Safety and Health Program.

E.   Operations and Maintenance.

     (1) There shall be, as part of the Asbestos Management
Plan, an operations and maintenance program.   The   program
shall consist of the following elements:

          (a) A   procedure for identifying and locating
asbestos in State-owned buildings, and for assessing the
condition and type of asbestos present in those buildings.

          (b) A statewide project schedule for asbestos
abatement   using   priority   criteria   developed by the
Committee. The schedule shall also contain estimates of cost
for such projects based upon the most current financial,
health,   physical characteristics and other information
available.

          (c) A procedure for performing recurrent surveys
and inspections of known asbestos contamination for the
purpose of discovering deteriorating conditions and to
provide data for use in updating item (a) and (b) above.

          (d) Guidelines for the preparation of contracts
for the abatement of asbestos hazards by outside contractors
to ensure that the work is properly prioritized, scheduled
and stated in the scope of the work section; that safe and
acceptable   work practices are to be followed by the
contractor; and that contracts are consistent with the
Asbestos Management Plan.

          (e) Guidelines   for   the   development   of
site-specific asbestos operations and maintenance plans.

     (2) The Operations and Maintenance Program shall be
implemented pursuant to this order and consistent with
standards set forth in the State of Maryland Asbestos Safety
and Health Program Policy and Procedures Manual and other
relevant standards, regulations and statutes.

     (3) Responsibility for implementation of the operations
and maintenance program shall be shared as follows:

          (a) The   Secretary/Head   of   each
Department/Agency/Facility   shall   be   responsible   for
development, implementation and management of an operations
and maintenance program specific to the Agency/Facility,
including:

          (i) The periodic conduct of inspections and
surveys of known asbestos contamination;

          (ii) Performance of repair and maintenance of