. Owen P. Bricker III, 1990; Dr. Rosa G. de Pena, 1990; Dr. John Merriner, 1990; Dr. Scott Zeger, 1990.

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Formerly the Environmental Research Guidance Committee, the Science Advisory Board was formed in 1986. The Board identifies research needs of the Power Plant Research Program. It invites proposals for research projects. The Board reviews the proposals, the technical progress of the projects, and project final reports. Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, Board members serve three-year terms (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102(d), 3-303).

## BUREAU OF MINES

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