

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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The Center for Environmental Health originated as the Division of Environmental Disease within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In 1987, the Division was made part of the Department of the Environment and renamed the Center for Environmental Health.

Through environmental toxicology and risk assessment, the Center evaluates the risks to human health of exposures to environmental toxics. The Center, through environmental epidemiology, conducts investigations, surveillance, and special studies on diseases or exposures with identified or suspected relationships to environmental agents, such as carcinogenic or toxic substances.

The Center also is responsible for the Lead Abatement and Demonstration Project, also known as the Lead In Soil Program. By cooperative agreement between the Department of the Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Center investigates the effects of removal and abatement of lead-contaminated soil with respect to childhood lead exposure.

CENTER FOR SPECIAL TOXICS

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The Center for Special Toxics was created in October 1988. The Center is responsible for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Asbestos and Industrial Hygiene Services, the State Employees Asbestos Program, and two federally funded programs: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (the asbestos in schools program); and PCB (Polychlorinated Biphenyls) Compliance Awareness.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS

Robert Perciasepe, *Assistant Secretary* 631-3121

The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Capital Programs oversees the Department's planning process and capital programs. The Assistant Secretary also is responsible for the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration.

MARYLAND WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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The Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration was created in 1988 (Chapter 535, Acts of 1988). The Administration maintains and administers the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund. Through the Fund, local governments may secure financial assistance for wastewater treatment facilities in accordance with Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-4). The Fund finances loans to local governments for construction projects to abate and control water pollution and thereby improve water quality. Loans from the Fund may be used to buy or refinance debt obligations of local governments. They also may help guarantee or purchase insurance for bonds, notes or other evidences of obligation issued by a local government (Code Environment Article, secs. 9-1601 through 9-1622).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OPERATIONS

Richard F. Pecora, *Assistant Secretary* 631-3175

The Assistant Secretary for Operations administers three licensing boards: State Board of Environmental Sanitarian Registration; State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators; and State Board of Well Drillers.

STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIAN REGISTRATION

Chairperson: Vacancy

Appointed by Governor: Melvin T. Joye, R.S., 1989; Edgar A. Woods, 1989; Richard J. Gebken, R.S., 1990; Walter L. Hill, 1990; Alfred G. Matthews, 1990; Patricia Anne Schwaninger, 1991; Raymond W. Spence, Jr., 1991; Robert L. Stephens, 1992; Susan Guyaux, 1993.

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The State Board of Environmental Sanitarian Registration was created in 1969 as the Board of Sanitarian Registration (Chapter 434, Acts of 1969). It adopted its present name in 1984 (Chapter 560, Acts of 1984). Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Board