

laws. Any law enforcement officer, of course, may enforce these laws.

SUBTITLE 8. APPROPRIATION OR USE OF WATERS, RESERVOIRS, AND DAMS.

8-801. POLICY OF STATE.

(A) IN ORDER TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND USE WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO CONTROL, SO FAR AS FEASIBLE, APPROPRIATION OR USE OF SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WATERS OF THE STATE. ALSO, IT IS STATE POLICY TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND CONTROL AND SUPERVISE SO FAR AS IS FEASIBLE, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND REPAIR OF DAMS, RESERVOIRS, AND OTHER WATERWORKS IN ANY WATERS OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 96A, section 10 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(E) THIS SUBTITLE IS IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ANY EXISTING LAWS OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 96A, section 22 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

8-802. PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE OR USE STATE WATERS.

(A) REQUIRED FROM DEPARTMENT. - EVERY PERSON IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO APPROPRIATE OR USE, OR BEGIN TO CONSTRUCT ANY PLANT, BUILDING, OR STRUCTURE WHICH MAY APPROPRIATE OR USE ANY WATERS OF THE STATE, WHETHER SURFACE OR UNDERGROUND. THE PERMIT IS OBTAINED UPON WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH SATISFACTORY PROOF THAT ISSUING THE PERMIT WILL NOT VIOLATE THE STATE'S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS OR JEOPARDIZE ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

(E) EXEMPTIONS. - THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO USE OF WATER FOR DOMESTIC AND FARMING PURPOSES, USE OF WATER FOR AN APPROVED WATER SUPPLY OF ANY MUNICIPALITY IF THE USE WAS IN EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1969, OR TO ANY PARTICULAR USE IN EXISTENCE ON JANUARY 1, 1934, IF THAT USE HAS NOT BEEN ABANDONED.