

- (3) Central Maryland area;
- (4) Western Maryland area;
- (5) Southern Maryland area; and
- (6) Eastern Shore area.

From time to time after June 1, 1967 the Board may alter the six years initially created or may create more or fewer areas than provided herein initially.

The Board shall determine on the recommendation of the Department, the counties or parts of counties which will comprise each of the areas initially created herein or hereafter created under the terms of this subsection.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE THE PROGRAMS OF ALL STATE AGENCIES RELATING TO AIR QUALITY CONTROL OR NOISE ABATEMENT AND EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN PRESCRIBING ANY SUCH STANDARDS OR REGULATIONS RELATING TO AIR QUALITY CONTROL OR NOISE ABATEMENT.

(b) Establishment of standards. --The Department shall prepare and submit to the Board for approval not later than June 1, 1968, regulations establishing standards for emissions into the air and the ambient air quality for each of the areas authorized by subsection (a) of this section. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1974, REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR NOISE ABATEMENT FOR EACH OF THE AREAS AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONS, AMENDMENTS, OR DELETIONS TO THE NOISE ABATEMENT REGULATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30 OF SUBSEQUENT YEARS. PROPOSED REGULATIONS OR AMENDMENTS RELATING TO NOISE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND UNLESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTS A NEW LAW CONTAINING NOISE REGULATIONS BY THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION, OR REJECTS THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS BY PASSAGE OF A JOINT RESOLUTION, THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY OF THE SAME YEAR. THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS OR AMENDMENTS SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNLESS APPROVED BY JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND IF APPROVED SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY OF THE SAME YEAR. The governing body of any local jurisdiction within any area may request the Department to recommend to the Board for adoption a regulation establishing more restrictive standards for emissions or ambient air quality to be applicable within its geographic area.

(c) Enforcement of standards adopted under this subtitle shall be carried out by the Department in all areas, using the facilities and services of appropriate local agencies of the jurisdictions within the areas to the maximum extent possible. In the Washington area, the Department shall use the facilities and services of the appropriate agencies of the United States, the District of Columbia and the State of Virginia in enforcing the standards applicable in this area to the maximum extent possible. In no event shall the standards to be enforced in the Washington area be less stringent than those adopted by the State for this area.