

agencies for all matters related to energy conservation and maintain liaison with energy agencies in sister states;

(10) Develop and conduct education and communications programs for and disseminate informative materials to the general public in energy conservation;

(11) Consult with State and local government agencies in the development and implementation of State energy policies and programs; and

(12) Provide for, encourage, and assist, where practicable, public participation in the development and dissemination of energy programs.

[11-103.] 7-103.

(a) The Maryland Energy Office shall establish a program for the storage of heating and other middle distillate oil for State use.

(b) (1) The Office, upon approval of the Board of Public Works and as provided in the State budget, shall lease storage space in oil tank farms.

(2) The Office shall consider the most economical and efficient alternative available.

(c) The Office may sublease excess storage capacity, not set aside for State use.

(d) State agencies shall meet their heating oil requirements, to the fullest extent possible, through these facilities.

Subtitle 2. State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Agricultural production" means activities for the commercial production of food, including farming, ranching, dairying, and fishing, and related support services.

(c) "Assignment" means a written authorization by the Department ordering that a specified purchaser be supplied State set-aside product by a specified supplier.

(d) "Congregate care facilities" means public or private buildings used to lodge and care for individuals whose places of lodging are rendered uninhabitable due to an energy emergency.