

[(3)] (2) MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL [IMPACTS]] EFFECTS AND MAXIMIZE POTENTIAL BENEFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING MONITORING, MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT, OPERATION, AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES; AND

[(4)] (3) REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION THAT MIGHT HAVE LESS ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OR GREATER BENEFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING, [BUT NOT LIMITED TO]] THE ALTERNATIVE OF NO ACTION.

(B) THE [GOVERNOR, OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT]] SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1973, SHALL ISSUE GUIDELINES TO ASSIST STATE AGENCIES IN THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL [IMPACT STATEMENTS]] EFFECTS REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 245(C) OF ARTICLE 41 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROVISION FOR:

(1) [CRITERIA FOR STATE AGENCIES TO FOLLOW IN DETERMINING IF A PROPOSED STATE ACTION MAY SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT]] COMMENT UPON THE PROPOSED STATE ACTION BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH JURISDICTION BY LAW, SPECIAL EXPERTISE, OR RECOGNIZED INTEREST PRIOR TO THE REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION;

(2) [PROVISION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, OF PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS ON ANY STATE ACTIONS THAT MIGHT ARGUABLY SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THAT SHALL BE ADEQUATE TO PERMIT REASONED COMMENT UPON THE PROPOSAL AND THAT SHALL INCLUDE A DECLARATION OF INTENT OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 451(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(3) PROVISION FOR ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE AND AVAILABILITY OF PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS AND FOR COMMENT ON SUCH STATEMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH JURISDICTION BY LAW, SPECIAL EXPERTISE, OR RECOGNIZED INTEREST;

(4) DESIGNATION BY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CATEGORY OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH JURISDICTION BY LAW OR SPECIAL EXPERTISE;

(5) PROVISION FOR INCLUSION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS OF MEANINGFUL REFERENCE TO SIGNIFICANT OPPOSING VIEWS;

(6) ESTABLISHMENT OF MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS ARE PREPARED IN TIME TO ENSURE THAT THEY ACCOMPANY PROPOSALS THROUGH THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES AND ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERED