

(f) The Board of Public Works is authorized, in its discretion, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for receiving such petitions from local governments and agencies in this State, and for the consideration of the petitions and disbursing of the funds to the petitioning local governmental units and agencies, within the spirit and intent of this Act.

(g) Of the actual cash proceeds from the sale of Certificates of Indebtedness to be issued under this Act, the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) less a proportionate share of the costs specified in Section 4 of this Act, shall be used exclusively [to match and administer grants received from the Federal Government] to develop effective, comprehensive water quality control and abatement plans for river basins [pursuant to Section 3 (c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act]. For this purpose a river basin may be the drainage area of an intrastate river, the drainage area of an interstate river, or a metropolitan or multi-community area in a basin for which a water pollution control program can be most effectively planned and implemented [through a Section 3 (c) grant]. The purpose of each basin program will be to provide a water quality management plan developed by joint efforts of State, local, and metropolitan bodies, after such consultation with private interests as the public bodies deem advisable for meeting and further improving the water quality of the State.

(h) Annually, prior to June 1, The Department of Water Resources shall recommend to the Governor a proposed scope of basin pollution control planning activity to be undertaken pursuant to [Section 3 (c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act] *Section 5 (g) of this Act*. The recommendation to the Governor will include the following information for each basin recommended for program development:

1. Boundaries of the river basin, watershed, or multi-community area with reasons for establishing the boundaries with reference to water pollution control problems requiring joint action of the interests, public and private, located therein;
2. The public and private interests which need to be involved in joint actions to implement the basin program;
3. The status of existing efforts to achieve a basin-wide water pollution control program;
4. Justification for assignment of priority; and
5. Identification of the agencies who will participate and their respective responsibilities in the development of the basin program.

(i) Upon approval of the scope of activity by the Governor, the [Water Resources Commission] *Director of the Department of Water Resources* shall adopt rules and regulations to guide the development of basin-wide programs so that State [and Federal] objectives are met (in all basins). The rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to the following requirements:

1. Developed in cooperation with and participation by all concerned state, interstate, federal and local agencies and interests.