

Department of Natural Resources] APPLIED FOR BY THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE in the same manner in which it acts upon applications for issuance of certificates from other parties.

[3-709.

(a) The Service shall serve as primary staff agency of the Board. The Service shall submit annually, according to normal budget procedures and with the concurrence of the Board, a budget request calculated to support the Service's expected expenditures in support of the Board. The support of the Board by the Service shall be based on the budget as enacted.

(b) The director of the Service or a staff member designated by the director shall serve as secretary to the Board. The secretary is responsible for maintaining records of the Board's transactions and other records which the Board is obligated or considers desirable to maintain.]

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(A) THE BOARD SHALL BE A UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR PURPOSES OF EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION.

(B) THE BOARD HAS ALL POWERS NECESSARY FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE POWERS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, AND MAY:

(1) MAKE ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AND TO THE EXECUTION OF THE PURPOSE OF AND THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) MAKE DIRECTLY, OR THROUGH THE HIRING OF STAFF OR CONSULTANTS, ANY PLANS, SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, OR STUDIES BEARING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ANY SITE OR ON THE NEED FOR AND EMPLOYMENT OF SITES AND FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

(3) PREPARE INFORMATION TO FURTHER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF MATTERS THAT THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER, SUCH AS SITE SUITABILITY, MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES AND THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL NEEDS OF THE STATE, AND TO DISSEMINATE SUCH INFORMATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(C) THE DETERMINATION BY THE BOARD OF STATEWIDE NEED AND THE PLANS AND SURVEYS PREPARED BY THE BOARD AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE PREPARED IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN ANY STATEWIDE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(D) TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL ROUTINELY FURNISH THE BOARD WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DATA FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE