

~~storage, or transportation of sewage sludge without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT FOR THE COLLECTION, HANDLING, BURNING, STORAGE, OR TRANSPORTATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL SET A DAY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST. THE APPLICANT SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF HIS APPLICATION AND OF THE HEARING, BY PUBLICATION ONCE IN EACH WEEK FOR 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, IN A REGULARLY PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN ANY CITY OR COUNTY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DETERMINES MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE REQUEST. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY, THE MAYOR OR OTHER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL OF EACH SUCH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY THE APPLICANT BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL. THE LOCAL OFFICIALS SHALL NOTIFY ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THEIR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION, THE DATE, PLACE, AND TIME FIXED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION SHALL BE STATED. A HEARING EXAMINER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE HEARING. AT THE HEARING THE APPLICANT AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSON SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT FACTS, EVIDENCE, AND ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION. [He] THE SECRETARY shall adopt appropriate rules and regulations relating to permissible uses and methods of collection, handling, burning, storage and transportation of sewage sludge.~~

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(A) Before issuing a permit for a landfill refuse disposal system OR SLUDGE COMPOSTING FACILITY under § 394, Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the State Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall set a day for a public hearing on the request. The applicant shall give notice to the public of his application and of the hearing, by publication once in each week for two successive weeks prior to the hearing, in a regularly published newspaper of general circulation in any city or county which the Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE determines may be directly affected by the request. The board of county commissioners or the county council of the APPROPRIATE county, the mayor or other chief executive official of [each such] THE APPROPRIATE municipal corporation, the Maryland Geological Survey, and the [Department] DIVISION of Water Resources shall be notified by the applicant by registered or certified mail. The local officials shall notify all interested agencies of their political subdivisions. In the public notice of the application, the date, place and time fixed by the Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE for the public hearing on the application shall be stated. At the public hearing the applicant and any other interested person shall be given an opportunity to present facts, evidence, and arguments for or against the granting of the