9-277.

- (A) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER §-9-275(B) § 9-275(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (B) THE CRITERIA SHALL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR PROJECT PRIORITY RANKINGS AND SHALL INCLUDE, AS APPROPRIATE:
- (1) THE ENVIRONMENTAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS CAUSED BY EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES;
- (2) PREVIOUS EFFORTS EXPENDED TO CORRECT ANY EXISTING PROBLEM;
  - (3) FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF THE APPLICANT;
- (4) THE PROBLEM PREVENTION ASPECTS OF A PROPOSED PROJECT;
  - (5) COST EFFECTIVENESS OF A PROPOSED PROJECT:
  - (6) PROVISIONS FOR MONITORING AND REVIEW;
- (7) THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT TOWARD MEETING STATE AND LOCAL SOLID WASTE PLANS AND GOALS; AND
- (8) MEASURES TO ASSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL FUNDS AWARDED UNDER \$-9-275(B) § 9-275(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.
  9-278.
- (Å) TO THE EXTENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE, A GRANT, OR LOAN, OR LOAN GUARANTEE AGREEMENT SHALL CONTAIN THOSE CONDITIONS THAT THE SECRETARY REQUIRES BY REGULATION AND THAT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUIRES ON A SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND TO OTHERWISE PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE.
  - (B) A STATE LOAN EXTENDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:
- (1) SHALL BEAR AT LEAST THE SAME RATE OF INTEREST AS THE MOST RECENT STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SALE PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND
  - (2) SHALL BE REPAID WITHIN 30 YEARS.
- (C) A LOAN GUARANTEE OF THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON ANY COMMERCIAL LOAN OR OBLIGATION TO FINANCE THE ELIGIBLE COST OF A PROJECT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY ONLY BE MADE IF: