

(NPDES) permits to discharge stormwater from construction sites.

The Program reviews sediment control and stormwater management plans for State and federal construction projects. To assure the maintenance of water quality standards, the Program also reviews federal permits issued under the federal Clean Water Act (sec. 404) for the discharge of dredge and fill materials into U.S. waters or wetlands. The Program also develops policy, regulations, and training programs to control nonpoint sources of pollution. A nonpoint source is one that is not a specific point of discharge, such as a pipe. Nonpoint sources include pollutants washed off streets or farmlands.

INSPECTION & COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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The Inspection and Compliance Program originated in 1988 as the Compliance Program and was reorganized under its present name in 1992. The Program enforces approved plans to control sediment and manage stormwater at all State and federal construction projects. The Program also enforces approved sediment control plans on all private construction projects unless enforcement has been delegated to local government.

WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT PROGRAM

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The Wastewater Discharge Permit Program originated as the Community Sewerage Program in 1980. It received its present name in 1992. The Program protects public health and the environment by developing and enforcing effluent limits for municipal sewage treatment systems. The Program inspects treatment facilities and reviews sample results and plant operational records to evaluate treatment. 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.

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

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Created in 1988 as the Water Supply Program, the Public Drinking Water Program received its present name July 1, 1993. It 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 drinking water systems contain contaminants, such as nitrate, lead, and volatile organic chemicals.

CHESAPEAKE BAY & WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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The Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Management Administration was organized in 1992. The Administration protects the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland watersheds and supports their restoration by identifying environmental problems, evaluating solutions, and developing comprehensive, cost-effective environmental management policies and strategies.

Under the Administration are Grants Management and Fiscal Administration, and four programs: Nonpoint Source Assessment and Policy; Chesapeake Bay and Special Projects; Environmental Assessment; and Water Quality Monitoring.

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NONPOINT SOURCE ASSESSMENT & POLICY PROGRAM

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The Nonpoint Source Assessment and Policy Program identifies sources of nonpoint pollution throughout the State as a key element of Maryland's restoration of Chesapeake Bay. The Program also evaluates efforts at and defines options for comprehensive, cost-effective control of nonpoint source pollution.

CHESAPEAKE BAY & SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

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In 1987, the Chesapeake Bay and Special Projects Program was created. Through research and technical analysis, the Program evaluates water quality statewide, particularly trends that affect Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The Program also coordinates the Department's Chesapeake Bay Program with the Governor's Office, other State agencies, neighboring states, and the federal government.