

(b) The applicant shall give notice of the application and the hearing:

(1) To the public, by publication once a week for 2 consecutive weeks before the hearing in a regularly published newspaper of general circulation in any county or municipal corporation that the Department determines may be affected directly by the application;

(2) To the board of county commissioners or county council of any county and the chief executive of any municipal corporation that the Department determines may be affected by the INCINERATOR FOR PUBLIC USE OR landfill system, by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service; and

(3) To the Department of Natural Resources, by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service.

(c) The local officials notified under subsection (b)(2) of this section shall give notice of the application and the hearing to all interested agencies of their respective jurisdictions.

(d) The notice shall:

(1) State that there is an application for a landfill system OR INCINERATOR FOR PUBLIC USE TO BURN SOLID WASTE pending before the Department; and

(2) Give the date, time, and place of the hearing.

(e) At the hearing, the applicant and any other interested person may offer evidence and present arguments for or against the application.

(f) To the extent practicable, the Department and other units of State government shall consolidate hearings concerning permits for the same landfill system OR INCINERATOR FOR PUBLIC USE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter of the Acts of 1987 (S.B. 323), and if Chapter does not become effective, the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Michie Company, is directed to incorporate the changes made by this Act into the appropriate places in the Health - Environmental Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

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