

well rig operator. All licensed individuals must meet statutory requirements for insurance and bonding.

When the Board receives complaints against well drillers, it holds hearings and may revoke or suspend licenses for violation of Board rules and regulations. Any rule or regulation concerning the drilling of wells proposed by the Department of the Environment must be referred to the Board for comment.

The seven members of the Board are appointed for two-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of the Environment and Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Environment Article, secs. 13-101 through 13-602).

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

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The Capital Projects Program began in 1990 as the Capital Projects Administration and received its present name in 1992. The Program is responsible for project development of all capital programs within the Water Management Administration. To improve water quality, the Program helps local governments secure funding and plan, design, and construct capital projects, such as water and wastewater treatment plants, collection and distribution systems, and pumping stations. The Program works through six fund sources: the *Biological Nutrient Removal Cost-Share Program*; the *Maryland Water Quality Revolving-Loan Fund*; the *Small Creeks and Estuaries Restoration Cost-Share Program*; the *Stormwater Pollution Control Cost-Share Program*; the *Supplemental Assistance Program*; and the *Water Supply Financial Assistance Program*.

The Program also maintains a tracking system for Department capital projects, reviews and approves county water and sewer plans, and administers grant and loan payments and engineering contracts of projects funded by the Program.

#### 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. In 1995, enforcement functions from the Water Resources Administration of the Department of Natural Resources were added to the Program.

To ensure compliance with permits and other authorizations, the Program inspects coal and non-coal surface mining, gas and oil-well drilling, and tidal and nontidal wetlands and waterways projects. It also inspects dams and projects operating under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. By inspection, 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.

#### MINING PROGRAM

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The Mining Program oversees two divisions: Coal Mining; and Minerals, Oil and Gas. It is assisted by the Aggregates Mining Advisory Council and the Land Reclamation Committee.

#### AGGREGATES MINING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Timothy Schmidt, *Chair*

The Aggregates Mining Advisory Council was formed by the Governor in 1995 (Executive Order 01.01.1995.16). The Council advises the Secretary of the Environment on regulating the mining of aggregates, the mineral materials used to make concrete.

The Council's six members are appointed by the Governor, who names the chair from the three members representing the aggregates mining industry.

#### LAND RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

David Fluke, *Chair*  
Anthony F. Abar, *Executive Secretary*

The Land Reclamation Committee started in 1967 (Chapter 144, Acts of 1967). The Committee studies, recommends, and approves procedures to reclaim, conserve, and replant land affected by open-pit coal mining in Maryland. The Committee reviews mining and reclamation plans, progress reports, and final reports. It establishes plans and procedures, as well as practical guidelines, for prompt and sufficient reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of all lands disturbed by open-pit mining of bituminous coal within the State.

The Committee consists of thirteen members. The Governor appoints four members to three-year terms: two mining industry representatives, appointed with Senate advice and consent; one Allegany County Planning and Zoning Commission member, recommended by the Allegany County Board of County Commissioners and appointed with Senate advice and consent; and one Garrett County Planning Commission member, recommended by the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners and appointed with House of Delegates advice and consent. The Secretary of Natural Resources appoints three members to serve three-year terms. The Secretary of the Environment appoints four members and names the chair. The Soil Conservation Districts of Allegany County and Garrett County each are represented on the Committee (Code Environment Article, secs. 15-204, 15-205).