
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, & ADVISORY BOARDS

Executive commissions, committees, task forces, and advisory boards are created or authorized by the Governor, either on the Governor's initiative or at the request of the General Assembly. Through these units of government, the Governor draws upon the expertise of private citizens and public servants. They often are assigned a specific area of inquiry or responsibility and must complete their work by a prescribed date.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCY TASK FORCE

Tony Evans, *Chairperson & Coordinator*

Appointed by Secretary of Agriculture: Alan L. Brauer; Wade Dudrow; Jay Hoffman; Craig S. Oliver, Ph.D.; William Satterfield; M. Bruce West.

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The Maryland Agricultural Emergency Task Force is activated in times of need according to an emergency operations plan. The Department of Agriculture submitted this plan to the Governor in 1987. The plan provides for actions to be taken in agricultural emergencies, such as droughts or floods.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS WORK GROUP

Chairperson: Gerald L. Thorpe, Ph.D., Director,
Maryland Energy Administration

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The Governor formed the Alternative Fuels Work Group in August 1993 (Executive Order 01.01.1993.20). The Group evaluates and recommends alternative fuels to the Governor and certain State government agencies and raises issues related to the use of these fuels for the State fleet of cars and trucks. Upon meeting the goals of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the National Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Group expects to conclude its work about the year 2000.

Members of the Group are appointed by the head of each participating agency. Those agencies represented include: the Department of Agriculture; Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; Department of the Environment; Department of General Services; Department of Natural Resources; Department of Transportation; Maryland Energy Administration; Public Service Commission; and University of Maryland System.

ASBESTOS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: David A. C. Carroll, Secretary of the Environment

Designated by Senate President: one vacancy

Designated by House Speaker: R. Charles Avara

Ex officio: Charles L. Benton, Jr., Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning; Martin W. Walsh, Jr., Secretary of General Services; William A. Fogle, Jr., Secretary of Licensing & Regulation; Joseph Adler, Secretary of Personnel.

Frank D. Whitehead, *Committee Project Officer*

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Annual Report & consolidated budget for asbestos management in State facilities to Governor & General Assembly due Oct. 1.

The Asbestos Oversight Committee was established by the Governor in November 1987 (Executive Order 01.01.1987.22). After the creation of the Committee, representation was sought from the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Public Safety and Correctional Services, and Transportation, as well as the University of Maryland System and the Office of the Attorney General. The Committee coordinates asbestos management involving State employees and facilities.

The Committee reviews, evaluates, and promulgates asbestos policy, procedures, and practices consistent with the *Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)*, the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Law, and regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The Committee also sets priorities for project proposals to abate asbestos hazards and establishes guidelines and criteria for abatement contracts.