

(II) THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE.

(K) "COUNTY-HEALTH-OFFICER LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL" MEANS THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH IN BALTIMORE CITY, OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

(L) --"AGRICULTURAL--LAND"--MEANS--ANY--LAND--IN--THIS--STATE CLASSIFIED-BY-THE-UNITED--STATES--DEPARTMENT--OF--AGRICULTURE--AS HAVING-SOIL-CAPABILITY-CLASSES-1-7-2-7-3-7-4-7-5-7-6-7-OR-7-

(L) (1) "SEWAGE SLUDGE GENERATOR" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO OWNS OR OPERATES A FACILITY THAT RECEIVES OR PROCESSES WASTEWATER AND PRODUCES OR OTHERWISE GENERATES SEWAGE SLUDGE IN THIS STATE.

(2) "SEWAGE SLUDGE GENERATOR" INCLUDES:

(I) THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION; AND

(II) THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE.

(3) "SEWAGE SLUDGE GENERATOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM.

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[(b) (1) An individual or corporation for commercial purposes and a municipality, county, district, or institution may not engage in collection, handling, burning, storage, or transportation of sewage sludge without a permit from the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary shall adopt appropriate rules and regulations relating to permissible uses and methods of collection, handling, burning, storage and transportation of sewage sludge.]

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(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL REVIEW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROVE THOSE PORTIONS DEALING WITH AGRICULTURE-AND LAND APPLICATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE.

(2) IN ADOPTING RULES OR REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER:

(I) ALTERNATIVE UTILIZATION METHODS;

(II) PATHOGEN CONTROL;

(III) ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS;