

~~{3}--To--have--the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental Hygiene--establish--an--Interagency--Coordinating--Council--for Groundwater--Protection--to--consist--of--representatives--of--the Department--of--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene,--the--Department--of Natural--Resources,--the--Department--of--Agriculture,--other representatives--of--State--agencies--that--may--be--involved--in groundwater--issues,--and--1-citizen-member-nominated-by-the-State Water-Quality-Advisory-Committee,--and--be--it--further~~

RESOLVED, That the Council meet regularly and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture:

(1) Develop a comprehensive groundwater protection strategy for the State to include specific measures to protect the quality and quantity of groundwater and give consideration to contamination of groundwater from:

(i) Underground petroleum, chemical, and hazardous waste storage tanks;

(ii) Landfills and hazardous waste sites;

(iii) Acid mine drainage;

(iv) Saltwater intrusion;

(v) Nitrates, herbicides, and pesticides; and

(vi) Septic tanks;

(2) Develop a plan for an integrated and coordinated approach to the protection of groundwater quality and quantity under existing legislation and programs;

(3) Make recommendations for any new legislation, policies, regulatory approaches, or coordination needed for implementation of an effective groundwater protection and supply strategy;

(4) In developing the groundwater protection strategy, devise a plan to protect underground sources of drinking water from contamination that may adversely affect the health of people;

~~{5}--Identify--each--underground--source--of--drinking water--in--the--State--and--perform--an--assessment--that--describes,--for each--source,--the--quality--and--quantity--of--water--which--the--source contains,--the--source's--flow--patterns--and--critical--recharge--zones, and--the--source's--known--and--potential--sources--of--contamination;~~

~~{6}--Describe--for--each--underground--source--of--drinking water--identified--under--item--(5)--of--this--clause--the--location--and types--of--human--development--that--affect--the--source--and--the--types of--development--which--can--occur--without--resulting--in--the degradation--of--the--sources;~~