

The Mid-Atlantic Poultry Health Council was established in 1987 in accordance with a July 22, 1987, memorandum of understanding, signed by the governors of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The Council coordinates policy for poultry disease management. Annually, the chair of the Council rotates among the member states.

MARYLAND POULTRY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Governor: Edward H. Covell; Dr. Frank Craig; Raymond J. Miller, Ph.D.; Archibald B. Park, D.V.M.

Appointed by the Governor in 1987, the Maryland Poultry Health Advisory Committee advises the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture on poultry health management. In the event of an outbreak of poultry disease in Maryland, the Committee advises and assists the Secretary of Agriculture on implementing control measures.

The Committee also represents Maryland on the Mid-Atlantic Poultry Health Council.

INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION

Maryland member: William Donald Schaefer, Governor (Anthony F. Abar, Director, Bureau of Mines, alternate)

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The Interstate Mining Commission was created by the Interstate Mining Compact initiated by the Council of State Governments. To date, seventeen states have ratified the Compact; Maryland ratified in 1973 (Chapter 297, Acts of 1973).

The purpose of the Compact is to protect and restore land, water, and other resources affected by mining. The Commission assists in reducing the deterioration of land, water, and air attributable to mining and encourages programs to protect, conserve, and improve the usefulness of natural resources. The Commission also recommends techniques to improve, restore, or protect land and other resources affected by mining and helps support and maintain an efficient, productive mining industry.

The Compact's annual budget is \$182,615. The first half of the budget is assessed to each state on an equal basis. The other half is pro-rated on the basis of the value of mineral production in the party states.

The Commission is composed of the seventeen governors of the states that have ratified the Interstate Mining Compact. Each governor may designate an alternate (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-701 through 7-703).

NORTHEAST OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION

Maryland members appointed by Governor: David A. C. Carroll, Secretary of the Environment; Merrylin Zaw-Mon, Director, Air & Radiation Management Administration, Department of the Environment.

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The Northeast Ozone Transport Commission was created in 1991 in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 to address the region-wide spread of ozone and its precursor gases from state to state (P.L. 101-549, sec. 184).

The Commission is comprised of government leaders and environmental officials from twelve northeast and mid-Atlantic states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Commission assesses the degree of interstate transport of ozone and its precursors in the northeastern United States; develops strategies for mitigating interstate pollution; and recommends to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency measures to ensure that states in the region attain and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone.

INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT COMMISSION

Chairperson: Joan Finney, Governor of Kansas

Maryland representative: William Donald Schaefer, Governor

Assistant representative: C. Edmon Larrimore, Chief, Mineral Oil & Gas Division, Water Resources Administration, Department of Natural Resources

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In 1935, the Interstate Oil Compact was executed in Dallas, Texas. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959 (Chapter 390, Acts of 1959). The Compact established the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. Through the Commission, thirty-five member states work to conserve oil and gas resources.

Members of the Commission include the governor of each signatory state and an assistant representative who may act in the governor's stead (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 6-401 through 6-404).