

(J) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SANITARY DISTRICT, OR OTHER STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC ENTITY WHICH HAS AUTHORITY TO OWN OR OPERATE A WASTEWATER FACILITY, AND INCLUDES ANY COMBINATION OF 2 OR MORE OF THE FOREGOING, ACTING JOINTLY TO CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE A WASTEWATER FACILITY.

(K) "LOAN" MEANS A LOAN FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF A WASTEWATER FACILITY.

(L) "LOAN AGREEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO A LOAN.

(M) "LOAN OBLIGATION" MEANS A BOND, NOTE, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF OBLIGATION ISSUED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO EVIDENCE ITS INDEBTEDNESS UNDER A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO A LOAN.

(N) "WASTEWATER FACILITY" MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT, PLANT, TREATMENT WORKS, STRUCTURE, MACHINERY, APPARATUS, INTEREST IN LAND, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE, WHICH IS ACQUIRED, USED, CONSTRUCTED, OR OPERATED FOR THE STORAGE, COLLECTION, TREATMENT, NEUTRALIZATION, STABILIZATION, REDUCTION, RECYCLING, RECLAMATION, SEPARATION, OR DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER, OR FOR THE FINAL DISPOSAL OF RESIDUES RESULTING FROM THE TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER, INCLUDING: TREATMENT OR DISPOSAL PLANTS; OUTFALL SEWERS, INTERCEPTOR SEWERS, AND COLLECTOR SEWERS; PUMPING AND VENTILATING STATIONS, FACILITIES, AND WORKS; PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR CONTROLLING NONPOINT SOURCES OF WATER POLLUTION AND FOR ESTUARINE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT; AND OTHER REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND APPURTENANCES INCIDENT TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT, USE, OR OPERATION.

9-1602.

THERE IS A MARYLAND WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

9-1603.

(A) THE SECRETARY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL OPERATE AND EXERCISE THE POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL RECEIVE SUCH SALARY AND HAVE SUCH DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE LEGAL ADVISOR FOR AND REPRESENT THE ADMINISTRATION.