

(3) A member serves until his successor is appointed and qualifies. An appointment to a vacancy in an unexpired term is limited to the remainder of that term. A member as of June 30, 1980, shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which the member was appointed, unless the member dies, resigns, or is removed pursuant to law. The members shall serve without compensation, except that members who are not State employees shall be compensated for expenses as provided in the budget of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Council shall elect annually a chairperson from among its members appointed from the public at large.

(f) There is a Maryland Hazardous Substance AND LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE Control Fund. Except for application fees, all permit fees, renewal fees, and any transporting vehicle certification fees made by the Department under this section, any civil penalty, and any fine imposed by any court, shall be credited to the fund. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall use the fund for:

(1) Emergency removal or mitigation of the effect of designated hazardous substances OR LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE which endanger the public health, safety, or welfare or which endanger or damage the natural resources;

(2) Identifying and, where feasible, restoring natural resources that have been damaged by designated hazardous substances OR LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE; and

(3) Activities to identify, monitor, and control the proper disposal of designated hazardous substances OR LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE, and program development for these activities.

(f-1) All costs to the Hazardous Substance AND LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE Control Fund relating to emergency removal and mitigation of the effect of designated hazardous substances OR LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE and to identification and restoration of natural resources that have been damaged by designated hazardous substances OR LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE, shall be reimbursed to the fund by the persons responsible for the presence of the designated hazardous substances OR LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE in a manner which endangered the public health, safety, or welfare, or which endangered or damaged natural resources. In addition to any other legal action authorized by this title, the Attorney General may bring an action to recover costs against any person who fails to make reimbursement as required by this subsection.

(g) (1) Except as provided in Section 8-1413 and regulations adopted pursuant to this subtitle, a person only may dispose of designated hazardous substances in a facility. Until July 1, 1980, the Maryland Port Administration may dispose of, or cause to be disposed,