

party accept the general obligations of signatories under this compact: Provided, that special supplementary agreements shall become effective only after being consented to by the Congress.

(p) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to restrict, relinquish or be in derogation of, any power or authority constitutionally possessed by any signatory within its jurisdiction, except as specifically provided in a supplementary agreement.

(q) Signatories may enact such additional legislation as may be deemed appropriate to enable their officers and governmental agencies to accomplish effectively the purposes of this compact and supplementary agreements.

(r) Supplementary agreements may be amended in the manner provided in subsection (n) for the same purposes as provided in subsection (m).

(s) Any person who is a party in interest may commence a civil action on his own behalf against any signatory or any common or joint agency established by supplementary agreement (to the extent permitted by the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution) to enjoin any violation of this compact whenever such action constitutes a case or controversy. The district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction, without regard to the amount in controversy or the citizenship of the parties, over any such action. For purposes of this section the term "person" means any individual or organization; or any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States, a state or local government, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a possession of the United States.

Article 5

Construction, Amendment and Effective Date

(t) No provision of this compact or a supplementary agreement shall be construed as invalidating any provision of law of any signatory, or as limiting the enactment or enforcement of any legislation or regulations by any signatory imposing additional conditions and restrictions to further lessen or prevent environmental pollution within its jurisdiction: Provided, that such conditions and restrictions shall not interfere with the realization by any other signatory of benefits originally contemplated by such agreement, or any amendment thereto.

(u) The provisions of this compact or of supplementary agreements shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact, or a supplementary agreement is declared to be contrary to the Constitution of any signatory or of the United States or is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this compact or of the supplementary agreement and the applicability thereof to any participating jurisdiction, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining participating jurisdiction and in full force and effect as to the signatory affected as to all severable matters. It is the intent of the signatories that the provisions of this compact shall be reasonably and liberally construed in the context of its purposes.

(v) Amendments to this compact shall become effective when approved by Congress and may be adopted by any signatory.