- 5. The submission and processing of a proposed program amendment or refinement; and
- 6. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AREAS REQUESTED FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE CRITICAL AREA;

(XV) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, SURFACE MINING IN THE CRITICAL AREA; AND

(XVI) THE APPLICATION FOR AND PROCESSING OF A VARIANCE, WITH RESPECT TO:

- 1. AMENDING A VARIANCE APPLICATION;
- 2. ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION;
- 3. The contents of a complete variance

APPLICATION;

- 4. Ensuring that Commission RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE PART OF THE VARIANCE RECORD;
 - 5. THE USE OF VARIANCE STANDARDS; AND
 - 6. NOTICE OF A VARIANCE DECISION; AND
- (2) PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE VARIATIONS AMONG LOCAL PROGRAMS.
- (C) The members of the Commission who reside in the Atlantic Coastal Bays Watershed shall serve on any committee established under subsection (a)(4) of this section.

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(c) (1) (I) [At a minimum,] NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, OR THE LACK OF A PROVISION IN A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL APPLY TO, AND BE APPLIED BY, A LOCAL JURISDICTION AS MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR a program sufficient to meet the goals [stated in subsection (b) of this section includes] OF THE CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM.