

tions of a signatory imposed on it by supplementary agreements to which it may be a party only to the extent and in accordance with the terms of such supplementary agreements.

INTERSTATE ENVIRONMENT COMPACT

ARTICLE 1

FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND RESERVATIONS OF POWER

(A) FINDINGS. SIGNATORY STATES HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:

(1) UNABATED POLLUTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT THREATENS THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE NATION AND ITS CITIZENS.

(2) THE CONDITION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THAT ENVIRONMENT, IS A MATTER OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CONCERN.

(3) THE SOLUTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WHICH TRANSCEND STATE BOUNDARIES, REQUIRES COOPERATION AMONG ADJOINING JURISDICTIONS.

(4) EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT MUST BE BETTER COORDINATED, INTENSIFIED, AND MADE MORE EFFECTIVE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

(5) IT IS IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL JURISDICTIONS TO ACT COOPERATIVELY TO RESOLVE THEIR MUTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

(B) PURPOSES. THE PURPOSES OF THE SIGNATORIES IN ENACTING THIS COMPACT ARE:

(1) TO ASSIST AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PROGRAMS AS SET FORTH IN FEDERAL LEGISLATION; TO PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION FOR MULTISTATE ACTION RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THROUGH INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS; AND TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATIVE AND COORDINATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BY THE SIGNATORIES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;

(2) TO PRESERVE AND UTILIZE THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF EXISTING STATE AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE COMPACT.

(C) POWERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(1) NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS COMPACT SHALL IMPAIR, AFFECT, OR EXTEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

(2) NOTHING IN THIS COMPACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO IMPAIR OR AFFECT ANY RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES, OR RESPONSIBILITIES VESTED BY LAW IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES.