

that are applicable to the generation, transport, and disposal of hazardous waste.

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(n) (1) Upon designation of the Northeast Maryland waste disposal region as a service region, the Authority, and not the Maryland Environmental Service, shall prepare the five-year plan providing for solid waste disposal projects required in Section 3-106 of this title, and provide for its adoption, approval and implementation in accordance with the provisions of that section. The acquisition or purchase of any waste disposal facility as a project which is in existence as of July 1, 1980, if it is to be acquired or purchased, shall be included in the five-year plan of the Authority as approved by each county under the provisions of Section 3-106 of this title, as amended from time to time.

(2) The five-year plan may include provisions for the establishment and implementation of a regional system of service fees to be charged at public waste disposal facilities within the participating jurisdictions. The Authority, by agreement with a subdivision or person outside the boundaries of the service region, may establish various service fees for the disposal of waste generated within the service region consistent with the 5-year plan. The Secretary of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT shall supervise any pricing structure proposed for adoption in the five-year plan or subsequent amendments thereto, for reasonableness and consistency with county solid waste plans pursuant to Title 9 of the [Health - Environmental] ENVIRONMENT Article.

(o) Upon adoption by the Authority of a five-year plan providing for solid waste disposal projects and approval of such plan by the affected county or counties or the General Assembly, as the case may be, service districts shall be established within the Northeast Maryland waste disposal region in the manner and following the schedule set forth in the five-year plan providing for solid waste disposal projects. Within each service district in the Northeast Maryland waste disposal region, the Authority, and not the Maryland Environmental Service, is responsible for the disposal of solid wastes (including any wastewater treatment residue) as set forth in the five-year plan providing for solid waste disposal projects. Within the service district, no subdivision or person may dispose of solid wastes except through projects of the Authority or of a subdivision or person designated by the five-year plan or under reasonable conditions the Authority stipulates; provided however, that it is not intended by this section that the Authority, in the absence of an agreement to do so, be required to assume responsibility over any wastewater treatment activity or project or over any existing solid waste activity or project of any person or subdivision. Nothing contained in this subtitle shall affect the power of the Secretary of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT, as set