

The Environmental Division is responsible for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the human and natural environment as it relates to the development and implementation of transportation projects. The Division facilitates MDOT's Mission of performing in an environmentally sensitive manner by ensuring that impacts associated with the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of transportation projects are identified and addressed in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Division assists in the project development and decision-making process by providing environmental guidance to MDOT concerning transportation projects and related activities. The Environmental Division also provides guidance and compliance oversight for environmental issues that may arise during construction and maintenance projects as related to the Clean Water Act, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and associated permits. Other specific responsibilities include: preparation of the environmental documents required for federal and state funded transportation projects, location and conceptual design studies, air quality assessments in conformance with the Clean Air Act, cultural resource assessments (archaeology and historic) in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, ecology assessments in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, wetlands/waters assessments and permitting in compliance with the Clean Water Act, 4(f) assessments in conformance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act, noise analyses, socioeconomic analyses, hazardous materials assessments, review of erosion control plans and storm water management plans, and storm water compliance inspections. The Environmental Division coordinates with various divisions and districts within MDOT as well as federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction, which is essential for an efficient and effective project development process.