

Article - Environment

~~9-235.1.~~

~~(A) EACH COUNTY OR COUNTIES IN WHICH SEWAGE SLUDGE DISPOSAL SITES ARE LOCATED MAY ESTABLISH A SEWAGE SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COORDINATED WITH MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SET AND COLLECT A FEE, NOT TO EXCEED \$2 PER TON OF SEWAGE SLUDGE DISPOSED OF, TO BE PLACED IN A DEDICATED FUND TO ADMINISTER THE SEWAGE SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY OR COUNTIES.~~

~~(B) A COUNTY OR COUNTIES MAY USE THE FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SEWAGE SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:~~

~~(1) ANALYSIS OF SOILS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF SEWAGE SLUDGE TO BE APPLIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES;~~

~~(2) TESTING OF SEWAGE SLUDGE ON A TRUCK OR OTHER CONTAINER BEFORE A LAND APPLICATION; AND~~

~~(3) MONITORING THE APPLICATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AT THE DISPOSAL SITE.~~

~~(C) (1) A COUNTY OR COUNTIES MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$25 PER TON OF SEWAGE SLUDGE APPLIED, FOR AN APPLICATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE THAT IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDED AMOUNTS OR METHODS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES SEWAGE SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.~~

~~(2) ANY MONEY COLLECTED FROM A PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.~~

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(a) To enforce this Part III of this subtitle and to insure compliance with each sewage sludge utilization permit, a representative of the Department [or] the local health official, OR THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL'S DESIGNEE may enter and inspect, at any reasonable time, any site where sewage sludge is utilized.

(b) A sewage sludge utilizer may not:

(1) Refuse access to a sewage sludge utilization site to any representative of the Department, [or] to a local health official, OR TO THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL'S DESIGNEE, who requests access under this section; or

(2) Interfere with any inspection under this subtitle.

(c) A local health official OR THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL'S DESIGNEE may inspect, monitor, and investigate any sewage sludge utilization site in the county where the official is employed.