request reimbursement in advance as a prerequisite to receiving reimbursement for research programs.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 3-303(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-303(a) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

3-303.

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 seek from additional Secretary shall 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 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] REQUESTED REIMBURSEMENT IN ADVANCE AND FURNISHES an outline of the program and its estimated cost so that the Secretary can budget it in advance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.