

- (c) The Hearing Officer shall schedule such subsequent pre-hearing conferences, meetings, and public hearings as may be necessary to the preparation of a Regional Plan for the particular region.

1105 Submission of Regional Plan. On or before April 1, 1972, all Parties within a particular region shall file with the Environmental Protection Agency and with the Hearing Officer for that region a "Regional Plan" for the regionalization of sewage treatment facilities within that region. The Parties may submit the Regional Plan either jointly or individually. All Parties shall attempt to structure the Regional Plan in substantial accordance with the Regional Wastewater Plan approved by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, October 21, 1971.

1106 Content of Regional Plan. The Regional Plan to be submitted under Section 1105 shall provide the following:

- (a) A "phase-in, phase-out" schedule for each of the plants which, inter alia, shall take into account the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of continuing service at each of the affected plants;
- (b) A description of the location, capacity, treatment facilities, cost, and service area for the proposed plant(s) that is (are) to accept and treat the sewage from the geographical area involved;
- (c) A firm commitment by one or more responsible governmental agencies to construct and operate the proposed plants, together with a firm schedule for design, award of contracts, commencement of construction, full operation, and abandonment of obsolete plants;
- (d) A firm commitment by one or more responsible governmental agencies to construct and maintain any interceptor sewers made necessary by the Regional Plan;