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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Wood Vaults – Authorization and Permit Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a landowner whose land is subject to an agricultural land  
4 preservation easement to use the land for the construction and use of a certain wood  
5 vault under certain circumstances, notwithstanding the terms of the easement;  
6 requiring a person to have a permit issued by the Secretary of the Environment  
7 before the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a certain wood  
8 vault; applying certain provisions of law relating to permit requirements for certain  
9 facilities, including landfills, to a certain wood vault, including requirements for  
10 public participation, financial assurance, and closure; specifying that an easement  
11 approved by the Maryland Environmental Trust or acquired by the Rural Legacy  
12 Board may allow for the construction and use of a certain wood vault; and generally  
13 relating to wood vaults.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article – Agriculture  
16 Section 2–513(a) and (b)(1)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY adding to  
20 Article – Agriculture  
21 Section 2–513(e)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
25 Article – Agriculture  
26 Section 2–513(e) and (f)  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Environment  
3 Section 1–601(a)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Environment  
8 Section 9–101(a) and (j)(1), 9–201(a), and 9–501(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Environment  
13 Section 9–101(j)(3), 9–201(e), 9–204(a), (c)(1), (d), (e)(1)(i), and (h), 9–204.2, 9–205,  
14 9–208(a), 9–209, 9–211, 9–212.1, 9–213, 9–214, 9–215, 9–220, 9–221(a),  
15 9–252, 9–314, and 9–501(n)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Environment  
20 Section 9–101(m) and (n)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
24 Article – Natural Resources  
25 Section 3–201(a)(1)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 28 BY adding to  
29 Article – Natural Resources  
30 Section 3–201(d) and 5–9A–05(q)  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
34 Article – Natural Resources  
35 Section 5–9A–05(a)  
36 Annotated Code of Maryland  
37 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 38 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
39 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:



1 (2) The landowner whose land is subject to an easement agrees to any  
2 restrictions imposed on the easement under the Readiness and Environmental Protection  
3 Integration Program established under 10 U.S.C. § 2684a; and

4 (3) Funding is available to the Foundation to enter into an agreement  
5 under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program established under  
6 10 U.S.C. § 2684a.

#### 7 Article – Environment

8 1–601.

9 (a) Permits issued by the Department under the following sections shall be issued  
10 in accordance with this subtitle:

11 (1) Air quality control permits to construct subject to § 2–404 of this article;

12 (2) Permits to install, materially alter, or materially extend landfill  
13 systems, incinerators for public use, **WOOD VAULTS**, or rubble landfills subject to § 9–209  
14 of this article;

15 (3) Permits to discharge pollutants to waters of the State issued pursuant  
16 to § 9–323 of this article;

17 (4) Permits to install, materially alter, or materially extend a structure  
18 used for storage or distribution of any type of sewage sludge issued, renewed, or amended  
19 pursuant to § 9–234.1 or § 9–238 of this article;

20 (5) Permits to own, operate, establish, or maintain a controlled hazardous  
21 substance facility issued pursuant to § 7–232 of this article;

22 (6) Permits to own, operate, or maintain a hazardous material facility  
23 issued pursuant to § 7–103 of this article;

24 (7) Permits to own, operate, establish, or maintain a low-level nuclear  
25 waste facility issued pursuant to § 7–233 of this article; and

26 (8) Potable reuse permits issued in accordance with § 9–303.2 of this  
27 article.

28 9–101.

29 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

30 (j) (1) “Solid waste” means any garbage, refuse, sludge, or liquid from  
31 industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural operations or from community activities.

- 1           (3) “Solid waste” does not include:
- 2                   (i) Solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage or in irrigation  
3 return flows;
- 4                   (ii) Compost as defined in § 9–1701 of this title;
- 5                   (iii) Organic material capable of being composted that is composted  
6 in accordance with regulations adopted under § 9–1725(b) of this title;
- 7                   **(IV) WOODY BIOMASS; or**
- 8                   [[iv]] **(V)** Materials that are managed at a recycling facility in  
9 accordance with regulations adopted under § 9–1713 of this title.

