

Environmental Health Administration, Community Health Programs regulated the control of dangerous emissions from ionizing and nonionizing radiation sources, while Air Quality Programs developed air resource management plans. Air Quality Programs was reorganized as the Air Management Administration by 1983 and, with the Division of Radiation Control of Community Health Programs, transferred to the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). In 1992, the Administration was reformed as the Air and Radiation Management Administration to include the Radiological Health Program.

The Administration develops and implements programs for cleaner air. It monitors levels of ambient air pollutants across the State and devises plans to achieve and maintain air quality standards. To control air emissions, the Administration makes and enforces regulations and issues permits that set emission standards for construction or operation of equipment that emits to the atmosphere. The Administration sets standards for and, with the Department of Transportation, manages the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. The Administration also licenses asbestos removal contractors.

The Administration works through the Permits and Compliance Policy Office, and five programs: Air Monitoring and Information Systems; Air Quality Planning; Asbestos and Industrial Hygiene; Mobile Sources Control; and Radiological Health.

#### AIR QUALITY CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Air Quality Control Advisory Council originated as the Air Pollution Control Council in 1963 (Chapter 806, Acts of 1963). It received its present name in 1967 (Chapter 143, Acts of 1967). Formerly under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Council was placed within the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). The Council advises the Department on rules and regulations to control air pollution.

The Council consists of not more than fifteen members appointed by the Secretary of the Environment. Terms of members are five years, except for the Baltimore Metropolitan Council representative, whose term coincides with membership on that body (Code Environment Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-206).

#### AIR MONITORING & INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM

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Created in September 1988, the Air Monitoring and Information Systems Program operates a statewide air sampling and monitoring network and

collection stations for acid deposition. Regularly, the Program prepares air quality data reports and manages air data bases for other programs. The Program also conducts special sampling studies for toxics and other purposes.

#### AIR QUALITY PLANNING PROGRAM

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The Air Quality Planning Program started in 1988 as the Air Quality Policy, Planning, and Regulation Development Program and received its present name in 1994. The Program tracks State and federal laws and regulations pertaining to air quality. To control air pollutant emissions, the Program develops plans and regulations that help the State meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

#### ASBESTOS & INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

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This program was initiated in 1988 as the Community Environmental Services Program. It was renamed the Asbestos and Industrial Hygiene Program in 1994. The Program is responsible for State asbestos programs and enforces air quality standards for such categories as asphalt plants, quarries, special medical waste incinerators, and training for incinerator operators.

The Program oversees three divisions: Asbestos Accreditation and School Assistance; Asbestos Licensing and Enforcement; and Industrial Hygiene.

#### ASBESTOS ACCREDITATION & SCHOOL ASSISTANCE DIVISION

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The Asbestos Accreditation and School Assistance Division provides public and private schools with technical assistance so they can comply with federal and State regulations on asbestos. The Division also regulates private sector asbestos trainers who provide the training required by law before individuals may engage in asbestos-related demolition, renovation, or encapsulation.

#### ASBESTOS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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The Asbestos Licensing and Enforcement Division issues the asbestos contractor license, required by law since 1981 for any entity demolishing, renovating, or encapsulating any friable asbestos material (Chapter 695, Acts of 1981). The Division enforces the licensing requirement and all State and federal asbestos regulations.