

(4) Any combination of the foregoing (whether or not such facilities are located on a single site). The term "project" also includes but shall not be limited to:

(i) Waste disposal facilities, pollution control facilities, and facilities for generating and furnishing electric energy or gas or other forms of energy which can be financed by bonds the interest on which is exempt from income tax under the Internal Revenue Code [of 1954, as amended], whether such interest would have been tax exempt at the time of the enactment of this subtitle or of any amendment thereto; and

(ii) Any facilities and properties within the definition of "project" set forth in this section, whether or not such facilities or properties can be financed by bonds the interest on which is tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code [of 1954, as amended], it being the purpose and intent of this subtitle that the term "project" be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes of this subtitle.

3-916.

The exercise of the powers granted by this subtitle is and will be in all respects for the benefit of the people of the State of Maryland and the participating counties, further increase of their commerce, welfare, and prosperity, and for the improvement of their health and living conditions, and since the activities of the Authority and the operation and maintenance of its projects will constitute the performance of essential governmental functions, the Authority shall be exempt from any payment of or liability for any and all [ordinary or special] taxes, whether federal, State, or local, now or hereafter levied or imposed, and any assessments or other governmental charges. The bonds of the Authority, their transfer, the interest payable thereon, and any income derived therefrom, including any profit realized in the sale or exchange thereof, shall at all times be exempt from taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever by the State of Maryland or by any of its political subdivisions, municipal corporations, or public agencies of any kind.

7-504.

(a) (2) (iii) The county fiscal authority shall notify the Department in writing by no later than December 15 of those open-pit mining operators who have not paid all of their county coal severance taxes and surcharges that are due through the previous month of November, as provided under [Article 81, § 468 of the Code] ARTICLE 24, §§ 9-501 AND 9-502 OF THE CODE and § 7-507.1 of this subtitle. The county fiscal authority shall send this notice of nonpayment to the affected operator at the same time that the county fiscal authority notifies the Department. In the absence of this notification, the Department shall presume that all coal severance taxes and surcharges have been paid. The