

economically disadvantaged communities in the State to upgrade their wastewater collection and treatment facilities;

(viii) Advise the Secretary concerning the adoption of regulations as described in subsection (k) of this section; and

(ix) Beginning January 1, 2006, and every year thereafter, report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on its findings and recommendations.

(7) Members of the Committee:

(i) May not receive compensation; but

(ii) Are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(8) The Department of the Environment, Department of Agriculture, Department of Planning, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Budget and Management shall provide staff support for the Committee.

(k) (1) Beginning January 1, 2009, and every year thereafter, the Department and the Department of Planning shall jointly report on the impact that a wastewater treatment facility that was upgraded to enhanced nutrient removal during the calendar year before the previous calendar year with funds from the Bay Restoration Fund had on growth within the municipality or county in which the wastewater treatment facility is located.

(2) (i) In preparing the report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department of the Environment and the Department of Planning shall:

1. Include the number of permits issued for residential and commercial development to be served by the upgraded wastewater treatment facility; and

2. Determine what other appropriate information is to be included in the report.

(ii) In determining the information that should be included in the report under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Department of the Environment and the Department of Planning shall act:

1. In consultation with the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee; and