

(1) ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER LOANS AND GRANTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SOURCES, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, TO CARRY OUT ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND USE STANDARDIZED APPLICATIONS, CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION, AND OTHER FORMS.

7-503. VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM.

(A) THERE IS A VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) ENCOURAGE THE INVESTIGATION OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES WITH KNOWN OR PERCEIVED CONTAMINATION;

(2) PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CLEANUP PROJECTS ARE BEING PERFORMED OR NEED TO BE PERFORMED;

(3) ACCELERATE CLEANUP OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES; AND

(4) PROVIDE PREDICTABILITY AND FINALITY TO THE CLEANUP OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES.

7-504. VOLUNTARY CLEANUP FUND.

(A) (1) THERE IS A VOLUNTARY CLEANUP FUND ESTABLISHED AS A NONLAPSING, REVOLVING SPECIAL FUND.

(2) MONEYS CREDITED AND ANY INTEREST ACCRUED TO THE FUND:

(I) SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED; AND

(II) MAY NOT BE REVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

(B) ALL APPLICATION FEES AND OTHER MONEYS COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FROM APPLICANTS IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID TO THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP FUND.

(C) MONEYS APPROPRIATED, GRANTED, LOANED, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID TO THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP FUND.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE:

(1) THE APPLICATION FEES IN THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP FUND FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE REVIEW OF PROPOSED VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROJECTS AND THE DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT OF VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROJECTS, INCLUDING COST RECOVERY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT; AND