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(A) NOTWITHSTANDING § 7-219 OF THIS TITLE, THERE IS A COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW FUND.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW FUND FOR:

(1) THE COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND ANALYSIS OF DATA RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A FACILITY THAT IS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ACT OR ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE STATE UNDER § 7-602(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) ENFORCEMENT BY THE STATE OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE FEDERAL ACT; AND

(3) PLANNING AND TRAINING FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY THE STATE OR LOCAL INSTRUMENTALITIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ACT INCLUDING:

(I) CONDUCTING:

1. INCIDENT RESPONSE ACTIVITIES;

2. SHELTER IN PLACE AND EVACUATION PLANNING;

3. RAILROAD, MARITIME, AND TRANSPORTATION EXERCISES; AND

4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES;

(II) THE COLLECTION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL COMMODITY FLOW INFORMATION;

(III) THE ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE OF CHEMICAL REFERENCE MATERIALS; AND

(IV) PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CASE STUDIES, SCHOOL SAFETY, AND EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR CITIZENS; AND

(V) PARTICIPATION BY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL IN RELATED TRAINING CONFERENCES ON LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE UPDATES, INCIDENT COMMAND, AND CRISIS CONTROL.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FEE FOR FACILITIES REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE STATE OR ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT; AND

(2) BASE THE ANNUAL FEE ON: