

5(c), 5(d), 5(f), 5(h), 6(a), 7(a), 7(e), 11(a), 25(a), and 28 of Article 33B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume AND 1971 SUPPLEMENT), title "Environmental Service" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

1.

To assist with the preservation, improvement, and management of the quality of air, land, and water resources, and to promote the health and welfare of the citizens of the State, it is the intention of the General Assembly in enactment of this article to exercise the powers of the State of Maryland to provide for dependable, effective, and efficient *water supply and purification* and disposal of liquid and solid wastes, to encourage reductions in the amount of waste generated and discharged to the environment, and to serve its political subdivisions and economic interests. For these purposes, the General Assembly creates an instrumentality of the State of Maryland constituted as a body politic and corporate to provide *water supply and waste purification and disposal services* in compliance with State laws, regulations, and policies governing air, land, and water pollution to public and private instrumentalities, and with safeguards to protect the autonomy of the political subdivisions and the rights of the private entities it serves.

3(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 *water supply or disposal of liquid wastes or solid wastes* or established for the purposes of *providing water supply services* or collecting, transporting, purifying, or disposing of liquid or solid wastes.

3(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 *water supply projects*, 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.

3(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 *water supply projects*, waste water purification projects or solid waste disposal projects. Service districts may encompass areas containing projects of the Service as well as nonduplicating, noncompetitive projects owned and operated by municipalities and persons. Service districts shall be based upon approved state-county master water and sewerage plans or solid