

(House Bill 1696)

AN ACT concerning

Power Plant Siting - Nuclear Power Plants -
~~Evacuation~~ Emergency Response Plans

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to consider, in preparing preliminary environmental statements, the adequacy of ~~evacuation~~ emergency response plans if a site is considered for a nuclear power plant; and making technical corrections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 3-304(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

3-304.

In cooperation with the Public Service Commission and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Secretary shall implement a long-range environmental evaluation of power plant building sites projected for at least 10 years. To facilitate providing adequate electric power on reasonable schedules at reasonable costs with the least possible depreciation of the quality of Maryland's environment, the following responsibilities and procedures are set forth:

(2) Upon receipt of a ten-year plan from the Public Service Commission, the Secretary, with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and in accordance with paragraph (1) OF THIS SECTION and Article 78, § 54B (b) OF THE CODE, shall prepare and submit, within 180 days a preliminary environmental statement on each possible and proposed site, including associated transmission routes. The statement, on the basis of the environmental research program, shall include but not be limited to the following considerations:

(i) The environmental impact at the proposed site[.];

(ii) Any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided if the proposed site is accepted[.];
