§ 27-1303. Identification of sites.

1. a. For a period of one year after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand three designating and amending this paragraph, each county shall, for the purpose of locating inactive hazardous waste disposal sites, as that term was defined on January first, two thousand three, survey its jurisdiction to determine the existence and location of suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and shall annually thereafter submit a report to the department describing the location of each such suspected site and the reasons for such suspicion.

b. Commencing one year after the effective date of this paragraph, each county shall, for the purpose of locating inactive hazardous waste disposal sites, survey its jurisdiction to determine the existence and location of suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and shall, after consultation with all cities, towns, and villages within its jurisdiction, annually thereafter submit a report to the department describing the location of each such suspected site and the reasons for such suspicion.

2. Each county, after consultation with all cities, towns, and villages within its jurisdiction, shall review the information concerning such county in the registry established pursuant to section 27-1305 of this article and shall, on or before September first, nineteen hundred eighty, and annually thereafter on the first day of September of each succeeding year, provide the department with any information which might correct or supplement the information in such registry with respect to suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites within the jurisdiction of such county.

3. Counties shall cooperate and coordinate with local jurisdictions, regional organizations or state agencies to fulfill its responsibilities under subdivisions one and two of this section. Nothing contained within this section shall reduce the powers or responsibilities of any county, other local jurisdiction, regional organization or state agency to identify, investigate, assess or monitor any inactive hazardous waste

disposal site.

4. For purposes of this section, "county" shall include each city incorporating within its boundary one or more counties but shall not include those counties incorporated within a city.