

## STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

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The State Board of Well Drillers was created in 1968 (Chapter 584, Acts of 1968). It was transferred to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in 1980 (Executive Order 01.01.1980.04). In 1987, the Board was placed under the Department of the Environment (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). The Board has been part of the Water Management Administration since 1992.

The Board licenses well drillers in the following categories: master well driller; journeyman well driller; apprentice well driller; apprentice pump installer; apprentice water conditioner installer; and well rig operator. All licensed individuals must meet statutory requirements for insurance and bonding.

When the Board receives complaints against well drillers, it holds hearings and may revoke or suspend licenses for violation of Board rules and regulations. Any rule or regulation concerning the drilling of wells proposed by the Department of the Environment must be referred to the Board for comment.

The Board consists of seven members who serve two-year terms. They are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of the Environment and Senate advice and consent. One member each represents the Eastern Shore, Central Maryland and Baltimore City, Southern Maryland, and Western Maryland. Regional members must be licensed master well drillers, actively engaged in the well drilling business in the State at the time of appointment. Of the remaining three members, one represents the public at large and chairs the Board; one represents the Department of Natural Resources; and one the Department of the Environment. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Environment Article, secs. 13-101 through 13-602).

## INDIVIDUAL SEPTICS &amp; WELLS PROGRAM

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The Individual Septics and Wells Program was formed in 1990 to protect groundwater and public health. The Program implements State regulations concerning wells, septic systems, and subdivisions. 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.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

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The Capital Projects Program originated in 1990 as the Capital Projects Administration and

received its present name in 1992. The Program is responsible for project development of all capital programs within the Water Management Administration. The Program also maintains a tracking system for Department capital projects, reviews and approves county water and sewer plans, and administers grant and loan payments and engineering contracts of projects funded by the Program.

## ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION PERMIT PROGRAM

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The Engineering and Construction Permit Program began as the Engineering and Construction Services Program in 1990. The Program was reorganized under its current name in 1992. The Program 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 reviews engineering plans and specifications for all community water and sewerage facilities and manages and monitors sewerage construction.

## WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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The Water Quality Program originated in 1985 as the Division of Standards and Certification. In 1990, it was renamed the Water Quality Program; in 1991, the Water Quality Operation Program; and, in 1992, the Standards and Shellfish Sanitation Program. The Program regained its former name, the Water Quality Program, in 1992.

The Program protects public health by certifying the quality of water for the safe harvest of raw oysters and clams. The Program also establishes water quality standards for State waters; monitors shellfish and fish tissues for contaminants; and studies water quality. To evaluate and reduce whole effluent toxicity, the Program oversees tests at municipal and industrial facilities and develops and promulgates regulations to protect surface and ground water quality.

## NONPOINT SOURCE PERMITS PROGRAM

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The Nonpoint Source Permits Program began in 1988 as the Policy and Evaluation Program and received its present name in 1992. The Program oversees local programs for sediment control and stormwater management. It also issues municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System