Technical assistance, training programs, and grants to local governments, communities, and property owners help install innovative disposal systems in areas where septic systems will not function.

WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM William F. Parrish, Jr., Administrator 631-3702

Created in 1988, the Water Supply Program implements, manages, and coordinates the State's Water Supply Financial Assistance Program. The Program sets and enforces drinking water standards through inspection of water treatment plants and distribution systems; and conducts surveys to determine to what extent contaminants, such as nitrate, lead, and volatile organic chemicals, may be present in drinking water systems.

COMMUNITY SEWERAGE PROGRAM Jeffrey Rein, Acting Administrator

631-3737

The Community Sewerage Program was established in 1980. The Program protects public health and the environment by developing and enforcing effluent limits for municipal sewage treatment systems; and inspecting treatment facilities and reviewing sample results and plant operational records to determine overall performance. The Program oversees regulation of industries that discharge sewage into sanitary sewers leading to sewage treatment plants. Federal and State requirements for pretreatment of industrial sewage are overseen by the Program and local jurisdictions.

CAPITAL PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION Angelo Bianca, Administrator

631-3752

Organized in 1990, the Capital Projects Administration is responsible for project development of all capital programs within the Water Management Administration. This program also maintains a departmentwide capital project tracking system, reviews and approves county water and sewer plans, and administers grant and loan payments and engineering contracts associated with projects funded by the Administration.

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROGRAM

Vacancy, Administrator

631-3752

The Engineering and Construction Services Program, created in 1990, provides and manages capital funding (grants and loans) for community wastewater treatment, both alone and in conjunction with the Water Quality Financing Administration. The Program issues permits to facilitate construction of water and sewer facilities by private and public entities. Additionally, the Program provides engineering review of plans and specifications for all community water and sewerage facilities and manages and monitors sewerage construction projects from start to finish.

WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Vacancy, Administrator

631-3902

Formed in 1990, the Water Quality Program protects public health by setting water quality standards for Maryland's estuarine and freshwater bodies. The Program certifies the quality of water in which shellfish are grown and harvested and issues federally required water quality certifications to individuals or agencies involved in construction projects that require "dredge and fill" permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

Vacancy, Administrator

974-3238

The Water Quality Monitoring Program began in 1990. The Program collects water quality data that measure the performance of water and sewage systems to determine compliance with State requirements and that measure the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to determine State progress towards improving water quality. The Program also investigates public reports of fish kills and algal blooms.

CHESAPEAKE BAY & SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

Michael Haire, Administrator

631-3680

Created in 1987, the Chesapeake Bay and Special Projects Program designs and analyzes Bay monitoring programs; water quality modeling; acid rain monitoring; special watershed projects; Chesapeake Bay Technical Advisory Services; contract administration; and water quality planning and trend analysis. Through scientific analysis of the Bay's water quality, the Program recommends improved and cost-effective ways to protect public health and the Bay's ecology. The Program also provides capital funding for the cost-share Small Creek and Estuary Restoration Program.