

PERMITTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FACILITIES WITHIN MARYLAND'S COASTAL AREA, AND TO THAT END THIS ACT MAY BE CITED AS THE "COASTAL FACILITIES REVIEW ACT."

6-502.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COASTAL AREA" MEANS THAT AREA TO THE STATE'S SEAWARD JURISDICTION LYING WITHIN ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CITY, CALVERT, CAROLINE, CECIL, CHARLES, DORCHESTER, HARFORD, KENT, PRINCE GEORGE'S, QUEEN ANNE'S, SAINT MARY'S, SOMERSET, TALBOT, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

(C) "CONSTRUCTION" MEANS ANY CLEARING OR GRADING OF LAND, EXCAVATION, OR OTHER ACTION THAT WOULD AFFECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SITE, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE ACTIVITY WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS TO SECURE BIOLOGICAL, GEOLOGICAL, OR OTHER TECHNICAL DATA.

(D) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(E) "FACILITY" MEANS:

(1) ANY FACILITY OR GROUP OF FACILITIES WHICH IS DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, OR UTILIZED TO EXPLORE, DEVELOP, PRODUCE, OR CONTROL, OR WHICH AIDS OR SUPPORTS THE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, OR CONTROL, OF CRUDE OIL OR NATURAL GAS AND WHICH ALSO IS PROPOSED TO UTILIZE, OCCUPY, OR REQUIRE EITHER IMMEDIATELY OR PROSPECTIVELY A LAND AREA OF 50 ACRES OR MORE; OR

(2) ANY FACILITY OR GROUP OF FACILITIES WHICH IS DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, OR UTILIZED TO TRANSPORT, REFINE, STORE, DISTRIBUTE OR HANDLE CRUDE OIL OR NATURAL GAS AND WHICH ALSO IS PROPOSED TO UTILIZE, OCCUPY, OR REQUIRE EITHER IMMEDIATELY OR PROSPECTIVELY A LAND AREA OF 50 ACRES OR MORE; OR

(3) ANY PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OR TRANSMISSION OF CRUDE OIL OR NATURAL GAS HAVING A THROUGHPUT WHICH EQUALS OR EXCEEDS A DAILY AVERAGE EQUIVALENT HEAT CONTENT OF 6 X 10 TO THE TENTH B.T.U.

(F) "PERSON" MEANS AND INCLUDES CORPORATIONS, COMPANIES, ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES, FIRMS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND JOINT STOCK COMPANIES, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

(G) "GOVERNMENT AGENCIES" MEANS AND INCLUDES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF MARYLAND,