

(5) Encourage, participate in, finance, or conduct studies, investigations, research, and demonstrations relating to water pollution and its causes, prevention, control, and abatement;

(6) Collect and disseminate information relating to water pollution and its prevention, control, and abatement;

(7) Adopt, modify, repeal, and promulgate water quality standards for the waters of the State, and effluent standards for waters discharged into the waters of the State;

(8) Adopt, modify, repeal, and promulgate, after due notice and hearing, and enforce rules and regulations implementing or effectuating its powers and duties;

(9) Issue, modify, or revoke orders and permits prohibiting discharges of pollutants into the waters of the 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 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION, AS APPROPRIATE, or a hearing officer the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION 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) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may set water quality and effluent standards applicable to the