

integration of, approved State-county master plans for water and sewerage or solid waste disposal, adopted pursuant to the [Health - Environmental] ENVIRONMENT Article, but also may take account of other plans and studies.

(d) As soon as possible after designation of a service region, the Service shall cause surveys, plans, studies, and estimates to be made, and after consultation with the municipalities located within the service region, prepare a five-year plan for each service region for the most effective and economical means of providing water supply, wastewater purification and solid waste disposal projects. In preparing a five-year plan, the Service shall consider the effects of public versus private ownership of water and wastewater facilities upon the provision of dependable, effective, and efficient water and wastewater services. The five-year plans shall give due consideration to the need for water supply and wastewater purification projects included in the approved county water and sewerage plans adopted in compliance with Title 9 of the [Health - Environmental] ENVIRONMENT Article. The five-year plans shall designate the existing facilities or portions that are to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Service; improvements to and extension of existing facilities; construction of new water supply, wastewater purification, and solid waste disposal projects; proposed methods of acquisition, ownership, and operation by the Service or by affected municipalities and persons; or both together with anticipated expenditures, sources of revenue, and charges for projects to be levied against municipalities and persons; and related matters the Service finds necessary or convenient.

(e) The Service may adopt a five-year plan only after at least one public hearing in each of the counties affected. At least 60 days before a hearing, the proposed five-year plan shall be submitted for review and comment to each county, and person against whom charges will be levied if the plan is adopted, to each municipality which owns or operates a public facility affected by the plan, and to the secretaries of Natural Resources, State Planning, and [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT. A five-year plan can be adopted by the Service only after it is submitted to and approved by resolution of the governing body of each county and after consultation with the governing body of each municipality which owns or operates a public facility affected by the plan, or if the plan is not approved by each of the appropriate governing bodies within 120 days following submission of the plan for approval of the governing bodies, after the plan is approved by joint resolution of the General Assembly. If a joint resolution of the General Assembly approving a five-year plan contains any amendments or modifications to the plan, those amendments and modifications repeal the plan to the extent of any inconsistency. The provisions of this subtitle do not authorize the Service to take any action which would be inconsistent with the amendments or