

(b) (1) The Secretary may adopt reasonable and proper regulations for submission of plans. These regulations may include the collection of a fee at the time of application for:

(i) A permit issued under this section for a privately owned water supply or sewerage system; or

(ii) A permit applied for by a local unit of government for a privately financed water supply or sewerage system.

(2) The Secretary shall provide the regulated community an opportunity to participate in the rate setting and regulatory processes.

(c) (1) Before a person draws plans or submits an application under this section for a proposed water supply system, sewerage system, or refuse disposal system, the person may submit to the Secretary a preliminary statement on the proposed system.

(2) At the request of the person, the Secretary shall outline the general requirements that must be met before the Secretary would approve the proposed system.

(d) A person shall have a permit issued by the Secretary under this section before the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a water supply system, sewerage system, or refuse disposal system.

(e) An applicant for a permit shall:

(1) Submit to the Secretary an application that contains:

(i) The complete plans and specifications for the installation, alteration, or extension of the water supply system, sewerage system, or refuse disposal system;

(ii) For any application related to any solid waste acceptance facility in the areas of Baltimore City designated by the United States Post Office as zip code numbers 21225, 21226, and 21230, a groundwater and surface water impact analysis prepared at the expense of the applicant regarding the proposed installation, alteration, or extension; and

(iii) Any other information that the Secretary requires;

(2) Submit to the Secretary any material change in the plans and specifications, with the reason for the change; and

(3) Pay the permit fee set by the Department.

(f) Results of any groundwater and surface water impact analysis required under subsection (e)(1)(ii) of this section may be a basis for the Secretary's denial of a permit.

(g) (1) When a person applies for a permit and pays the fee under this section, the Secretary shall: