

by the Commission and shall be the criteria and standards of the Commission until changed as set forth in the preceding sentence, provided, that until the Commission gives notice that it is prepared to exercise the functions vested in it by the preceding sentence any changes made by a signatory state in its criteria or standards shall be effective as amended criteria or standards of the Commission.

5.03. *Scope.*—Criteria for water quality and the various standards referred to in this article may relate, but shall not be limited, to bacterial, viral, chemical, radio-active, organic, thermal, gaseous, liquid, solids or soils pollution or enrichment of the waters of the basin from treated or untreated domestic and industrial wastes; or from aerial contaminants or agricultural, construction and navigational activities, or from the exploitation of natural resources or the deposit of solid wastes, refuse or materials of any kind in or near the waters, or from the failure to prevent or control the discharge, or entry by other means, of oils, chemicals or other materials which might adversely affect the quality or the uses of the waters of the basin as set by the various standards and plans referred to herein.

5.04. *Cooperative Administration and Enforcement.*—(a) The Commission shall encourage cooperative and uniform implementation and enforcement programs and policies by the water quality control agencies of the signatories to achieve compliance with the water quality standards adopted by the Commission.

(b) Every officer and agency of each signatory having enforcement responsibilities with respect to water resources shall enforce the Commission's standards and its rules and regulations relative thereto.

(c) The Commission as complainant may enforce against any polluter its own standards to control future pollution and abate existing pollution in any waters of the basin.

5.05. *Projects and Facilities.*—The Commission may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain projects and facilities and such related structures, appurtenances and equipment as it may deem appropriate for the management and control of the quality of any waters in the basin.

5.06. *Pollution Damage.*—(a) Any person or governmental agency responsible for any change in, or for the entry of any pollutant into, any waters of the basin to such extent or in such quantities, alone or in combination with changes or pollutants from other sources, as to cause or contribute to the degradation of the quality of any waters of the basin below the standards of water quality adopted therefor by the Commission shall be civilly liable for any damage suffered by the Commission or by any other governmental agency by reason of such degradation, whether such damage be in the nature of actual damage sustained through loss of fish and wildlife or injury to property, or reasonable cost of necessary remedial measures undertaken by the Commission or other governmental agency for the amelioration of the effects of the change or the pollutants, or to prevent the change or the entry of such pollutants into the waters.

(b) The Commission may ascertain the extent of any such damage suffered by it and make claim upon each person or governmental