

**WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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The Water Management Program manages water supply resources throughout the State. To ensure the safety of dams, the Program also is responsible for planning, technical assistance, monitoring, and regulatory activities. The Program involves water conservation; water supply planning; and water appropriation permits. The Program also inspects existing dams and dams under construction; issues dam construction and repair permits; and provides emergency warning and response. Geotechnical and surveying services are provided by the Program to all agencies within the Department.

**DAM SAFETY DIVISION**

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**WATER SUPPLY DIVISION**

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**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

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**RESOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM**

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The Resource Protection Program directs and coordinates management and protection of water and related land resources. The Program issues tidal wetland licenses and permits and nonfuel surface mining licenses and permits. The Program also monitors dredge spoil and reclamation of abandoned mines. In addition, the Program oversees joint efforts of State and local governments to protect nontidal wetlands.

**SUREACE MINING DIVISION**

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**TIDAL WETLANDS DIVISION**

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**NON-TIDAL WETLANDS DIVISION**

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**WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM**

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The Watershed Protection Program is responsible for three Divisions: Flood Management, Waterways Permits, and Enforcement.

**FLOOD MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

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The Flood Management Division administers the Flood Hazard Management Act of 1976, which mandates comprehensive planning of flood management programs and provides for a capital project grant program. The Division assists local govern-

ments with flood management plans and administers grants to help them solve existing flood problems. The Division also conducts in-house technical studies and manages engineering contracts for identified priority watersheds. In addition, the Division develops the State Flood Warning System Program; coordinates and trains the State Interagency Flood Hazard Mitigation Team; coordinates the National Flood Insurance Program; and administers the Community Assistance Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**WATERWAYS PERMITS DIVISION**

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For construction within the 100-year floodplain, the Waterways Permits Division issues permits based on technical review and evaluation of submitted applications and plans. Plan review may necessitate on-site inspection to verify field conditions; review of hydrologic and hydraulic models; and advice to applicants on ways to minimize risks to adjacent property and the environment. The Division also reviews erosion and sediment control plans involving floodplain construction.

**ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

Thomas Boone, *Chief* 974-2641

The Enforcement Division is responsible for inspection and enforcement related to legal mandates governing mines, mining, water, water resources, wetlands, and riparian rights (Code Natural Resources Article, Titles 7 through 9). Division duties involve some 5,000 licenses, permits, and approvals for surface mining, nontidal waterway construction, and tidal wetlands projects.

The Division conducts periodic and unscheduled surveillance by ground, air, and water. Administrative or legal enforcement actions are based on the nature, extent, and impact of violations.

**BUREAU OF MINES**

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Formerly under the Maryland Geological Survey, the Bureau of Mines became part of the Water Resources Administration in 1987. The Bureau has two distinct areas of responsibility: environmental control of active coal mines and restoration of abandoned coal mines.

*Active Mines.* The Bureau evaluates mining plans for proposed deep and strip coal mines. After environmental controls are established, reclamation plans for the land must be approved before mining can begin. Active mines are monitored for compliance with the law and the approved plans.