



About MES

- A successful and responsible manager of environmental projects
- No Regulatory Authority
- Self-supporting Non-Profit
- Governmental and Private Sector Clients
- Over 800 Employees Throughout the State
- Projects ranging from \$500 to \$13 million



The Maryland Environmental Service is an independent State agency that was created in 1970 by the Governor and legislature. The agency's mission is to provide operational and technical services to protect and enhance the environment for the benefit of the people of Maryland.



The agency does not have regulatory authority and is not funded through direct appropriations from the State. It is a self-supporting, not-for-profit public corporation that works with both governmental and private sector clients to find innovative solutions to some of the most complex environmental challenges.

The unique combination of public purpose and private resources allows the agency to combine the public sector's commitment to environmental protection with the private sector's efficiencies, flexibility and responsiveness.

Over 800 Service employees are involved in projects that range in cost from \$500 to \$13 million.

The agency offers services to clients at competitive rates and works on projects related to water and wastewater treatment, solid waste management, alternative energy planning, development and operations, organic products marketing, recycling and marketing of recovered materials, dredged material management and recycling, hazardous materials cleanup and engineering, monitoring and inspection services.

This wealth of expertise is coupled with a commitment to safe and ethical work practices, cost containment, improving the communities in which we work and meeting the unique needs of our many customers.

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The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends that MES comment on which two local government sites are re-opening and why they are re-opening.

- **MES Response:** The two local government sites are: Town of Sykesville and Abingdon Highway District. The sites re-opened with new and larger tanks.

DLS recommends that MES comment on whether accidents are concentrated in any particular business type activity or client base.

- **MES Response:** Accidents are not concentrated in any particular business type or client base. Accidental injuries ranged from contact dermatitis to lacerations and were spread amongst all classifications and business type activities.

DLS recommends that MES comment on the amount and timing of cash advances for all its projects and on what a sufficient framework for supporting reimbursable arrangements with State agencies would reflect, including the possibility of policy, regulatory and statutory changes.

- **MES Response - #1:** The amount and timing of cash advances varies with the needs of our clients and the projects under contract. In some instances, 25% of the contract value is necessary; for others MES requests 90 days of projected expenses. This enables the smooth and timely payment of vendor invoices on behalf of our client.
- **MES Response - #2:** MES utilizes the Governor's Executive Order, the BPW Policy Statement, the MES Act, and permits issued by MDE to define the administration, operations and maintenance of State-owned water, wastewater, and solid waste management facilities.

MES believes these documents have proven to be more than adequate to define the relationship between MES and other State agencies, and are the basis for the successful approach to properly and consistently managing these facilities and ensures environmental protection is a priority.

MES also believes that certain documents prepared by MES, such as detailed budget plans and Annual Reports, fulfill the requirements for documentation in the Policy.

