

Severn River Watershed—Sediment and Waste Control

411AE.

Purposes and definition of Severn River Watershed.—The General Assembly of the State of Maryland hereby determines and finds that the Severn River is a great natural asset and resource to the State of Maryland and that as a result of poorly treated effluent discharged from sewage disposal plants and from erosion and silt which is deposited in said River as a result of construction and development on lands within the Severn River Watershed the said River is being polluted and despoiled to a degree that fish, marine life and recreational use of the said River is being adversely affected and curtailed. For the purpose of this subtitle, the Severn River Watershed is hereby defined as that land surface area whose topography is such that any water falling upon it would drain either directly or indirectly into the Severn River.

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(a) *Sewage treatment plants.—All agencies or persons planning the disposal ~~or treating sewage~~ AND/OR TREATMENT OF SEWAGE AND OTHER WASTE WATER within the Severn River Watershed shall anticipate the need for ~~advanced waste treatment and for~~ the removal of nutrients, in providing land and in planning the construction of sewage treatment plants, so that effluent from sewage treatment plants shall be sufficiently treated so as to meet the water quality standard ~~for bacteriological values, dissolved oxygen, pH, and temperature conditions~~ as stipulated in the Regulations by State Department of Water Resources, State Department of Health, and County Department of Health and any amendments to these Regulations.*

(b) *All future sewage AND/OR WASTE WATER treatment plants located within the Severn River Watershed shall be constructed so as to conform with the above stated standards, ~~provided, however,~~ that no sewage treatment outfall shall discharge into any waters upstream from a line between Horn Point and Carr Point.*

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(a) *The owners and operators of any existing or hereafter constructed sewage disposal plant which does not presently or at any time hereafter meet the above stated standards shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the enactment of this Legislation or one hundred and eighty (180) days' notice of not meeting the above standards, submit an improved sewage disposal plan to the State Department of Health for approval. The Anne Arundel County Department of Health, within ten (10) days, shall refer copies of the Plan to the County Council of Anne Arundel County, or the City of Annapolis as appropriate and the Department of Natural Resources for their review and recommendation and shall allow such agencies thirty (30) days in which to respond.*

(b) *Said sewage plan shall indicate the necessary improvements required to insure purity of the effluent to the above standard, and shall include a time schedule for the construction of the necessary improvements within not more than three (3) years.*