

relating to the abatement of pollution of the waters of the State; to supplement and expand existing technical or other water pollution data by study, investigation, research or other means that may be available; to cooperate with, assist and aid other State agencies engaged in assembling, accumulating or developing additional data or information on water pollution; to cooperate with, assist and aid other State agencies in enforcing water pollution laws or regulations; to recommend standards for sewage or waste effluents discharged into the waters of the State; to receive complaints or petitions relating to the pollution or alleged pollution of the waters of the State and to investigate and take such action as hereinafter provided; to conduct hearings, upon due notice, as may be advisable or necessary for the discharge of duties under this sub-title; to issue a special order or orders directing any person in this State causing the pollution of the State waters to secure within the time specified therein, such operating results as are practicable of attainment toward the reduction, control, abatement and prevention of such pollution. If such results are not secured within the specified time, the Commission shall further direct such person to build or install and use within a reasonable specified time such designated system, treatment plant structures, devices or means as are practicable and available for controlling, abating and preventing such pollution and to modify, amend or cancel any such special order or orders. Such orders shall be entered only after proper hearing with at least sixty (60) days' notice to the person of the time, place and purpose thereof.

(c) No special order shall become effective in less than sixty (60) days after the same has been served on the person affected; to publish its findings and to make recommendations to the appropriate State agencies relative to public policy and procedure necessary to correct water pollution conditions or violations of any of the laws of Maryland relating thereto; to establish such reasonable water quality standards or criteria for any of the waters of the State, keeping in mind the public use to which they are or may be put, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of this sub-title; to cooperate with the responsible authorities of other States and the Federal Government or any agencies thereof concerning policies, procedures and means to be employed to control, regulate or correct the pollution of any interstate waters and to recommend carrying out such procedures to the proper State agencies; to receive, administer, and expend such funds as are now or may become available for pollution control from the