

COULD ACCOMMODATE OIL TENDERS TOO LARGE FOR PRESENT PORTS AND PORT FACILITIES. AS COMPARED TO SMALLER TANKER SYSTEMS, TRANSFER OF OIL TO THE UNITED STATES BY THESE LARGE TANKERS MAY HAVE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES, INCLUDING ASSURED ACCESS TO THE WORLD'S TOTAL PETROLEUM SHIPPING FLEET, A REDUCTION IN ECONOMIC COSTS AND SAFETY HAZARDS, INCREASED TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY, AND REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS TO HARBORS AND SHORELINES. THE LEGISLATURE, IN RECOGNITION OF THESE OBJECTIVES AND THOSE OF PROTECTING THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT, REGULATING GROWTH AND DETERMINING LAND USE, AND IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ITS DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FEDERAL DEEPWATER PORT ACT OF 1974, HEREBY DEFINES THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE TO ADVANCE AND PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND IN THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF DEEPWATER PORTS IN THE WATERS BEYOND THE STATE.

3-602. DEFINITIONS.

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

(B) "ADJACENT COASTAL STATE" MEANS ANY COASTAL STATE WHICH:

(1) WOULD BE CONNECTED DIRECTLY BY PIPELINE TO A DEEPWATER PORT, AS PROPOSED IN AN APPLICATION;

(2) WOULD BE LOCATED WITHIN 15 MILES OF ANY PROPOSED DEEPWATER PORT; OR

(3) IS SO DESIGNATED BY THE FEDERAL SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9(A)(2) OF THE FEDERAL ACT.

(C) "APPLICATION" MEANS ANY APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT FOR:

(1) A LICENSE FOR THE OWNERSHIP, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF A DEEPWATER PORT;

(2) TRANSFER OF ANY LICENSE; OR

(3) ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN ANY OF THE CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS OF ANY LICENSE.

(D) "COASTAL ENVIRONMENT" MEANS THE STATE'S NAVIGABLE WATERS AND THE ADJACENT SHORELINES. THE TERM INCLUDES TRANSITIONAL AND INTERTIDAL AREAS, BAYS, LAGOONS, SALT MARSHES, ESTUARIES, AND BEACHES AND THEIR FISH, WILDLIFE AND OTHER LIVING RESOURCES, AND THE RECREATIONAL AND SCENIC VALUES OF THE LANDS, WATERS AND RESOURCES.

(E) "DEEPWATER PORT" MEANS ANY FIXED OR FLOATING MANMADE STRUCTURE OTHER THAN A VESSEL, OR ANY GROUP OF STRUCTURES, LOCATED BEYOND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF A STATE