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For the purpose of this subtitle, the following words and phrases are herewith defined:

A "well" is any excavation whether drilled, bored, cored, or dug, for water or in exploration for water. Drive-point wells and hand-dug wells are excluded from the provisions of this subtitle.

A "well driller" is a person in responsible charge of the actual drilling, boring, coring, or digging, or construction, alteration or repair of any well.

An "owner" is a person who has the right to drill into and produce and appropriate the production of water, either for himself or for himself and another or others, and for others.

A "person" means any natural person, corporation, association, partnership, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary, or representative of any kind.

"Underground water" means any supply of water which may be developed by any type of well or spring from beneath the surface of the ground whether the water flows therefrom by natural force or is withdrawn by pumping or other mechanical device or artificial process.

"A[c]quifer" means any formation of soil, sand, rock, gravel, limestone, sandstone, or other material, or any crevice from which underground water is or may be produced.

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In carrying out its responsibility for water resource planning, development and management, the Department shall cooperate with federal, estate and local agencies in all water resource projects or programs affecting the waters of the State. The Department shall administer such financial assistance for these projects or programs as may be made available to the Department for this purpose.

In furtherance of its responsibility under this section, the Department [of Water Resources] shall consider the following only when local entities agree to pay all other nonfederal cost and to operate and maintain the structures installed using federal assistance authorized under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act:

(1) A contribution by the State of up to fifty percent (50%) of the non-federal share of approved projects under PL 566.

(2) Use of the funds in programs or projects of flood control, recreation, fish and wildlife, water supply and flow augmentation.

(3) Limitation of State participation to land acquisition for dams and impounded areas and construction of dams. Additional land beyond the flood pool level, access roads, and recreational facilities shall not be part of such program or project.

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Whenever in this article or in the laws of this State reference is made to the Water Pollution Control Commission and the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, respectively, the same