

H. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ITS OPERATIONS.

I. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND POWERS:

1. THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE AND ACT ON THE APPLICATION OF A NONPARTY STATE TO BECOME AN ELIGIBLE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII(E).

2. THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE AND ACT ON THE APPLICATION OF AN ELIGIBLE STATE TO BECOME A PARTY STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII(B).

3. THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO AND OTHERWISE COMMUNICATE WITH THE GOVERNORS AND THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF EACH BODY OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE PARTY STATES REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION.

4. UPON REQUEST OF PARTY STATES, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEDIATE DISPUTES WHICH ARISE BETWEEN THE PARTY STATES REGARDING THIS COMPACT.

5. THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP, ADOPT AND MAINTAIN A REGIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ENSURE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE WITHIN THE REGION, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V.

6. THE COMMISSION MAY CONDUCT SUCH LEGISLATIVE OR ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS, AND REQUIRE SUCH REPORTS, STUDIES, EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY AS ARE NECESSARY TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

7. THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH BY REGULATION, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT, SUCH PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ENSURE EFFICIENT OPERATION, THE ORDERLY GATHERING OF INFORMATION, AND THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF DUE PROCESS OF AFFECTED PERSONS.

8. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA SET FORTH IN ARTICLE V, THE COMMISSION SHALL ACCEPT A HOST STATE'S PROPOSED FACILITY AS A REGIONAL FACILITY.

9. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA SET FORTH IN ARTICLE V, THE COMMISSION MAY DESIGNATE, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, HOST STATES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEEDED REGIONAL FACILITIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT EXERCISE THIS AUTHORITY UNLESS THE PARTY STATES HAVE FAILED TO VOLUNTARILY PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES.

10. THE COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE OF AND OBTAIN FROM PARTY STATES, ELIGIBLE STATES SEEKING TO BECOME PARTY STATES, AND ~~NONPARTY~~ NON-PARTY STATES SEEKING TO BECOME ELIGIBLE STATES, DATA AND INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES.