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(a) (1) If the Department approves ~~an applicant's~~ A PERSON'S status as an inculpable person under § [7-506(b)(1)(i)1] ~~7-506(E)(1)(D) of~~ this subtitle, the ~~participant's~~ PERSON'S status as an inculpable person continues upon acquiring an interest in the eligible property.

(2) ~~IF THE APPLICANT PERSON MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-506(A) 7-506(A)(1)(I), (II), AND (III) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE AN APPLICANT'S~~ THE PERSON'S STATUS AS AN INCULPABLE PERSON WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIVING:

(I) A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE APPLICANT PERSON FOR AN EXPEDITED DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICANT'S PERSON'S STATUS AS AN INCULPABLE PERSON; AND

(II) A FEE OF \$2,000.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF A PERSON'S STATUS AS AN INCULPABLE PERSON EXPIRES IF THE APPLICATION, INCLUDING ANY APPLICABLE FEES, REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT FILED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE APPROVAL OF A PERSON'S STATUS AS AN INCULPABLE PERSON.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an inculpable person is not liable for existing contamination at the eligible property.

(c) An inculpable person shall be liable for:

(1) New contamination that the person causes or contributes to at the eligible property; and

(2) Exacerbation of existing contamination at the eligible property.

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(a) To participate in the Program, an applicant shall:

(1) Submit an application, on a form provided by the Department, that includes:

(i) Information demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Department that the contamination did not result from the applicant knowingly or willfully violating any law or regulation concerning controlled hazardous substances;

(ii) Information demonstrating the person's status as a responsible person or an inculpable person;

(iii) Information demonstrating that the property is an eligible property as defined in § 7-501 of this subtitle;

(iv) A detailed report with all available relevant information on environmental conditions including contamination at the eligible property known to the applicant at the time of the application;