

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of the Department to prevent, control, and abate pollution of the waters of the State by oil or sediment; repealing certain powers and duties of the Department of Natural Resources which have been transferred to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; prohibiting the discharge of oil in any manner into the waters of the State except under certain conditions; prohibiting the discharge of sediment into the waters of the State except under certain conditions; and generally relating to regulation, abatement, control, and prevention of pollution of the waters of the State by oil or sediment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-1405(a) and 8-1410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-1413
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-1405.

(a) For the purposes of this subtitle, the Department 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 BY OIL OR SEDIMENT;

(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;