

solid waste is concentrated within the areas of Baltimore City designated by the United States Post Office as zip code numbers 21225, 21226, and 21230, including a medical waste transfer station, a medical waste incinerator, a solid waste incinerator, a sludge composting facility, a hazardous waste landfill, and at least two sanitary landfills; and

WHEREAS, Industries centered in this area include several chemical companies, ~~and~~ two coal handling companies, and two electric generating plants which emit large quantities of noxious particles and vapors into the air; and

WHEREAS, The air pollution has on occasion been so deleterious to the health and safety of the area that the Francis Scott Key Bridge has been closed when the view is so obscured that the span cannot be safely traversed; and

WHEREAS, Several studies have established a dangerous link between severe levels of degradation in the quality of air and groundwater supplies and significantly high rates of cancer in the affected populace; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article – Environment

2-404.

(a) The Department shall comply with the provisions in subsection (b) of this section before issuing a permit to construct:

(1) Any source which is required to obtain a permit to operate under regulations adopted under this subtitle; ~~or~~

(2) Any source which is subject to federal standards under 40 CFR Part 60 (New Source Performance Standards), 40 CFR Part 61 (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants), or 40 CFR 52.21 (Prevention of Significant Deterioration); OR

(3) ANY SOURCE THAT WILL, AFTER CONTROL, DISCHARGE 25 TONS OR MORE PER YEAR OF A POLLUTANT REGULATED UNDER THIS TITLE IN THE AREAS OF BALTIMORE CITY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE AS ZIP CODE NUMBERS 21225, 21226, AND 21230.

(B) (1) Before issuing a permit to construct for any source listed in subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall:

[(1)] (I) Give public notice of the intended issuance of the permit; and

[(2)] (II) Provide an opportunity for a public hearing in the county in which the proposed source will be located.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT ~~FOR~~