

(b) With the approval of the [Secretary] GOVERNOR, the Maryland Energy [Office] ADMINISTRATION 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.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE ENERGY ADMINISTRATION.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL HAVE THE STAFF PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET.

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The Maryland Energy [Office] ADMINISTRATION shall:

(1) Provide advisory, consultative, training and educational services, technical assistance and 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 pursuant to the orders, rules, and regulations promulgated in accordance with 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 to 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 [conservation] and maintain liaison with energy agencies in sister states;

(6) Develop and conduct education and communications programs for and disseminate informative materials to the general public in energy PRODUCTION, SUPPLY, AND conservation;

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

(8) In cooperation with the Maryland Department of General Services, monitor the energy savings accrued by the energy management and conservation efforts undertaken by agencies of State government;