

of a department may, at any time, refer an alleged violation of this section, of any rule or regulation adopted under this section, or of any approved plan requirement, directly to the Attorney General for appropriate court action.

(g) (1) In addition to any other sanction under this section, a person who constructs, operates, or maintains an agricultural drainage project without approved plans or in violation of approved plan requirements shall be liable to the State in a civil action for damages in an amount equal to double the cost of that portion of constructing, operating, or maintaining the project that was not done in accordance with approved plans.

(2) Any civil action under this section shall be prosecuted by the Attorney General on behalf of a Secretary of a department. Damages recovered shall be deposited in a special fund, to be used solely for first correcting the agricultural drainage project in question, and then for support of the Secretary of Agriculture's program for review and approval of agricultural drainage projects.

(h) The Secretary of a department may seek an injunction against any person who fails to obtain or comply with approved plans.

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(a) The Secretaries of Agriculture and [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT shall, by jointly promulgated rule or regulation:

(1) Identify geographic areas in watersheds throughout the State which have a high potential for agriculturally related soil erosion or movement of sediments, animal wastes, or agricultural chemicals into the surface waters of the State;

(2) Designate priority areas for cost sharing under this subtitle; and

(3) Establish program requirements, including application procedures, eligibility criteria, provisions for monitoring and review, and measures to assure accountability for all cost sharing funds.

(b) (1) The selection of projects and the degree of State financial assistance shall be based on:

(i) Water quality improvements to be achieved, with consideration given to the cumulative effect of other projects on the same body of water;