The regional representative will contact approved applicants to negotiate the beginning date of the project period if it is different from that requested in the application.

Review Criteria - The criteria for evaluating the merits of project proposals are:

- 1. Degree to which project objectives are clearly established, attainable, and for which progress toward attainment can and will be measured.
- 2. The substantive merit and potential contribution of the project toward developing knowledge and techniques for meeting the objectives of the Solid Waste
- 3. Degree to which the project can be expected to yield or demonstrate results that will be useful and desirable on a national or regional basis.
- 4. Availability, adequacy, and competence of the personnel, facilities and other resources needed to carry out the project.
- 5. For those projects involving construction of a facility proposed, the feasibility of the facility to meet the objectives of the project.
- 6. Extent of participation and coordination of community groups with related interests in the area of solid-waste disposal.
- 7. Proportion of project costs to be borne by the applicant and, where appropriate, the applicant's plan to continue the activity as an on-going service, after termination of Federal assistance.
- 8. Degree to which the proposed project is in accordance with the State or regional overall plan, or proposed plan, and priorities with respect to solid-waste disposal services.

XII. Payment Procedure

If the grantee organization has received awards from other Public Health Service programs which are being paid under a letter-of-credit system or other cash control system, the payment for solid-waste disposal project grants will be incorporated into the same system.

For grantee organizations which have no other awards from the Public Health Service, an initial payment generally will be made shortly before the beginning of the project period, and in the amount necessary for the first quarter (or first three-month period). Subsequent payments will be made upon request and in the amounts needed for the next quarterly period.

XIII. Rebudgeting of Funds

It is expected that expenditures for the project will follow the budget categories (i.e., personnel, equipment, travel, supplies, construction, and other) of the approved application. It is recognized, however, that transfers among the categories