

revision of it to: (A) the Department of Natural Resources which shall advise the Department of matters pertaining to NATURAL RESOURCES [water allocation, adequacy of industrial waste treatment and the effect of proposed withdrawals and waste discharges on waters of the State]; (B) the Department of State Planning for comments including those concerning consistency with the local master plan; and (C) the Department of Agriculture for comment on the impact of water and sewerage service and solid waste facilities on productive or potentially productive agricultural land.

394A. Hearing on request for permit for landfill refuse disposal system or sludge composting facility; prerequisites to issuance of permit.

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 the appropriate municipal corporation, AND the [Maryland Geological Survey, and the Division of Water Resources] DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL 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 application. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall not issue a permit for a landfill or sludge composting facility unless it has complied with all county zoning and land use requirements of the county in which the proposed landfill or sludge composting facility is to be located and has an affirmative statement that the board of county commissioners or the county council does not oppose the issue of the permit.

The provisions of this section relating to sludge composting facilities do not apply to sites with permits pending with the Department before June 1, 1979.

406A. Certification program for superintendents of waterworks, waste-water works and industrial waste-water works.