

issue a Certificate of Public Necessity and local zoning and regulation no longer apply. Certificates are issued once it has been determined that the proposed facility meets technical requirements and after careful study of environmental and community impact.

In addition to site suitability and impact of the facility, the Board considers statewide needs and problems associated with hazardous waste management. The Board also encourages citizens to participate in the review process by publishing notices of site applications, informational meetings, and adjudicatory hearings.

The Board consists of eight members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. The Governor names the chair (Code Environment Article, secs. 7-401 through 7-413).

NEWSPRINT RECYCLING BOARD

Jean C. Halle, *Acting Chair*, 1997
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Established in 1990, the Newsprint Recycling Board considers applications by newspaper publishers for exemptions from the statutory percentage requirements for recycled newsprint (Chapter 301, Acts of 1990). The percentages are staggered, but by 1998, forty percent of the total newsprint used by a publisher must be recycled newsprint.

Board members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor (Code Environment Article, sec. 9-1707).

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

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The Solid Waste Program issues construction and operation permits for all facilities that accept solid waste. These include sanitary landfills, processing facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, and resource recovery plants. The Program also issues permits for sewage sludge use and disposal.

All county plans for solid waste management and recycling are reviewed by the Program. Under the Program are three divisions: Design and Certification; Field Operations and Compliance; and Recycling Services.

RECYCLING SERVICES DIVISION

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The Recycling Services Division was created as the Office of Recycling in 1988 (Chapter 536, Acts of 1988). Since then, the Office has come to be known as the Recycling Services Division. The Division supports and technically assists county governments to develop recycling plans that reduce the volume of county waste. The Division reviews the plans and coordinates State efforts to implement them (Code Environment Article, secs. 9-1701 through 9-1707).

With the Department of General Services, the Division devised a State Agency Recycling Plan to reduce by at least 20 percent the solid waste generated by State government.

MARYLAND RECYCLING ADVISORY GROUP

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Convened in 1995 by the Secretary of the Environment, the Maryland Recycling Advisory Group is reviewing State policies, procedures, and statutes on recycling and assessing alternatives. The Group will recommend improvements for Maryland's recycling program.

Of the Group's seventeen members, thirteen are appointed by the Secretary of the Environment. Two are chosen by the Senate President, and two by the House Speaker.

WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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The Water Management Administration's responsibility to oversee public water supplies first was assigned in 1912 to the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering under the Department of Health. In 1951, the Bureau was reorganized as the Division of Sanitary Engineering under the Bureau of Environmental Hygiene, Department of Health. In 1966, the Division of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal was formed under the Bureau of Resources Protection, Department of Health. When the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene was created in 1969, the Division became the Division of Water and Sewerage under the Environmental Health Administration. By 1977, the Division's work continued as the Water Sewerage Control Program and, by 1982, was reorganized as the Water Management Administration. From the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Administration was transferred to the Department of the Environment in 1987 (Chapter 306, Acts of 1987). In 1995, certain functions of the Water Resources Administration of the Department of Natural Resources were transferred to the Water Management Administration, including the State Water Quality Advisory Committee and programs for mining, dam safety, and wetlands (Chapter 488, Acts of 1995).

The Administration works through eight programs: Capital Projects; Inspection and Compliance; Mining; Nonpoint-Source Permits; Public Drinking Water; Water and Wastewater Engineering; Water and Wastewater Permits; and Wetlands and Waterways. Supporting the Administration's programs are the