

(1) -- THE -- IDENTIFICATION -- OF -- LOCAL, -- NATIONAL, -- AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS;

(2) -- THE -- IDENTIFICATION -- AND -- LOCATION -- OF -- RECYCLING SERVICES; -- AND

(3) -- PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

(D) -- THE DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR A RECYCLING PLAN THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND ANY REGULATIONS THE SECRETARY ADOPTS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(D) -- THE DIRECTOR SHALL REVIEW ALL RECYCLING PLANS SUBMITTED AS PART OF A COUNTY PLAN AS REQUIRED UNDER § 9-505 OF THIS TITLE AND ADVISE THE SECRETARY ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE RECYCLING PLAN.

(E) -- A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT REDUCES THE VOLUME OF ITS SOLID WASTE THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF A RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ACHIEVED AN EQUIVALENT REDUCTION BY RECYCLING OF UP TO 5 PERCENT OF ITS SOLID WASTE STREAM.

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(A) -- EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ALL RECYCLING PLANS DEVELOPED AND APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD FULL YEAR OF OPERATION OF THE REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM UNDER A PERMIT GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 9-204 AND 9-204.1 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) -- THE SECRETARY MAY EXEMPT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR DEMONSTRATES THAT THERE IS NO MARKET AVAILABLE FOR THE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS THAT WOULD BE GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE RECYCLING PLAN.

(A) -- THE SECRETARY MAY:

(1) -- GRANT A COUNTY A WAIVER FROM THE 15 PERCENT SOLID WASTE RECYCLING GOAL FOR A COUNTY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND § 9-505 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) -- ESTABLISH A LESSER GOAL FOR THAT COUNTY.

(B) -- TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION, A COUNTY SHALL:

(1) -- CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED WAIVER THAT MAY BE CONDUCTED JOINTLY WITH OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS; AND