10           **(M) “WOOD VAULT” MEANS A STRUCTURE THAT IS USED TO BURY WOODY**  
11 **BIOMASS DEEP ENOUGH THAT THE WOODY BIOMASS IS SUBJECTED TO ANOXIC**  
12 **CONDITIONS THAT IMPEDE OR PREVENT DECOMPOSITION AND RESULT IN**  
13 **EFFECTIVE CARBON SEQUESTRATION.**

14           **(N) “WOODY BIOMASS” MEANS VEGETATION THAT:**

15                   **(1) DOES NOT CONTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS OR OTHER**  
16 **CONTAMINANTS THAT ARE UNSUITABLE FOR LONG–TERM BURIAL; AND**

17                   **(2) (I) IS SOURCED FROM WOOD RESIDUALS UNFIT FOR MARKET;**  
18 **AND**

19                           **(II) IF NOT BURIED IN A WOOD VAULT, WOULD BE MULCHED,**  
20 **BURNED, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF, RESULTING IN THE RELEASE OF CARBON**  
21 **WITHIN 20 YEARS IF NOT SEQUESTERED.**

22 9–201.

23           (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

24           (e) **(1)** “Refuse disposal system” includes:

25                   **[(1)] (I)** An incinerator;

26                   **[(2)] (II)** A transfer station;

27                   **[(3)] (III)** A landfill system;

28                   **[(4)] (IV)** A landfill;

1            [(5)] (v) A solid waste processing facility; and

2            [(6)] (vi) Any other solid waste acceptance facility.

3            (2) “REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM” DOES NOT INCLUDE A WOOD VAULT  
4 AS DEFINED IN § 9–101 OF THIS TITLE.

5 9–204.

6            (a) This section applies to any water supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD**  
7 **VAULT**, refuse disposal system that is for public use, or any refuse disposal system that is  
8 a solid waste acceptance facility as defined in § 9–501(n) of this title if the solid waste  
9 acceptance facility is installed, altered, or extended after July 1, 1988.

10            (c) (1) Before a person draws plans or submits an application under this  
11 section for a proposed water supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse  
12 disposal system, the person may submit to the Secretary a preliminary statement on the  
13 proposed system.

14            (d) A person shall have a permit issued by the Secretary under this section before  
15 the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a **WOOD VAULT**, water supply  
16 system, sewerage system, or refuse disposal system.

17            (e) An applicant for a permit shall:

18            (1) Submit to the Secretary an application that contains:

19            (i) The complete plans and specifications for the installation,  
20 alteration, or extension of the **WOOD VAULT**, water supply system, sewerage system, or  
21 refuse disposal system;

22            (h) A person may not:

23            (1) Install, materially alter, or materially extend a water supply system,  
24 sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system in this State except in  
25 accordance with a permit issued to the person by the Secretary under this section; or

26            (2) Embody any material change in construction until the Secretary has  
27 issued a revised permit based on the submission to the Secretary under subsection (e)(2) of  
28 this section.

29 9–204.2.

1 (a) In addition to the requirements of § 9–204 of this subtitle and Title 1, Subtitle  
2 6 of this article, an applicant for a permit to install, materially alter, or materially extend  
3 a landfill system **OR WOOD VAULT** shall give notice of the application by certified mail to:

4 (1) The owners of all real property adjoining the site where the proposed  
5 project is located;

6 (2) The chairman of the legislative body and any elected executive of the  
7 county where the proposed project site is located;

8 (3) The elected executive of any municipal corporation where the proposed  
9 project site is located; and

10 (4) Any other county within 1 mile of where the proposed project site is  
11 located.

12 (b) Any informational meeting required by § 1–603 of this article shall be held in  
13 accordance with Title 1, Subtitle 6 of this article.

14 9–205.

15 (a) In this section, “authority” means a water, sewerage, or sanitary district  
16 authority.

17 (b) This section applies only to any water supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD**  
18 **VAULT**, or refuse disposal system that is for public use in this State.

19 (c) Any authority or person who owns a water supply system, sewerage system,  
20 **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system or who supplies or is authorized to supply water,  
21 sewerage, or refuse disposal service to the public shall submit to the Secretary:

22 (1) A certified copy of the complete plans for the water supply system,  
23 sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system that:

24 (i) Is correct on the date of submission; and

25 (ii) Is of the scope and detail that the Secretary requires; and

26 (2) Any existing specifications of or reports on the water supply system,  
27 sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system.

28 (d) If plans do not exist or are of insufficient scope or detail, the authority or  
29 person who is required to submit the plans shall:

30 (1) Prepare and submit to the Secretary new or supplemented plans; and

1           (2)    Make any investigation that is necessary to ensure that the new or  
2 supplemented plans are correct.

3           (e)    (1)    The Secretary may request any other information about the water  
4 supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system, including  
5 information or records on maintenance and operation, that the Secretary considers  
6 appropriate.

