

members with skill and knowledge in archeological matters, including representatives of reputable museums, institutions of higher education, and recognized scientific and/or historical societies or institutions (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 2-304).

LAND RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Kenneth N. Weaver, *Director, Maryland Geological Survey*

John E. Carey, Alfred Whitehouse, *mining industry*, 1987; Jessie McCullough, *Garrett County*, 1987; Timothy J. Carney, June Neder, *Allegheny County*, 1988; Vacancy, *Garrett County*, 1988.

Craig Hartsock, *Allegheny County Soil Conservation District*; Shaun Sanders, *Garrett County Soil Conservation District*; Edward J. Golden, Stephen Layton, George Gilmore, *Department of Natural Resources*; Vacancy, *Department of the Environment*.

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The Land Reclamation Committee was established in 1967 (Chapter 144, Acts of 1967). The Committee studies, recommends, and approves procedures for reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of areas affected by open-pit coal mining within the State. The Committee also reviews all mining and reclamation plans, progress reports, and final reports. It establishes plans and methods of procedure, as well as practical guidelines, for the prompt and adequate reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of all lands disturbed by open-pit mining of bituminous coal within the State.

The Committee consists of thirteen members. Four representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, including a chairperson of the Committee, are appointed to the Committee by the Secretary of Natural Resources. One member represents the Allegheny County soil conservation district, and one the Garrett County soil conservation district. Two members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three-year terms. They represent the mining industry. The Planning and Zoning Commissions of Allegheny and Garrett Counties are each represented by a member who serves a three-

year term. The Secretary of Natural Resources appoints for three-year terms two members from the community who do not have an interest in any mining operation. One of these must reside in Allegheny County and the other in Garrett County. One member of the Department of the Environment is appointed by the Secretary of the Environment (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-205, 7-501 through 7-505, 7-509, 7-510, 7-515).

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES SITING BOARD

Chairperson: Steven P. Quarles, 1988

Burton L. Mobley, 1987; Suzanne M. Pogell, 1987; Donald A. Jackson, 1988; Christine V. Eccles, Ph.D., 1989; Loren D. Jensen, Ph.D., 1990; Richmond W. Hill, 1991; William C. Prinz, 1992.

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The Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Board was created in 1980 (Chapter 528, Acts of 1980). It was placed under the Department of Natural Resources in 1983 (Chapter 388, Acts of 1983).

The Board provides a means of establishing properly designed and regulated hazardous waste facilities in Maryland. It offers an alternative to local approval of hazardous waste facilities. If, after careful study of environmental and community impact, the Board issues a Certificate of Public Necessity for a facility, local zoning and regulation no longer apply.

The Board does not seek out sites. It reviews applications for certificates submitted by public or private developers. If they can gain local approval, developers are not required to seek a certificate from the Board. All facilities must also obtain a facility permit from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as well as other required State or federal permits.

In addition to site suitability and impact of the facility, the Board must consider statewide needs and problems associated with hazardous waste management. The Board therefore has adopted (and periodically reviews) regulations stating the treatment and disposal needs of the State. These regulations present the Board's findings on facilities needed and conditions that might be imposed