

(e) (1) The Department:

(i) May delegate to the local health official any inspection, monitoring, or enforcement authority of the Department under this Part III of this subtitle; and

(ii) Shall adopt regulations that establish standards for delegating authority under this subsection.

(2) The regulations adopted under this subsection shall include:

(i) Procedures for submission, review, and approval or disapproval of any application for delegation of authority;

(ii) Provisions requiring that any application for delegation of authority be approved by the county;

(iii) Provisions for oversight by the Department, including program evaluations and financial audits; and

(iv) Provisions for revocation of a delegation, if the local health official fails to comply with the terms of a delegation agreement.

(3) If the Department finds that an application for delegation of authority meets all applicable requirements of this section and the regulations adopted under this section, the Department shall enter into a written delegation agreement.

(4) The Department shall establish performance standards for grants to provide reasonable reimbursement to counties, to the extent funds are available, for costs local health officials incur when they undertake authority delegated under this subsection.

(5) A LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL MAY ACT THROUGH A DESIGNEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROVED DELEGATION AGREEMENT.

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(c) The Department shall use the Sewage Sludge Utilization Fund for:

(1) Emergency removal of sewage sludge or mitigation of the effect of any utilization of sewage sludge that the Department finds:

(i) Endangers public health, safety, or welfare; or

(ii) Endangers or damages natural resources;

(2) Activities that are:

(i) Conducted by the Department [or], by a local health official, OR BY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL'S DESIGNEE under § 9-243(e) of this subtitle; and

(ii) Related to identifying, monitoring, or regulating the utilization of sewage sludge, including program development; and