

*agents, and employees only to the extent and subject to the procedures prescribed by law generally with respect to officers, agents, and employees of the government of the United States.*

*15.19—Effect on Riparian Rights. Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed as affecting or intending to affect or in any way to interfere with the law of the respective signatory parties relating to riparian rights.*

*15.20—Amendments and Supplements. Amendments and supplements to this compact to implement the purposes thereof may be adopted by legislative action of any of the signatory parties concurred in by all of the others.*

*15.21—Construction and Severability. The provisions of this compact and of agreements thereunder shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact or such agreement is declared to be unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any signatory party, agency, or person is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of such compact or such agreement and the applicability thereof to any other signatory party, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. It is the legislative intent that the provisions of such compact be reasonably and liberally construed.*

*15.22—Effective Date; Execution. This compact shall become binding and effective thirty days after the enactment of concurring legislation by the Federal government, the states of Maryland and New York, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The compact shall be signed and sealed in five identical original copies by the respective chief executives of the signatory parties. One such copy shall be filed with the Secretary of State of each of the signatory parties or in accordance with the laws of the state in which the filing is made, and one copy shall be filed and retained in the archives of the commission upon its organization.*

**SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT NOTHING IN THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMPACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPAIR OR TO DEROGATE FROM ANY POWER EXERCISABLE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE OR IN ANY WAY TO DIMINISH ANY RIGHT WHICH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY HAVE TO THE WATERS OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN. IT IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED THAT ARTICLE 1.3-6 OF THE COMPACT (SECTION 60) PROVIDING THAT "THE COMMISSION SHALL ENGAGE IN THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PROJECT ONLY WHEN THE PROJECT IS NECESSARY TO THE EXECUTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND NO OTHER COMPETENT AGENCY IS IN A POSITION TO ACT, OR SUCH AGENCY FAILS TO ACT"; AND THAT ARTICLE 3.2 OF THE COMPACT (SECTION 62) WHICH PROVIDES THAT "IT IS THE POLICY OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES TO PRESERVE AND UTILIZE THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE EXISTING OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THIS COMPACT, AND THE COMMISSION IS DIRECTED TO UTILIZE THOSE OFFICES AND AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS COM-**