

demolition and construction debris, household appliances, automobile bodies, offal, paunch manure, methane or ANY other gases, sewage sludge and solid or gaseous waste materials from INDIVIDUAL, commercial, agricultural, [or] industrial [activities], or [from] community activities.

(q) "Wastewater purification project" means any service, facility, or property, real or personal, used or useful or having present capacity for future use in connection with the collection or treatment of liquid wastes.

(r) "Water supply project" means any service, facility, or property, real or personal, used, useful, or having present capacity for future use in connection with water supply and distribution, including any water treatment facility or property and rights therein and appurtenances thereto.

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(a) To assist with the preservation, improvement, and management of the quality of air, land, and water resources, and to promote the health and welfare of the citizens of the State, it is the intention of the General Assembly in enactment of this subtitle to provide for dependable, effective, and efficient water supply and purification and disposal of liquid and solid wastes, to encourage reductions in the amount of waste generated and discharged to the environment and the generation of energy and the recovery of useable resources from such waste to the extent practicable; TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; and to serve its political subdivisions and economic interests. For these purposes, the General Assembly creates an instrumentality of the State constituted as a body politic and corporate to provide water supply and waste purification and disposal services in compliance with State laws, regulations, and policies governing air, land, and water pollution to public and private instrumentalities, and with safeguards to protect the autonomy of the political subdivisions and the rights of the private entities it serves. IT IS ALSO THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE INSTRUMENTALITY MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROVIDE ITS SERVICES.

(b) This subtitle shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. However, nothing contained in it shall restrict any control which the Departments of the Environment and Natural Resources, or of their units, are empowered to exercise over any water supply, wastewater purification or solid waste disposal project authorized by this subtitle, [except as provided in § 3-103(i) of this subtitle;] nor interfere with or affect the operation of existing wastewater purification, water supply, or solid waste disposal projects found by the Secretary of the Environment to be adequately and lawfully operated by municipalities having jurisdiction or responsibility for them, except by their express consent and agreement.

(c) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to alter, change, OR modify[, or restrict] the zoning or land use planning authority of any municipality or public instrumentality or cause a municipality or public instrumentality to take action inconsistent with the county solid waste management plan required under Title 9, Subtitle 5 of the Environment Article.

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