

(2) The Secretary of ECONOMIC AND Employment [and Training] DEVELOPMENT shall pay the fees received under this section into the Hospital Employees Training Fund established under Article 41, § 7-202 of the Code.

Article - Natural Resources

3-303.

(a) The Secretary in cooperation with the secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Agriculture, State Planning, and Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development and electric company representatives shall implement a continuing research program for electric power plant site evaluation and related environmental and land use considerations. The Secretary shall seek from additional sources recommendations for related research to be included in the program. The additional sources shall include appropriate federal and State agencies, electric companies and technical, scientific or educational institutions or organizations. An initial program shall be documented on or about January 1, 1972. The Secretary shall institute effective procedures for coordinating environmental research assignments to prevent dissipation of money, time, and effort. To this end, the State's electric companies shall be reimbursed from the Fund for environmental research specifically required to satisfy application and permit requirements for any federal, State, or local regulatory agencies, if the electric company has requested reimbursement in advance and furnishes an outline of the program and its estimated cost so that the Secretary can budget it in advance.

3-305.

(a) The expertise of the electric utilities in the basic requirements, including environmental considerations, of a site for power generation and generator lead route is a needed element in site selection. Therefore, for the purposes of insuring adequate power on reasonable schedules while also protecting the quality of the State's environment, site acquisition and generator lead route designation may occur as follows:

(2) The Secretary, on the advice of the Secretary of Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development, shall acquire in the name of the State a sufficient number of sites to satisfy the expected requirements as submitted by the Secretary of State Planning, as provided in § 3-304(4) of this subtitle. Site selection shall be based on research findings that show the site is desirable for power plant construction. Following site acquisition, the Secretary and the local governing bodies of the areas through which the potential generator lead routes pass shall designate mutually one or more desirable routes. After designation of a route, each county within which the route is located shall designate the proposed public utility corridor by