7           (2)    Any authority or person to whom a request is made under paragraph  
8 (1) of this subsection shall submit the information or records to the Secretary.

9 9–208.

10          (a)    On request, the Secretary shall consult with and advise the owner, operator,  
11 prospective owner, or prospective operator of an existing or planned water supply system,  
12 drainage system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system with respect  
13 to the existing and future needs of all persons and communities that may be affected on  
14 any of the following aspects of the system:

15               (1)    The most appropriate source of water;

16               (2)    The best method of assuring the purity of the water; and

17               (3)    The best method of disposing of drainage, sewage, or refuse.

18 9–209.

19          (a)    The applicant shall give notice of the application, the informational meeting,  
20 and hearings:

21               (1)    To the public in compliance with Title 1, Subtitle 6 of this article;

22               (2)    By certified mail to the board of county commissioners or the county  
23 council of any county and the chief executive of any county or municipal corporation that  
24 the Department determines may be affected by the incinerator for public use, **WOOD**  
25 **VAULT**, or landfill system, including any county or municipal corporation within one mile  
26 of the property line of the proposed incinerator for public use, **WOOD VAULT**, or landfill  
27 system;

28               (3)    To the Department of Natural Resources, by certified mail;

29               (4)    By certified mail to each member of the General Assembly representing  
30 any part of:

31                   (i)    A county in which the landfill system, **WOOD VAULT**, or  
32 incinerator for public use is located; or



1 (ii) A county within 1 mile of the property line of the proposed  
2 landfill system, **WOOD VAULT**, or incinerator for public use;

3 (5) To record owners of real property within 1,000 feet of the property line  
4 of the proposed incinerator for public use, **WOOD VAULT**, or landfill system, by certified  
5 mail to the addresses of record owners as indicated in the records of the State Department  
6 of Assessments and Taxation; and

7 (6) By posting a notice of the application, the informational meeting, and  
8 hearings in a conspicuous space on the site of the proposed incinerator for public use, **WOOD**  
9 **VAULT**, or landfill system.

10 (b) The local officials notified under subsection (a)(2) of this section shall give  
11 notice of the application, the informational meeting, and hearings to all interested agencies  
12 of their respective jurisdictions.

13 (c) To the extent practicable, the Department and other units of the State  
14 government shall consolidate the informational meeting and hearings concerning permits  
15 for the same landfill system, **WOOD VAULT**, or incinerator for public use.

16 9–211.

17 (a) (1) Except for a sanitary landfill that is subject to § 9–211.1 of this subtitle,  
18 and as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, before the Secretary issues a permit for  
19 a landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station to any private person, the  
20 applicant for the permit shall:

21 (i) File with the Department a bond on the form that the  
22 Department provides; or

23 (ii) Deposit with the governing body of the local jurisdiction where  
24 the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station will be located cash, negotiable  
25 bonds of the federal government or this State, or any other security that the Department  
26 approves.

27 (2) The Secretary may adopt regulations to exempt any legitimate  
28 recycling or reclamation facility from the requirements of this section.

29 (b) (1) The obligation of a bond filed under this section shall be so conditioned  
30 as to be void on the closing of the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station in  
31 a manner that prevents erosion, health and safety hazards, nuisances, and pollution.

32 (2) The local governing body that receives a deposit of cash or other security  
33 under this section shall hold the security in trust in the name of the local jurisdiction to

1 assure the closing of the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station in a manner  
2 that prevents erosion, health and safety hazards, nuisances, and pollution.

3 (c) A bond filed under this section shall be payable to the governing body of the  
4 political subdivision where the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station will  
5 be located.

6 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, for a landfill:

7 (i) Unless otherwise required by federal law or regulation, a bond  
8 filed under this section shall be in the amount of \$10,000 for each acre of land to which the  
9 permit applies, but not less than \$250,000;

10 (ii) Cash deposited under this section shall be not less than the  
11 amount specified in item (i) of this paragraph; and

12 (iii) The market value of other security deposited under this section  
13 shall be not less than the amount specified in item (i) of this paragraph.

14 (2) For an incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station, the Department  
15 shall establish the amount of the security required by this section.

16 (3) (i) This paragraph does not apply to a rubble landfill.

17 (ii) For sanitary landfills that are restricted to acceptance of land  
18 clearing debris specified in regulations of the Department, a bond filed under this section  
19 shall be in the amount of \$2,000 for each acre of land to which the permit applies, with a  
20 minimum amount of security of \$25,000.

