

POLLUTION OF THE WATERS OF THIS STATE.(B) PUBLIC POLICY.

BECAUSE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THIS STATE IS VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, BECAUSE POLLUTION IS A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, CREATES PUBLIC NUISANCES, HARMS WILDLIFE, FISH, AND AQUATIC LIFE, AND IMPAIRS DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND OTHER LEGITIMATE BENEFICIAL USES OF WATER, AND BECAUSE THE PROBLEM OF WATER POLLUTION IN THIS STATE IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE PROBLEM OF WATER POLLUTION IN ADJOINING STATES, IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE:

(1) TO IMPROVE, CONSERVE, AND MANAGE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THIS STATE;

(2) TO PROTECT, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER FOR PUBLIC SUPPLIES, PROPAGATION OF WILDLIFE, FISH, AND AQUATIC LIFE, AND DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND OTHER LEGITIMATE BENEFICIAL USES;

(3) TO PROVIDE THAT NO WASTE IS DISCHARGED INTO ANY WATERS OF THIS STATE WITHOUT FIRST RECEIVING NECESSARY TREATMENT OR OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION TO PROTECT THE LEGITIMATE BENEFICIAL USES OF THE WATERS OF THIS STATE; AND

(4) THROUGH INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF WASTE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT, TO PROVIDE AND PROMOTE PREVENTION, ABATEMENT, AND CONTROL OF NEW OR EXISTING WATER POLLUTION.

(C) DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT OBJECTIVES.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH AGENCIES OF OTHER STATES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language in part patterned after the third sentence of NR § 8-1403 and derived in part from former NR § 8-1402, as that section applied to the Department.

9-303. CONSTRUCTION.

THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT OF ANY PERSON, AS A RIPARIAN OWNER OR OTHERWISE, IN EQUITY, AT COMMON LAW, OR UNDER STATUTORY LAW TO SUPPRESS A NUISANCE OR ABATE POLLUTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language patterned after the fourth sentence of NR § 8-1403.

9-304. RESERVED.