

maps. In addition, the Committee receives reports from the U.S. Geological Survey on the status of mapping in Maryland; makes recommendations for map funding and revision; and considers computer mapping techniques and methods of developing Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

The Committee includes representatives from the Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, State Highway Administration, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Regional Planning Council, Office of Planning, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Baltimore City Department of Public Works, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Geological Survey.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES SITING BOARD

Chairperson: Vacancy

Appointed by Governor: Donald A. Jackson, 1988; Christine U. Eccles, Ph.D., 1989; Loren D. Jensen, Ph.D., 1990; Richmond W. Hill, 1991; William C. Prinz, 1992; *two vacancies.*

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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 facilities for hazardous waste 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 Neces-

sity 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, however, must 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 adopts and reviews regulations defining the treatment and disposal needs of the State. These regulations present the Board's findings on what facilities are needed and what conditions might be imposed in a certificate. The regulations inform the public and provide guidance to potential applicants. The Board encourages public participation in the review process and publishes site applications, and notices of public informational meetings and hearings, and adjudicatory hearings.

The Board consists of eight members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. One is a geologist; one is from the scientific community, and two are public members, one of whom has a demonstrated record of involvement in environmental matters. The Maryland Association of Counties, Maryland Municipal League, and Maryland Chamber of Commerce each nominate one member. The Board represents the various geographical regions of the State. No two members may be from the same county. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-701 through 3-713).

A brochure describing the Board's membership, purpose, powers, statutory considerations, and review process, as well as certain technical publications are available upon request.

DEFUNCT DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES

ANACOSTIA RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

Inactive since 1985.

ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

In 1987, the functions of the Energy Administration were transferred to other agencies, including the Department of the Environment, and the Water Resources Administration and the Tidewater Administration of the Department of Natural Resources (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987; Chapter 188, Acts of 1988).

POCOMOKE RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

Inactive since 1984.

MARYLAND REMOTE SENSING STEERING COMMITTEE

Inactive since 1987.

SEVERN RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

Inactive since 1985.