

forth in Section 3-110 of this title, to direct the Maryland Environmental Service to undertake any of the actions authorized therein.

3-905.

The Authority is granted and has and may exercise all powers necessary for carrying out the purposes of this subtitle, including but not limited to, the following rights and powers:

(u) Anything in this subtitle to the contrary notwithstanding, the Authority does not have any power to acquire, construct, operate, finance, or otherwise provide any project located outside the boundaries of the participating counties and within the State of Maryland unless:

(1) The project is included in a service region plan adopted and approved pursuant to Section 3-106 of this title; and

(2) The project is consistent with any plan which has been adopted by the subdivision in which the project is to be located and which has been approved by the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT pursuant to Title 9 of the [Health - Environmental] ENVIRONMENT Article.

3-918.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this subtitle, the Authority is hereby authorized to adopt, formulate, and revise from time to time, and enforce rules and regulations necessary for the regulations of its internal affairs and for the use and operation of its projects, and of any other laws the administration of which is vested in the Authority; provided, however, that no such rule or regulation concerning the use or operation of a project shall be in conflict with any rule or regulation of the [State] Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT. The Authority may limit or regulate waste disposal service on a temporary basis in any area or to any premise served by Authority projects, as the exigencies of the occasion and the protection of its systems require. The Authority shall make such regulations consistent with law as it may deem necessary for the public safety, health, comfort or convenience, in the construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, relocation, replacement, renovation, and repair of its projects.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law granting to the State or to any of its agencies or instrumentalities an exemption from charges and/or fees, the State or any of its agencies or instrumentalities shall pay to the Authority any contractual obligation, or benefit or connection charges imposed thereon, for services rendered.