

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

(M) "PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS" MEANS ANY FACILITY FOR THE TREATMENT OF POLLUTANTS OWNED BY THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY.

(N) "NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM" SHALL MEAN THE NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AS DESIGNATED BY THE 1972 AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.

25. Powers and duties of [Department] ADMINISTRATION.

The [Department] ADMINISTRATION shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties:

(b) To develop comprehensive programs AND PLANS for the prevention, control and abatement of pollution of the waters of the State;

(i) To issue, modify, or revoke orders AND PERMITS (1) prohibiting discharges of [wastes] POLLUTANTS into the waters of the State; (2) requiring the construction, modification, extension or alteration of new or existing disposal systems or treatment works or parts thereof or the adoption of other reasonable remedial measures to prevent, control or abate pollution or undesirable changes in the quality of the waters of the State;

26. Polluting or contaminating State waters; activities requiring permit from [Department] ADMINISTRATION [I]; PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person: (1) to cause pollution of any waters of the State or to place or cause to be placed any wastes in a location where they are likely to cause pollution of any waters of the State; or (2) to discharge any wastes into any waters of the State which would violate effluent standards or reduce the quality of such waters below the water quality standards established therefor by the Department. Any such action is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. I

EXCEPT AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED HEREUNDER, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO DISCHARGE ANY POLLUTANT INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

(b) [Subject to the provisions of §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 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 wastes 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