

The primary concerns of this Act are to insure proper safeguards to the health and safety of the public and to protect the quality of the environment.

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

3-105.

(a) The Service is responsible for carrying out the following general activities subject to the limitations stated in this section.

(F) EXECUTE THE POWERS AND PERFORM THE DUTIES SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING THE FINANCING, ACQUISITION, LEASING, AND OPERATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

SUBTITLE 7. HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY SITING PROGRAM

3-701.

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

(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES SITING BOARD.

(C) "CERTIFICATE" MEANS A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC NECESSITY ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

(D) "FACILITY" MEANS ANY STRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, BINS, TANKS, PIPES, PUMPS, CONVEYORS, WELLS, TRENCHES, PITS, OR CELLS USED FOR TREATMENT, PROCESSING, RECONDITIONING, EXCHANGE, INCIDENTAL STORAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRECEDING ACTIVITIES, LONG-TERM STORAGE, OR ULTIMATE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.

(E) "HAZARDOUS WASTE" MEANS ANY WASTE SUBSTANCE OR MATERIAL DESIGNATED AS A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE PURSUANT TO § 8-1413.2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(F) "SERVICE" MEANS THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE.

(G) "SITE" MEANS THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE OCCUPIED BY A FACILITY, INCLUDING BUFFER OR SECURITY AREAS AND AREAS USED FOR ANY APPURTENANT FUNCTIONS.

(H) "SUBDIVISION" MEANS THE 23 COUNTIES OR BALTIMORE CITY AND INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES.