9-1402.

THERE IS AN INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

9-1403.

- (A) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO MAKE STATE GRANTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE WHO, IN TURN, WILL MAKE GRANTS TO OWNERS OF IMPROVED PROPERTIES WITH FAILED SYSTEMS AND ENGOURAGE OWNERS OF PREVIOUSLY RECORDED LAND THAT -HAVE- HAS FAILED A SOIL PERCOLATION TEST TO INSTALL AND EXPERIMENT WITH INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEMS ON THE LAND IN ORDER TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL TYPES OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS THAT CAN BE UTILIZED.
- (B) THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE AND SUPERVISE THE PROGRAM.

9-1404.

- (A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE GRANTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE UNDER THE PROGRAM FROM FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- (B) EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY SHALL MAKE GRANTS FROM THE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS WHO APPLY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ON-A-50-PERCENT-MATCHING FUND-BASIS.

9-1405-

- (A)-(1)--THE--SECRETARY--SHALL--ALLOCATE---GRANTS---TO---THE POLITICAL-SUBDIVISIONS--OF--THIS--STATE--TO--ALLOW-THE-POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS-TO-MAKE-GRANTS--TO--GERTAIN--APPLICANTS--UNDER--THIS SUBTITLE:
- (2) (C) THE STATE GRANTS FROM EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT EXCEED 50 PERCENT OF THE ANTICIPATED COST OF THE INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM.

9-1405.

(B) (A) THE SECRETARY:

- (1) SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;
- (2) MAY SHALL REQUEST DEMOGRAPHIC, LAND USE, FISCAL IMPACT, OR OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING OR ANY COMMUNITY PLANNING AGENCY; AND
- (3) SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR THAT DESCRIBES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM.