

IMPACT AND WITHOUT SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS. THE STATE, THEREFORE, REQUIRES A SYSTEM OF ASSESSING THE ECONOMIC, FISCAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES, AS A LACK OF PROPER ASSESSMENT MAY CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE COASTAL AREA IF THESE FACILITIES ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE COASTAL AREA.

(D) MEETING THE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE AND NATION AND PLANNING FOR THE PROPER USE OR DEVELOPMENT OF THE COASTAL AREA IS IMPERATIVE. TO THAT END THE STATE IS DEVELOPING A COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972, WHICH WILL RECOMMEND PERMISSIBLE LAND AND WATER USES WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE AND WHICH MUST PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE SITING OF FACILITIES NECESSARY TO MEET REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE OTHER THAN LOCAL IN NATURE, AND WHICH MUST FURTHER PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF ASSURING THAT LOCAL LAND AND WATER USE REGULATIONS WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE DO NOT UNREASONABLY RESTRICT OR EXCLUDE LAND AND WATER USES OF REGIONAL BENEFIT. IT IS IN THE STATE'S INTEREST THAT ALL PARTIES INCLUDING ALL UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING THE USES FOR MARYLAND'S COASTAL AREA. THE COMPLETION OF THE PLANS WILL ENABLE MARYLAND TO PROPERLY USE, DEVELOP, AND PROTECT THE COASTAL AREA.

(E) WITHOUT ADEQUATE PLANNING, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN OIL-RELATED FACILITIES IN THE COASTAL AREA MAY HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, FISCAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE AREA WHERE THESE FACILITIES ARE ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE, LOCAL CONCERN SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN MAKING DECISIONS AS TO LOCATION OF THESE FACILITIES AND TO THAT END, COUNTY GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING FOR THE COASTAL AREAS. IF, HOWEVER, THE EXTENT OF OIL-RELATED FACILITIES CONTEMPLATED AFFECTS ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL FACTORS BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE PARTICULAR SUBDIVISION INVOLVED, IN ADDITION TO INVOLVING POTENTIAL EXPENDITURE OF STATE FUNDS IN EXCESS OF TAX REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE FACILITIES, THEN THE STATE INTEREST AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST BECOME A FACTOR IN THE CONSIDERATION OF WHERE THESE OIL-RELATED FACILITIES SHALL BE LOCATED.

(F) THE NATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST IN ASSURING ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES REQUIRES THAT THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROMPTLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THESE FACILITIES AND DETERMINE, AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME, WHETHER TO GRANT NECESSARY STATE AND LOCAL