

Title [11.] 7. Maryland Energy Office

Subtitle 1. In General

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(a) The Maryland Energy Office is established within the Department [of Natural Resources].

(b) The Secretary shall implement and administer those conservation, allocation, or other energy programs or measures pursuant to State law or federal laws, orders, or federal rules, or regulations.

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The Maryland Energy Office shall:

(1) Identify and analyze the energy conservation requirements for the State [of Maryland];

(2) Develop and update a State policy for the management and conservation of Maryland's energy resources;

(3) Identify and analyze the sources of energy entering the State [of Maryland] and the distribution requirement for that energy within the State;

(4) Prepare contingency plans for the allocation and distribution of middle distillate oil, motor gasoline, residual fuel oil, and propane gas to various classes of consumers in the time of energy shortage;

(5) Assume those responsibilities delegated to the State energy offices pursuant to the orders, rules, and regulations promulgated pursuant to any federal laws relating to the allocation, conservation, development, or consumption of energy resources;

(6) Through the State Energy Conservation Board evaluate, recommend and coordinate energy related policies and activities among all agencies of the executive branch of the State and, where appropriate, those of the various local governments;

(7) Through the State Energy Conservation Board monitor the energy savings accrued by energy management and conservation efforts undertaken by agencies of State government;

(8) Collect, analyze, and evaluate statistics and information related to energy use and conservation;

(9) Serve as liaison between federal and State