

the State and 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. Also, it is State public policy 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 this State's waters, and to provide and promote, through innovative and alternative methods of waste and wastewater treatment, prevention, abatement, and control of new or existing water pollution. The [Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the] Department [of Natural Resources, as appropriate,] shall cooperate with the agencies of other states and the federal government in carrying out these objectives.

SUPPLEMENTAL REVISOR'S NOTE: Ch. \_\_\_\_, Acts of 1982, which enacted the Health - Environmental Article, also amended this section to delete the references to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The substance of the deleted language now appears in the Health - Environmental Article.

8-1405.

(a) [The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or, for] FOR the purposes of [§ 8-1406 through § 8-1411.1 of] this subtitle, the Department [of Natural Resources,] shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties:

(1) General supervision over the administration and enforcement of this subtitle and all rules, regulations, and orders promulgated pursuant to it;

(2) Develop comprehensive programs and plans for prevention, control, and abatement of pollution of the waters of the State;

(3) Advise, consult, and cooperate with other units of the State, the federal government, other state and interstate agencies, affected groups, political subdivisions, and industries to further the purposes of this subtitle;

(4) Accept and administer loans and grants from the federal government and other sources, public or private, to carry out any of its functions;

(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