(2) THE PROCESSING OF A CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL OR A CHEMICAL WEAPON IN ORDER TO REMOVE A COMPOUND, SEPARATE COMPOUND COMPONENTS, OR OTHERWISE PREPARE A COMPOUND OR COMPONENT FOR DESTRUCTION, NEUTRALIZATION, TRANSPORTATION, DISMANTLING, OR DECOMMISSIONING.

7 402. 7-239.2.

- (A) THE STATE OF MARYLAND FINDS THAT THE CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIALS AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS SPECIFIED UNDER § 7-401 § 7-239.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE WERE DESIGNED FOR WARFARE, SPECIFICALLY THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN BEINGS, AND FOR NO LEGITIMATE CIVILIAN INDUSTRIAL USE.
- (B) THE STATE RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO DISPOSE OF THESE <u>CHEMICAL WARFARE</u> MATERIALS <u>AND WEAPONS</u> AS SAFELY AS POSSIBLE, ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STATE RESIDENTS BY THE REGULATION OF THEIR RELEASE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE VIGILANT MONITORING AND REGULATION OF DISPOSAL FACILITY BY PRODUCTS AND EMISSIONS.
- (C) SINCE THESE CHEMICAL <u>WARFARE</u> MATERIALS <u>AND WEAPONS</u> ARE HIGHLY TOXIC <u>AND OR</u> CARCINOGENIC <u>AND VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE ACUTE OR CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR DESTRUCTION, TREATMENT, OR STORAGE, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS AT LAW, THE STATE SHALL REQUIRE WITHOUT EXEMPTION OR WAIVER THAT AN APPLICANT FOR THE <u>DESTRUCTION</u>, TREATMENT; OR STORAGE BY INCINERATION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIALS OR CHEMICAL WEAPONS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND ALL REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SUBTITLE.</u>

7-403.

- (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR A SOLID WASTE INCINERATOR UNDER \$ 9-209 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
- (B) AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION AND THE HEARING IN EVERY COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION INCLUDED IN THE WORST CASE RELEASE UNDER § 7–404(A)(4)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MATERIAL ALTERATION, OR OPERATION OF A HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY TO BE USED FOR THE DESTRUCTION, TREATMENT, OR STORAGE OF A CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL OR A CHEMICAL WEAPON UNLESS:

(1) THE PERMIT APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES: