

6. *Some three million people live and work in the Susquehanna River Basin and its environs, and the government, employment, industry, and economic development of the entire region and the health, safety, and general well being of its population are and will continue to be affected vitally by the conservation, utilization, development, management, and control of the water resources of the basin; and*

7. *Demands upon the water resources of the basin are expected to mount because of anticipated increases in population and by reason of industrial and economic growth of the basin and its service area; and*

8. *Water resources planning and development are technical, complex, and expensive, often requiring fifteen to twenty years from the conception to the completion of large or extensive projects; and*

9. *The public interest requires that facilities must be ready and operative when and where needed, to avoid the damages of unexpected floods or prolonged drought, and for other purposes; and*

10. *The Interstate Advisory Committee on the Susquehanna River Basin has prepared a draft of an intergovernmental compact for the creation of a basin agency, and the signatory parties desire to effectuate the purposes thereof;*

Now therefore

The States of New York and Maryland and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America hereby solemnly covenant and agree with each other, upon the enactment of concurrent legislation by the Congress of the United States and by the respective state legislatures, to the Susquehanna River Basin Compact which consists of this Preamble and the Articles that follow.

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Article 1

Short Title, Definitions, Purposes, and Limitations

1.1—*Short Title. This compact shall be known and may be cited as the Susquehanna River Basin Compact.*

1.2—*Definitions. For the purposes of this compact, and of any supplemental or concurring legislation enacted pursuant to it:*

1. *“Basin” shall mean the area of drainage of the Susquehanna River and its tributaries into Chesapeake Bay to the southern edge of the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge between Havre de Grace and Perryville, Maryland.*

2. *“Commission” shall mean the Susquehanna River Basin Commission hereby created, and the term “Commissioner” shall mean a member of the commission.*

3. *“Cost” shall mean direct and indirect expenditures, commitment, and net induced adverse effects, whether or not compensated for, used or incurred in connection with the establishment, acquisition, construction, maintenance, and operation of a project.*

4. *“Diversion” shall mean the transfer of water into or from the basin.*