

literally indicating that the proposals and recommendations were to be merely about making the required annual report. The identical language in the last sentence of former NR § 8-1404(a) literally meant that the proposals and recommendations were to address the annual report, training certain personnel in the area of water pollution control, conducting certain research, and employing certain consultants. In practice, however, the proposals and recommendations made under the 2 former provisions have been addressed to a broader subject: water pollution control in this State in general. Since a literal interpretation of the former law would frustrate the General Assembly's obvious intent, and since nothing in the law purports to prohibit the Department from including in the report broad proposals and recommendations for improving this State's water pollution control efforts, the revision of the former provisions in subsection (b)(7) of this section reflects the interpretation in actual practice.

The reference in former Article 43, § 722 to the annual report being submitted as "part of the comprehensive water pollution control program" is deleted as unnecessary.

Former Article 43, §§ 719, 720, and 721, which concerned one-time reports that were to be made, as part of the comprehensive water pollution control program, not later than June 1, 1969, are deleted as obsolete.

9-318. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY COOPERATE WITH ANY APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO TRAIN PERSONNEL NEEDED IN THE AREA OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL.

(B) CONTRACTS FOR TRAINING.

TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY CONTRACT WITH ANY APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING OR ANY APPROPRIATE UNIT:

- (1) TO DEVELOP THE NEEDED CURRICULA; AND
- (2) TO SUPPORT TRAINING COURSES.