

(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;

(9) [Encourage] COORDINATE AND DIRECT integrated energy planning for State agencies and the general public which recognizes the benefits and costs of energy conservation and improved efficiency;

(10) Promote the transfer and commercialization of energy conservation methods and energy technology from private and public laboratories to the citizens of the State; [and]

(11) Cooperate and coordinate with other State agencies in the research and development of energy conservation methods and alternative energy technologies; AND

(12) DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLANS AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES RELATING TO ENERGY SUPPLY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION AND SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND ENERGY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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The [Office] ADMINISTRATION shall assist the Department of General Services in considering the most economical and efficient alternative for meeting the annual heating oil requirements of State agencies.

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The Maryland Energy [Office] ADMINISTRATION shall have the following additional duties and responsibilities concerning the State's preparedness for, and management of, general energy emergencies and shortfalls:

(1) To prepare contingency plans for mitigating the impact of any severe shortage of fuel resources, including middle distillate oil, motor gasoline, residual fuel oil, and propane gas, on various classes of consumers;

(2) To work with the United States Department of Energy in preparing and training for an energy emergency response;

(3) To maintain communications, including computerized electronic communication, with the United States Department of Energy and with neighboring states for the purpose of obtaining and sharing energy data pertaining to energy emergencies; and