

~~(iii)~~ 3. two consumer representatives from areas of the State served by different water suppliers;

4. one representative of a Maryland condominium association; and

5. one representative of the Copper Development Association.

(2) The Task Force shall invite participation of a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with expertise in water chemistry, as designated by the EPA Administrator.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall staff the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) determine the extent, patterns, and trends of pinhole leaks in Maryland;

(2) investigate the possible causes of pinhole leaks in copper plumbing, including water chemistry, water treatment practices, water additives, copper plumbing design and installation practices, including: water chemistry requirements adopted by the EPA; water treatment practices; water additives; copper plumbing design, manufacturing, and installation practices; and copper plumbing cleaning and lining practices;

~~(2)~~ (3) investigate the effect of pinhole leaks in copper plumbing on homeowners' insurance coverage; and

~~(3)~~ (4) make recommendations regarding possible remedies for pinhole leaks in copper plumbing and possible steps for Maryland residents to take if they experience a problem with pinhole leaks.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, ~~2003~~ 2004.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~7~~ 1 year and 8 months and, at the end of ~~December 31, 2003~~ January 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Enacted May 24, 2003.