

Environment Article, but also may take account of other plans and studies.

(e) The Service may adopt a five-year plan only after at least one public hearing in each of the counties affected. At least 60 days before a hearing, the proposed five-year plan shall be submitted for review and comment to each county, and person against whom charges will be levied if the plan is adopted, to each municipality which owns or operates a public facility affected by the plan, and to the Secretaries of Natural Resources[, State Planning,] and the Environment AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING. A five-year plan can be adopted by the Service only after it is submitted to and approved by resolution of the governing body of each county and after consultation with the governing body of each municipality which owns or operates a public facility affected by the plan, or if the plan is not approved by each of the appropriate governing bodies within 120 days following submission of the plan for approval of the governing bodies, after the plan is approved by joint resolution of the General Assembly. If a joint resolution of the General Assembly approving a five-year plan contains any amendments or modifications to the plan, those amendments and modifications repeal the plan to the extent of any inconsistency. The provisions of this subtitle do not authorize the Service to take any action which would be inconsistent with the amendments or modifications without the approval of the governing body of each county and after consultation with the governing body of each municipality which owns or operates a public facility included within the plan.

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(a) The Secretary in cooperation with the Secretaries of the Environment, Agriculture, [State Planning,] and Economic and Employment Development AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING 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.