

State or require construction, modification, extension, or alteration of new or existing disposal systems or treatment works or parts of them 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;

(10) Hold hearings, issue notices of hearing and subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and production of evidence, administer oaths, and take necessary testimony; any of these powers may be exercised by the [director] SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE or a hearing officer the [director] SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE designates in writing;

(11) Require prior submission of plans, specifications, and other data relative to, and inspect construction of, disposal systems or treatment works or any part of them in connection with issuing permits or approvals required by this subtitle;

(12) Issue, continue in effect, revoke, modify, or deny, under conditions it prescribes, permits to discharge water or wastewater into waters of the State, and install, modify, or operate disposal systems or any parts of them;

(13) Require proper maintenance and operation of disposal systems; and

(14) Exercise every incidental power necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

(b) Water quality and effluent standards and rules and regulations. -- The [Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE may set water quality and effluent standards applicable to the waters of the State or portions of it. The standards shall protect public health, safety, and welfare and the present and future use of the waters for public water supply, the propagation of fish and other aquatic life and wildlife, recreational purposes, and agricultural, industrial, and other legitimate uses. All standards may be amended from time to time by the [Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE and shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Water quality standards, specifying, among other things, the maximum short-term and long-term concentrations of pollutants in the water, minimum permissible concentrations of dissolved oxygen and other desirable matter in the water and the temperature range for the water;

(2) Effluent standards specifying the maximum loading or concentrations and the physical, thermal, chemical, biological, and radioactive properties of wastes which may be discharged into the waters; standards shall be