

(ii) Any facilities and properties within the definition of "project", "solid waste disposal project", "wastewater purification project", or "water supply project" set forth in this subsection, whether or not such facilities or properties can be financed by bonds the interest on which is tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, it being the purpose and intent of this subtitle that the terms "project", "solid waste disposal project", "wastewater purification project", and "water supply project" be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes of this subtitle.

(4) "Project", "solid waste disposal project", "wastewater purification project", and "water supply project" include land, buildings, structures, machinery, equipment, rail or motor vehicles, barges, boats, and all properties and rights therein and appurtenances thereof, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in land, all land and facilities that are functionally or administratively related and subordinate to the solid waste disposal project, wastewater purification project, or water supply project, as the case may be, and all patents, licenses, and other rights necessary or useful in the construction or operation of a solid waste disposal project, wastewater purification project, or water supply project.

(l) "Service" means the Maryland Environmental Service.

(m) "Service district" means a geographic area established by the Service, after consultation with the municipalities affected, for the purpose of providing water supply projects, wastewater purification projects or solid waste disposal projects. Service districts may encompass areas containing projects of the Service as well as nonduplicating, noncompetitive projects owned and operated by municipalities or persons. Service districts shall be based upon approved State-county master water and sewerage plans or solid waste disposal plans, if any, adopted pursuant to the Environment Article, but they may also take account of other plans and studies.

(n) "Service region" means a geographic area which the Maryland Environmental Service designates and within which the director, after consultation with the municipalities affected, causes surveys, plans, studies, and estimates to be made for the purpose of determining the most dependable, effective, and efficient means of providing services through water supply projects, solid waste disposal projects, or wastewater purification projects. Service regions shall be based upon needs set forth in approved State-county master water and sewerage plans, or solid waste disposal plans, if any, adopted pursuant to the Environment Article, but they may also take account of other plans and studies.

(o) "Solid waste disposal project" means any service, facility, or real or personal property used or useful or having present capacity for future use in connection with the MEASUREMENT, MANAGEMENT, collection or disposal of solid wastes by any means, including disposal through the production of energy or products, or otherwise.

(p) "Solid wastes" means all waste materials, whether solid, liquid, or gas, including liquid wastes. The term includes garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator residue, wastewater treatment residue, street cleanings, DREDGED MATERIALS, dead animals,