21 (e) Both the applicant for a permit and a corporate surety licensed to do business  
22 in this State shall execute any bond filed under this section.

23 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the term of any  
24 bond filed under this section and the time during which cash or other security must remain  
25 on deposit under this section is:

26 (i) The duration of the operation of the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD**  
27 **VAULT**, or transfer station; and

28 (ii) An additional 5 years after the closing of the landfill, incinerator,  
29 **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station.

30 (2) If the Department has assurances that the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD**  
31 **VAULT**, or transfer station has been closed in a manner that prevents erosion, health and  
32 safety hazards, nuisances, and pollution, the Department may release the security filed or

1 deposited under this section before the end of the 5-year period specified in paragraph  
2 (1)(ii) of this subsection.

3 (g) (1) The obligation of the holder of a permit for a landfill, incinerator, **WOOD**  
4 **VAULT**, or transfer station and of any corporate surety under the bond shall become due  
5 and payable and any cash, securities, or bond proceeds shall be applied to payment of the  
6 costs of properly closing a landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station only if the  
7 Department:

8 (i) Notifies the permit holder and any corporate surety on the bond  
9 that the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station has not been closed in a  
10 manner that prevents erosion, health and safety hazards, nuisances, and pollution;

11 (ii) Specifies in the notice the deficiencies in the closing that must be  
12 corrected;

13 (iii) Gives the permit holder and the corporate surety a reasonable  
14 opportunity to correct the deficiencies and to close the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**,  
15 or transfer station in accordance with the regulations of the Department; and

16 (iv) Authorizes the local governing body to close the landfill,  
17 incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**, or transfer station in accordance with the regulations of the  
18 Department.

19 (2) The local governing body shall use bond proceeds, cash, or the proceeds  
20 of other security to pay the cost of properly closing the landfill, incinerator, **WOOD VAULT**,  
21 or transfer station.

22 9-212.1.

23 The Department may deny an application for a permit for a sanitary landfill system  
24 **OR WOOD VAULT** to any nongovernmental person if:

25 (1) The owner of the land, the operator, or the applicant has violated:

26 (i) Any law of this State or any other state concerning sanitary  
27 landfills **OR WOOD VAULTS**; or

28 (ii) Any regulation or permit condition of this State or any other  
29 state concerning sanitary landfills **OR WOOD VAULTS**; or

30 (2) The Department finds that operation of the sanitary landfill system **OR**  
31 **WOOD VAULT** would harm public health or the environment.

32 9-213.

1 (a) A permit for a landfill system **OR WOOD VAULT** expires on the 5th  
2 anniversary of its date of issue, unless the permit is renewed for a 5-year term as provided  
3 in this section.

4 (b) Before a permit for a landfill system **OR WOOD VAULT** expires, the permit  
5 holder may renew it for an additional 5-year term, if the permit holder:

6 (1) Submits to the Department a renewal application on the form that the  
7 Department requires;

8 (2) Gives notice, by certified mail, of the renewal application to each  
9 member of the General Assembly in whose district the landfill system **OR WOOD VAULT** is  
10 located; and

11 (3) Obtains the written approval of the Department.

12 9-214.

13 The Department may refuse to renew a permit for a landfill system **OR WOOD**  
14 **VAULT** if:

15 (1) The permit holder violates any provision of this subtitle, any regulation  
16 adopted under this subtitle, any condition of the permit, or, if operating a landfill **OR WOOD**  
17 **VAULT** in another state, any statute, regulation, or permit of that state concerning landfill  
18 systems **OR WOOD VAULTS**;

19 (2) The Department finds that continued operation of the landfill system  
20 **OR WOOD VAULT** would be injurious to public health or the environment; or

21 (3) The Department finds that there is any other good cause.

22 9-215.

23 (a) When landfill **OR WOOD VAULT** operations end, the holder of a permit issued  
24 under this subtitle for a landfill system **OR WOOD VAULT** shall close and cover all of the  
25 land for which the permit was issued in a manner that prevents:

26 (1) Erosion;

27 (2) Health and safety hazards;

28 (3) Nuisances; and

29 (4) Pollution.

1 (b) The Department shall adopt regulations that set standards for the closing and  
2 covering of landfill systems **AND WOOD VAULTS**.

3 9-220.

