

jurisdiction, including that portion of the Atlantic Ocean within the boundaries of the State, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and all PUBLIC ponds, lakes, rivers, [and] streams, *public ditches, tax ditches and man made drainage systems* within the State; PUBLIC DRAINAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE STATE, OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNED AND USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION, CONVEYANCE, OR DISPOSAL OF SANITARY SEWAGE.

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(b) The Department is hereby authorized to encourage voluntary cooperation by the citizens of the State and by the industries, municipalities, counties, metropolitan districts and the State in restoring, preserving and maintaining the purity of the waters of the State, for the greatest benefit of all the people of the State, to coordinate and stimulate the activities of the several State agencies now concerned with water pollution; to enforce existing laws 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 subtitle; to issue a ~~special~~ AN 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 Department 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 fifteen (15) days' notice to the person of the time, place and purpose thereof.

(c) [No special order shall become effective in less than fifteen (15) days after same has been served on the person affected;] *The Department is hereby authorized* TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ANY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS THAT ARE CAUSING OR MAY CAUSE POLLUTION IN THE WATERWAYS OF THE STATE ~~to publish its findings and to make~~ FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING recommendations to the appropriate State agencies relative to public policy and procedure necessary to correct water pollution conditions or violation of any of the laws of Maryland relating thereto; TO PUBLISH ITS FINDINGS; to establish such reasonable water quality standards or criteria for any of the waters of the State;