

Task Force on Water Resource Management

- H.B 659
- Interim Report by December 31, 2003
- Final Report by May 31, 2004
- Passed Senate and House

Requires the Task Force to examine management, development, conservation, and protection issues relevant to ground and surface water, perform assessments, and make findings, recommendations, and cost estimates

Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council

- H.B. 888
- Prep for BRAC 2005
- Passed Senate and House

9 WHEREAS, Maryland plays a prominent role in our nation's defense
through

10 its many defense laboratories, private sector companies, and military
installations;

11 and

12 WHEREAS, Those military installations will be scrutinized as part of
the

13 United States Department of Defense's Efficient Facilities Initiative (EFI),
otherwise

14 known as the "BRAC of 2005", a review process that is expected to close up to
25%

15 of the existing military bases in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Maryland's industries, universities, businesses, and
workers have

17 contributed to our nation's defense, utilizing their capital, talents, and skills to

1 develop and produce important new technologies and advanced weapons
systems,

2 aircraft, and missiles; and

3 WHEREAS, Maryland needs a focused, coordinated federal military
installation

4 retention effort within the State in order to protect the existing defense
installations

5 and facilities within the State; now, therefore,

Withdrawn Air Toxics Amendment

- Permit to construct for new internal combustion engines that have an output of 250 HP

Metal Products and Machinery Rule

- Scaled back significantly
- will affect only facilities that discharge oil and grease and total suspended solids to rivers and streams

E.O. 13287

“Preserve America”

- Creation of preservation partnerships.
- Improving Federal agency planning and accountability.
- Improving Federal stewardship of historic properties.
- Promoting preservation through heritage tourism.

President signed it March 3rd

NESHAPS For Engine Test Cells/Stands

- used for testing rocket engines
- used for testing combustion turbine engines
- used for testing internal combustion engines

Final Rule issued

Compliance for existing sources is required within 3 years.

EPA Withdraws TMDL Amendment

- Amendment issued July 2000
- Withdrawn April 03

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The Maryland Senate March 11-voted 26-to-21 against the nomination of Lynn Y. Buhl, a former Michigan environmental official and former Chrysler Corp. attorney, to head the Maryland Department of the Environment. The vote followed weeks of debate in which Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. (R) first vowed to deny Buhl's detractors "a seat at the table" during his administration and then agreed to an eleventh-hour effort to strike a compromise (23 DEN A-13, 02/4/03).