

CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE, OR BOTH, REAL PROPERTY INCLUDING PHYSICAL PREDICTIVE MODELS, LABORATORIES, BUILDINGS, LAND, AND APPURTENANCES, OR SUPPORT THE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY SYSTEMS RELATED TO POWER PLANTS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. HE MAY UTILIZE AVAILABLE EXPERTISE IN ANY OTHER STATE UNIT IN THE DEVELOPMENT, EXECUTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS ON PROJECTS RELATING TO THEIR AREAS OF PRIME RESPONSIBILITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 766 (c) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

3-303. POWER PLANT ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM.

(A) THE SECRETARY IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIES OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES SHALL IMPLEMENT A CONTINUING RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR ELECTRIC POWER PLANT SITE EVALUATION AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS. THE SECRETARY SHALL SEEK FROM ADDITIONAL SOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RELATED RESEARCH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM. THE ADDITIONAL SOURCES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS. AN INITIAL PROGRAM SHALL BE DOCUMENTED ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 1, 1972. THE SECRETARY SHALL INSTITUTE EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATING ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS TO PREVENT DISSIPATION OF MONEY, TIME, AND EFFORT. TO THIS END, THE STATE'S ELECTRIC COMPANIES SHALL BE REIMBURSED FROM THE FUND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED TO SATISFY APPLICATION AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL REGULATORY AGENCIES, IF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY HAS FURNISHED AN OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM AND ITS ESTIMATED COST SO THAT THE SECRETARY CAN BUDGET IT IN ADVANCE.

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(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) GENERAL BIOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL BASELINE STUDIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OF THE BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, AND CHEMISTRY OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND TRIBUTARIES;