Geoscience in Your State: Maryland
By the numbers: Maryland

- 8,416 geoscience employees (excludes self-employed)
- 295 million gallons/day: total groundwater withdrawal
- $379 million: value of nonfuel mineral production in 2017
- 32 total disaster declarations, including 9 flood, 8 hurricane, and 7 snow disasters (1953-2017)
- $204 million: NSF GEO grants awarded in 2017

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**Agencies Working on Geoscience Issues in Maryland**

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**
https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx
The Department of Natural Resources leads Maryland in securing a sustainable future for our environment, society, and economy by preserving, protecting, restoring, and enhancing the State’s natural resources.

**Maryland Department of the Environment**
https://mde.maryland.gov/Pages/index.aspx
The mission of the Maryland Department of the Environment is to protect and restore the environment for the health and well-being of all Marylanders.

**Maryland Emergency Management Agency**
https://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx
The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is to ensure that Maryland families, communities, and key stakeholders are provided the tools they need to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from the consequences of emergency and disaster events.

**Maryland Geological Survey**
http://www.mgs.md.gov/
The Maryland Geological Survey's mission is primarily scientific-investigative, with authorization to conduct topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and geophysical surveys; to prepare topographic, geologic, and other types of maps to meet specific needs; to prepare reports on the extent and character of the geology, minerals, and water resources of the State; and to engage in, sponsor, and coordinate archeological research in Maryland.

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