

The Office of Special Counsel was created in May 1985 (Chapter 11, Acts of Special Session of May 1985).

Appointed by the Governor, the Special Counsel was authorized to investigate all aspects of the events related to the savings and loan associations emergency declared by the Governor on May 14, 1985. The investigation included, but was not limited to, any act or omission by any State official or employee, or by any officer, director, or employee of any privately insured savings and loan association or of the former Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation.

The Special Counsel submitted his report on January 9, 1986, to the Governor and General Assembly.

Authorization for the Office initially continued until March 1, 1986. By Chapter 2, Acts of 1986, that authorization was extended to May 1, 1986.

#### STATE PERMIT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Authorization for the Council expired July 1, 1986 (Chapter 221, Acts of 1982).

### INTERSTATE AGENCIES

#### APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

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The Appalachian Regional Commission was created by the federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-4). To implement the federal act, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Commission (Chapter 415, Acts of 1965). The Commission plans and coordinates authorized projects and programs for the development of the thirteen-state Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett.

Commission programs include construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools, and sewage treatment works; development of land, timber, and water resources; rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level.

The Commission's major function is to plan and coordinate programs and projects carried out by federal and state departments and agencies. The Commission can act only on those programs and projects that are submitted to it by state members.

The Department of Economic and Employment Development is responsible for the Maryland membership unit of the Commission. With the approval of the Governor, the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development appoints the State member and alternate to the Commission (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13B).

#### APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

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In 1986, Maryland repealed the Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact and ratified the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact (Chapter 33, Acts of 1986). The Compact provides for a commission consisting of two members, appointed by the governor, from each party state and five members from each host state. Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia also have ratified the Compact. After the anticipated Congressional approval of the Compact, the Commission will have central offices in Pennsylvania.

The Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact provides a framework for cooperative efforts. It assures proper packaging and transportation of low-level wastes. For radioactive waste disposal, the Compact identifies a host state (based on the volume and curie content of radioactive waste generated) to receive radioactive waste from party states; and distributes the costs and benefits equitably among party states. The Compact contains an exclusionary ban on wastes generated outside the region after establishment of a regional facility.