

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER CONSERVATION, ALLOCATION, OR OTHER ENERGY PROGRAMS OR MEASURES UNDER STATE LAW OR FEDERAL LAWS, ORDERS, OR REGULATIONS.

(C) DIRECTOR.

THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

(D) STAFF.

THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL HAVE THE STAFF PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 41, § 10-701.

The only changes are in style.

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THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, GRANT AND LOAN FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, STATE UNIT, LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR PRIVATE ENTITY, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH OR CARRY OUT SOUND ENERGY POLICIES OR PRACTICES, INCLUDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION;

(2) ASSUME THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES DELEGATED TO THE STATE ENERGY OFFICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDERS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAWS RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION, CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, OR CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES OR ANY OTHER DELEGATION OF FEDERAL AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO ENERGY;

(3) EVALUATE 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;

(4) COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND EVALUATE STATISTICS AND INFORMATION RELATED TO ENERGY USE, CONSERVATION, CONSUMPTION, AND ENERGY PRODUCTION AND COORDINATE INFORMATION RELATED TO ENERGY RESOURCES, INCLUDING ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS, WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, THE POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM, AND THE MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY;

(5) SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES FOR ALL MATTERS RELATED TO ENERGY AND MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH ENERGY AGENCIES IN OTHER STATES;

(6) DEVELOP AND CONDUCT EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS FOR AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATIVE MATERIALS TO THE PUBLIC ON ENERGY PRODUCTION, SUPPLY, AND CONSERVATION;