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~~(a) With the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Secretary shall adopt regulations that establish application procedures and criteria for the award of financial assistance under § 9-275(a)(3) of this subtitle.~~

~~(b) The criteria shall provide the basis for project priority rankings and shall include, as appropriate:~~

~~(1) The environmental or public health impacts caused by existing circumstances;~~

~~(2) Previous efforts expended to correct any existing problem;~~

~~(3) Financial capacity of the applicant;~~

~~(4) The problem prevention aspects of a proposed project;~~

~~(5) Cost effectiveness of a proposed project;~~

~~(6) Provisions for monitoring and review;~~

~~(7) The contribution of the proposed project toward meeting State and local solid waste plans and goals; [and]~~

~~(8) Measures to assure accountability for all funds awarded under § 9-275(a)(3) of this subtitle; AND~~

~~(9) WHETHER THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE SITE HAD ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STORAGE, DISPOSAL, OR PROCESSING OF THE SCRAP TIRES.~~

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~~(a) To the extent not inconsistent with this subtitle, a grant, or loan, or loan guarantee agreement shall contain those conditions that the Secretary requires by regulation and that the Board of Public Works requires on a specific application for financial assistance in order to achieve the goals of this subtitle and to otherwise protect the interests of the State.~~

~~(b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A GRANT TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR FOR COSTS INCURRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT:~~

~~(1) THE SCRAP TIRES WERE STORED, DISPOSED, OR PROCESSED ON THE SITE BEFORE JULY 1, 1989; AND~~

~~(2) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE SITE HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STORAGE, DISPOSAL, OR PROCESSING.~~

~~(c) A State loan extended under this subtitle:~~

~~(1) Shall bear at least the same rate of interest as the most recent State general obligation bond sale preceding the date of approval by the Board of Public Works; and~~