

tion, individual, partnership, association, or other entity, and includes any officer or governing or managing body of any municipality, political subdivision, or public or private corporation.

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*The Department shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties:*

(a) *To exercise general supervision over the administration and enforcement of this Subtitle and all rules, regulations and orders promulgated pursuant thereto;*

(b) *To develop comprehensive programs for the prevention, control and abatement of pollution of the waters of the State;*

(c) *To advise, consult, and co-operate with other agencies of the State, the Federal Government, other States and interstate agencies, and with affected groups, political subdivisions, and industries in furtherance of the purposes of this Subtitle;*

(d) *To accept and administer loans and grants from the Federal Government and from other sources, public or private, for carrying out any of its functions;*

(e) *To encourage, participate in, finance, or conduct studies, investigations, research and demonstrations relating to water pollution and the causes, prevention, control, and abatement thereof;*

(f) *To collect and disseminate information relating to water pollution and the prevention, control, and abatement thereof;*

(g) *To adopt, modify, repeal and promulgate water quality standards for the waters of the State, and effluent standards for waters discharged into the waters of the State;*

(h) *To adopt, modify, repeal, and promulgate, after due notice and hearing, and to enforce rules and regulations implementing or effectuating its powers and duties;*

(i) *To issue, modify, or revoke orders (1) prohibiting discharges of wastes into the waters of the State; (2) requiring the construction, modification, extension or alteration of new or existing disposal systems or treatment works or parts thereof or the adoption of other reasonable remedial measures to prevent, control or abate pollution or undesirable changes in the quality of the waters of the State;*

(j) *To hold hearings, to issue notices of hearing and subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence, to administer oaths, and to take such testimony as it deems necessary, and any of these powers may be exercised by the Director or by a hearing officer designated in writing by the Director;*

(k) *To require the prior submission of plans, specifications, and other data relative to, and to inspect the construction of, disposal systems or treatment works or any part thereof in connection with the issuance of permits or approvals as are required by this Subtitle;*