

(a) "Pollution" means such contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical or biological properties, of any waters of the State, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters, or such discharge or deposit of any organic matter, harmful organisms [;] , liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any waters of the State as will render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

(b) "Wastes" means industrial wastes and all other liquid, gaseous, solid or other substances which will pollute any waters of this State.

(c) "Treatment works" means any plant or other works, used for the purpose of treating, stabilizing or holding wastes.

(d) "Disposal system" means a system for disposing of wastes, either by surface or underground methods, and includes treatment works, disposal wells and other systems.

(e) "Waters of the State" means both surface and underground waters within the boundaries of the State or subject to its jurisdiction, including that portion of the Atlantic Ocean within the boundaries of the State, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, the flood plain of free-flowing waters on the basis of a fifty (50) year flood frequency, and all ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, public ditches, tax ditches, and public drainage systems within the State, other than those designed and used for the purpose of collection, conveyance, or disposal of sanitary sewage.

(f) "Person" means the State or any agency or institution thereof, any municipality, political subdivision, public or private corporation, 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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(b) Subject to the provisions of Section 29(c) of this subtitle, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry on any of the following activities unless he holds a current permit therefor from the [the] Department for the disposal of all wastes or waters which are or may be discharged thereby into the waters of the State: (1) the discharge of any waters or wastewaters into the waters of the State in violation of regulations promulgated by the Department; (2) the construction, installation, modification, extension, alteration or operation of any disposal system or part thereof; (3) the increase in volume, temperature or strength of any wastes in excess of the permissive discharges specified under any existing permit; (4) the construction, installation, or operation of any industrial, commercial, or other establishment or any extension or modification thereof or addition thereto, the operation of which would cause an increase in the discharge of wastes into the waters of the State or otherwise alter the physical, chemical, or biological properties of any waters of the State in any manner not already lawfully authorized; (5) the construction or use of any new outlet for the discharge of any wastes into the waters of the State.