

and placed so as to reduce to the greatest extent practicable the dangers associated with them.

Several State agencies now have responsibilities or have promulgated regulations in this area. These agencies include the Division of Labor and Industry of the Department of Licensing and Regulation; the Environmental Health Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and the Water Resources Administration of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The General Assembly of Maryland finds that a need exists to coordinate State efforts and to ascertain whether proper safety standards have been set and are being enforced; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Natural Resources are requested to conduct a joint study to determine:

(a) How State efforts to ensure the safety of tanks containing hazardous materials can best be coordinated and how responsibilities in this area can most effectively be assigned;

(b) What standards should be promulgated for the proper design, construction, maintenance, and placement of tanks containing hazardous materials;

(c) What classes of tanks require inspection and at what intervals, considering the size, type, and location of the tanks, the types of hazardous materials contained in them, and other relevant factors; and

(d) How safety standards can be enforced most effectively; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these agencies are requested to make a joint report to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 1978; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Honorable William A. Urie, Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, One South Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; the Honorable Neil Solomon, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and the Honorable James B. Coulter, Secretary of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and the Honorable Robert J. Lally, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, 1 Investment Place, Towson, Md. 21204.

Approved May 16, 1978.