

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 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)]** *fifteen (15)* days' notice to the person of the time, place and purpose thereof.

(c) No special order shall become effective in less than **[sixty (60)]** *fifteen (15)* days after 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 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 Federal Government or any agency thereof; and to recommend from time to time such legislative or administrative action as may be deemed necessary and desirable better to control the pollution of the waters of the State. The Commission shall have control of the pollution of all waters of the State of Maryland, except as hereinafter provided, which are or may be affected by waste disposal of municipalities, industries, public or private corporations, individuals, partnerships, associations or any other entity.

(d) The Commission shall have the authority to, and shall enforce the provisions of this sub-title and shall make and promulgate such rules and regulations and conduct such investigations as shall from time to time be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this sub-title. However, before finally adopting said rules and regulations, the Commission shall give at least thirty (30) days' notice, by publication, circular or otherwise, informing all persons who may be interested in said rules and regulations that the Commission will hear such persons on a certain day or days named in said notice for the purpose of receiving and considering suggestions before the final adoption of such rules and regulations. The said notice shall contain a copy of the proposed rules and regulations.