

(c) To protect the natural resources of the State, the Secretary and the Secretaries of Natural Resources and [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT, shall jointly promulgate by regulation on or before January 1, 1985, criteria for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of agricultural drainage projects which will assure, to the maximum extent practicable, the prevention of pollution of the waters of the State. These rules and regulations shall contain standards of review by the 3 Secretaries that recognize the regulatory issues to be considered by each and minimize duplication. The rules and regulations shall also establish procedures for administrative hearings and provide for consolidation where different departments have initiated administrative proceedings arising from the same or related activities.

(d) (1) Effective January 1, 1985, before initiating an agricultural drainage project, a public drainage association shall obtain from the Secretary approval of construction, operation, and maintenance plans for the project.

(2) The Secretary shall not approve any construction, operation, or maintenance plan for an agricultural drainage project unless the plan has been reviewed by the Secretaries of Natural Resources and [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT or their designees. The Secretary shall forward copies of any plan submitted simultaneously to the Secretaries of Natural Resources and [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT, who shall have 60 calendar days to review the plan.

(e) (1) An agricultural drainage project shall be constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the approved plans.

(2) The Secretaries of Agriculture, [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT, or Natural Resources may pursue any sanction or remedy provided in this subtitle for a violation of this subtitle. However, the Secretaries of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT and Natural Resources may not pursue any sanction or remedy under this subtitle until they have first consulted with the Secretary of Agriculture and given the Secretary of Agriculture a reasonable period of time to alleviate the problem.

(f) (1) The Secretary of a department may issue orders for corrective measures to any person believed to be violating any provision of this section, any rule or regulation adopted under this section, or any requirement of approved agricultural drainage project plans.

(2) The person to whom an order is issued may, on request, contest the order in a hearing governed by the Administrative Procedure Act. Whether or not an order for corrective measures has been issued or contested, the Secretary