4 (a) The Secretary shall order the owner or person in charge of a water supply  
5 system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system to correct the following  
6 improper conditions, if, after investigation, the Secretary determines that, because of  
7 incompetent supervision or inefficient operation, the water supply system, sewerage  
8 system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system:

9 (1) Is not producing reasonable results from a sanitary viewpoint;

10 (2) Is a menace to health or comfort; or

11 (3) Is causing a nuisance.

12 (b) The order shall require that the water supply system, sewerage system,  
13 **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system produce specific, reasonable results within a time  
14 that the Secretary sets.

15 (c) (1) If the water supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse  
16 disposal system does not produce the required results within the time that the Secretary  
17 sets, the Secretary may order the owner or person in charge to appoint, within a time that  
18 the Secretary sets, a person approved by the Secretary to take charge of and operate the  
19 system in a manner that will secure the results demanded by the Secretary.

20 (2) The person who is served with an order under paragraph (1) of this  
21 subsection shall pay the salary of the person who is appointed in compliance with the order.

22 9-221.

23 (a) If, after investigation, the Department determines that any water supply  
24 system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system is a menace to health  
25 or comfort or is causing a nuisance, and that conditions cannot be improved sufficiently  
26 only by changing the method of operation, the Department may order the owner:

27 (1) To alter or extend the water supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD**  
28 **VAULT**, or refuse disposal system; or

29 (2) To install a new water supply system, sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**,  
30 or refuse disposal system.

31 9-252.

1 (a) (1) To prevent or correct pollution of the waters of this State, the Secretary  
2 may:

3 (i) Adopt and enforce regulations; and

4 (ii) Order works to be executed.

5 (2) The Secretary may:

6 (i) Require any public water supply system, public sewerage  
7 system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system to be operated in a manner that will  
8 protect public health and comfort; and

9 (ii) Order the alteration, extension, or replacement of any public  
10 water supply system, public sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system.

11 (b) The Secretary:

12 (1) Has supervision and control over the sanitary and physical condition of  
13 the waters of this State to protect public health and comfort;

14 (2) Shall investigate:

15 (i) All sources of water and ice; and

16 (ii) All points of sewage discharge;

17 (3) Shall examine all public water supply systems, public sewerage  
18 systems, **WOOD VAULTS**, and refuse disposal systems; and

19 (4) Shall approve or disapprove the design and construction of any public  
20 water supply system, public sewerage system, **WOOD VAULT**, or refuse disposal system  
21 that is to be built in this State.

22 (c) The powers and duties of the Secretary under this section are in addition to  
23 the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle.

24 9–314.

25 (a) **(1)** The Department may adopt [rules and] regulations that set, for the  
26 waters of this State, water quality standards and effluent standards.

27 **(2)** These standards shall be designed to protect:

28 **[(1)] (1)** The public health, safety, and welfare;

1            [(2)] (II) Present and future use of the waters of this State for public water  
2 supply;

3            [(3)] (III) The propagation of aquatic life and wildlife;

4            [(4)] (IV) Recreational use of the waters of this State; and

5            [(5)] (V) Agricultural, industrial, and other legitimate uses of the waters  
6 of this State.

7            (b) The [rules and] regulations adopted under this section shall include at least  
8 the following:

9            (1) Water quality standards that specify the maximum permissible short  
10 term and long term concentrations of pollutants in the water, the minimum permissible  
11 concentrations of dissolved oxygen and other desirable matter in the water, and the  
12 temperature range for the water.

13            (2) Effluent standards that specify the maximum loading or concentrations  
14 and the physical, thermal, chemical, biological, and radioactive properties of wastes that  
15 may be discharged into the waters of this State.

16            (3) Definition of technique for filling and sealing abandoned water wells  
17 and holes, [for] disposal wells, [for] deep mines and surface mines, **WOOD VAULTS**, and  
18 [for] landfills to prevent groundwater contamination, seepage, and drainage into the  
19 waters of this State.

20            (4) Requirements for the sale, offer, use, or storage of pesticides and other  
21 substances that the Department finds to constitute water pollution hazards.

22            (5) Procedures for water pollution incidents or emergencies that constitute  
23 an acute danger to health or the environment.

24            (6) Provisions for equipment and procedures for monitoring pollutants,  
25 collecting samples, and logging and reporting of monitoring.

26            (c) Effluent standards set under this section shall be at least as stringent as those  
27 specified by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

28 9–501.

29            (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

30            (n) (1) “Solid waste acceptance facility” means any sanitary landfill,  
31 incinerator, transfer station, or plant whose primary purpose is to dispose of, treat, or  
32 process solid waste.

