

(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

(2) ANY MONEYS, OTHER THAN APPLICATION FEES, IN THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP FUND FOR ANY ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM.

7-505. LIABILITY OF INCULPABLE PERSON.

(A) IF THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES AN APPLICANT'S STATUS AS AN INCULPABLE PERSON UNDER § 7-506(B)(1)(1)1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE PARTICIPANT'S STATUS AS AN INCULPABLE PERSON CONTINUES UPON ACQUIRING AN INTEREST IN THE ELIGIBLE PROPERTY.