

quirements of this Article through any appropriate legal remedy and prosecute violations in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(G) THE SERVICE SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 78A, SUBTITLE "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS," BUT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

3. Definitions.

(a) *As used in this Article, the words and terms listed in this section have the meanings given, unless the context clearly indicates another or different meaning or intent.*

(b) *The term "liquid waste" means any water-carried wastes or wastes which are liquid in nature created in and carried away, or to be carried away, from residences, institutions, industrial establishments, commercial establishments, or any other public or private building, structure, or facility.*

(c) *The term "solid wastes" means all putrescible and non-putrescible waste materials which are not gaseous or liquid, and the term includes garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator residue, wastewater treatment residue, street cleanings, dead animals, demolition and construction debris, household appliances, automobile bodies, offal, paunch manure, and solid wastes from commercial or industrial activities.*

(d) *The term "municipality" means any county, municipal corporation, sanitary district, State or local agency, or other public body or agency created or established by or pursuant to State or local law, ordinance, or resolution and having jurisdiction over disposal of liquid wastes or solid wastes or established for the purposes of collecting, transporting, purifying, or disposing of liquid or solid wastes.*

(e) *The term "service region" means a geographic area which the Service designates and within which the Director, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED, shall cause surveys, plans, studies, and estimates to be made for the purpose of determining the most dependable, effective, and efficient means of providing services through solid waste disposal projects or waste water purification projects. SERVICE REGIONS SHALL BE BASED UPON NEEDS SET FORTH IN APPROVED STATE-COUNTY MASTER WATER AND SEWERAGE PLANS, OR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLANS, IF ANY, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, BUT MAY ALSO TAKE ACCOUNT OF OTHER PLANS AND STUDIES.*

(f) *The term "service district" means a geographic area established by the Service, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED THEREBY, for the purpose of providing wastewater purification projects or solid waste disposal projects. SERVICE DISTRICTS MAY ENCOMPASS AREAS CONTAINING PROJECTS OF THE SERVICE AS WELL AS NON-DUPLICATING, NON-COMPETITIVE PROJECTS OWNED AND OPERATED BY MUNICIPALITIES AND PERSONS. SERVICE*