

*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).

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The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) was created in 1970 (Chapter 240, Acts of 1970). The Service is a quasi-public agency established to help private industry and local governments manage liquid, solid, and hazardous wastes. In 1972, the Service was also authorized to provide water supply and related facilities to private industry and local governments.

The Service manages and operates over 100 water and wastewater treatment facilities, as well as the Hawkins Point Hazardous Waste Landfill, and the Hart and Miller Island Dredged Material Containment Facility. The Service plans, develops, and implements major resource recovery facilities, solid waste management plans, and hazardous waste management programs. The Service is a nationally recognized leader in the field of resource recovery.

The Service may provide for the issuance of revenue bonds, water supply projects, solid waste disposal projects, or wastewater purification projects.

The Maryland Environmental Service Corporation is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors. The Board consists of a Director, Deputy Director, Secretary, and Treasurer, one member representing the public sector and two members representing the private sector. Members are appointed to four-year terms by the Secretary of Natural Resources with the approval of the Governor, and the advice and consent of the Senate (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-101 through 3-132).

## MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

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The Maryland Environmental Trust was created in 1967 to conserve, improve, stimulate, and perpetuate the aesthetic, natural, health and welfare, scenic, and cultural qualities of the Maryland environment (Chapter 648, Acts of 1967). The Trust also promotes appreciation of the environment and continued interest in its care.

The Trust's main program is to obtain donations of conservation easements to the State on certain lands and to preserve those lands from development. By 1986, the Trust had secured 111 conservation easements on 21,000 acres.

The Trust consists of fifteen trustees, three of whom serve *ex officio*. Each year the remaining twelve trustees elect three of their own successors for four-year terms. The Trust selects the Director (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-201 through 3-211).