

UNDER ARTICLE 50, §§ 16 THROUGH 24 OF THE CODE, INCLUDING A RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION, AS IF THAT PERSON HAD CAUSED AN INJURY IN TORT.

(E) A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AGAINST WHOM A LEGAL ACTION IS BROUGHT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR A RELEASE OR THREATENED RELEASE OF A CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE MAY MOVE TO JOIN ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON UNDER THE MARYLAND RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

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~~THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 7-218 THROUGH 7-223 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND APPLIED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL ACT.~~

7-224.

(a) Except as otherwise permitted in Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article, a person may not store, discharge, TREAT, or dispose of a controlled hazardous substance in this State except:

- (1) In a controlled hazardous substance facility; and
- (2) In accordance with this subtitle.

7-228.

(A) On behalf of this State and in accordance with the Real Property Article, the Department may acquire, by condemnation, any INTEREST IN land or [controlled hazardous substance] facility if the Department determines that:

~~(1) The condemnation is necessary to provide the proper perpetual care and monitoring of {a controlled hazardous substance} THE LAND OR FACILITY~~ PERFORM THE DUTIES IMPOSED BY THIS SUBTITLE OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) The [controlled hazardous substance] LAND OR facility poses a substantial threat to the public health; or

(3) Any future disturbance of the land would pose a substantial threat to the natural resources of this State.

(B) ON BEHALF OF THIS STATE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECOVER THE COST OF ACQUIRING ANY LAND OR FACILITY WHICH IS ACQUIRED THROUGH CONDEMNATION UNDER THIS SECTION FROM ~~THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY OR ANY OTHER~~ ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSON.

(C) (1) IF AN INTEREST IN LAND THAT WAS ACQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISPOSE OF THE LAND AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.