

(a) ~~-(When)-~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(F)~~ OF THIS SECTION, WHEN the Department receives an application for a permit to utilize sewage sludge at a site, the Department immediately shall mail a copy of the permit application:

(1) To the county and to any municipal corporation where the sewage sludge utilization site is to be located; and

(2) To any other county within 1 mile of the sewage sludge utilization site.

(b) ~~-(For)-~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(F)~~ OF THIS SECTION, FOR a permit to apply sewage sludge on marginal land or to construct a permanent facility that is designed primarily to utilize sewage sludge, the Department shall:

(1) Publish notice of the application in a local newspaper having a substantial circulation in the county where the sewage sludge is to be applied or the facility is to be constructed;

(2) Mail a copy of the notice to:

(i) The local health official;

(ii) The chairman of the legislative body and any elected executive of the county where the sewage sludge is to be applied or the facility is to be constructed;

(iii) The elected executive of any municipal corporation where the sewage sludge is to be applied or the facility is to be constructed; and

(iv) Any other county within 1 mile of where the sewage sludge is to be applied or the facility is to be constructed.

(c) (1) [Within] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(F)~~ OF THIS SECTION § 9-234.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WITHIN 15 days after receiving a copy of the permit application, the executive or the legislative body of the county, or the executive or the legislative body of the municipal corporation, where the sewage sludge is to be applied or the facility is to be constructed may request that the Department hold a public hearing.

(2) If the Department receives a request under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department shall hold a public hearing in the affected subdivision in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(3) If the executives or legislative bodies of more than 1 county or municipal corporation request a hearing under