

(7) DETERMINING THE POTENTIAL FOR ~~[[CONSTRUCTION]]~~ CONSTRUCTIVE USES OF WASTE ENERGY TO BE RELEASED AT PROPOSED ELECTRIC PLANT SITES; AND

(8) ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION FACILITIES ON THE LAND USES OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 767(k) 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.]]

[[(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; SEDIMENT AND BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS TO DETERMINE AND IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL MARINE ORGANISM NURSERY AREAS OF THE STATE'S WATERS, INCLUDING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND TRIBUTARIES; EPIBENTHOS; BOTTOM SPECIES; CRAB; FIN FISH AND HUMAN USE STUDIES;