

(vii) The ability to adequately provide emergency response plans to residents if a nuclear power plant is considered for location at a site.

The Secretary shall state to the Public Service Commission which possible and proposed sites, based on preliminary environmental statement, justify an unsuitable classification. Unless the electric company whose proposed site is involved offers the Secretary substantial evidence to the contrary, the site shall be deleted from the plan. The site may be included in a subsequent ten-year plan.

(3) The Secretary with the advice of the Secretary of [Health and Mental Hygiene,] THE ENVIRONMENT shall initiate a detailed investigation of any site proposed in the ten-year plan which appears desirable or acceptable on the basis of preliminary environmental statements. With respect to any site in the plan on which authorized construction has not commenced by July 1, 1974, at least two years before construction is estimated to begin and if the preponderance of newly offered scientific evidence does not justify a revised classification as unsuitable, the Secretary shall publish a detailed environmental statement on the site. The statement shall consider and include information developed in the program outlined in § 3-303.

(4) The Secretary, with the advice of the secretaries of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT and State Planning, shall publish on a biennial basis, commencing July 1, 1972, a cumulative environmental impact report on all electric power plants operating in the State. The report shall include a section specifying the changes that can occur as additional electric power plants are constructed in accordance with the ten-year plan. It shall include recommendations to the Governor which delineate State environmental policy and objectives. The Secretary of State Planning shall include a section devoted exclusively to the question of growth and the specific growth related factors which necessitate specific additional increments of electric energy by development of a site in the ten-year plan. In preparing this section, he shall consider the projected estimates and recommendations of electric company representatives.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Acid deposition" means the process whereby acid forming chemical compounds are transported from the atmosphere to the surface of the earth.