elimination system" means the national system for the issuance of permits as designated by the 1972 amendments to Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

- (g) [(g)] (D) "Permit" means a permit to discharge pollutants into waters of the State issued under this subtitle.
- (h) (E) "Pollutant" means any wastes or wastewaters discharged from any publicly owned treatment works or industrial source and all other liquid, gaseous, solid or other substances which will pollute any waters of the State.
- (±) [(i) "Publicly owned treatment works" means any facility for the treatment of pollutants owned by the State or any political subdivision, municipality, or other public entity.
- (j) "Schedule of compliance" means a schedule of remedial measures including an enforceable sequence of actions or operations leading to compliance with the effluent limitation or water quality standard as specified by an order or permit requirement of the administration.
- (k) "Water quality criteria" means any criteria describing the required quality of State waters adopted under State and federal law.
- (1) "Water quality standards" means any water quality standards adopted and effective under State and federal law.]
 - SUPPLEMENTAL REVISOR'S NOTE: Ch. , Acts of 1982, which enacted the Health Environmental Article, also amended this section. The substance of former subsections (c), (d), (e), (i), and (l) of this section now appears in Title 9 of the Health Environmental Article. Former subsections (j) and (k) of this section are deleted because they do not appear in any other section of this subtitle.

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Because the quality of the waters of this State is vital to the public and private interests of its citizens and because pollution constitutes a menace to public health and welfare, creates public nuisances, is harmful to wildlife, fish and aquatic life, and impairs domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other legitimate beneficial uses of water, and the problem of water pollution in this State is closely related to the problem of water pollution in adjoining states, it is State public policy to improve, conserve, and manage the quality of the waters of