

~~(D) "NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-101 OF THIS ARTICLE AND IS A POLLUTANT DISCHARGE SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE STATE.~~

(C) "EXPANDED WATER APPROPRIATION PERMIT" MEANS A REVISED PERMIT GRANTING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF WATER AUTHORIZED UNDER THE EXISTING WATER APPROPRIATION PERMIT.

~~(E)~~ (D) "WATER CONSERVATION" MEANS THE USE OF PRACTICES, TECHNIQUES, AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT:

- (1) REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION, LOSS, OR WASTE OF WATER;
- (2) IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE USE OF WATER; OR
- (3) MAKE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF WATER ~~OR WASTEWATER~~ TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE.

5-5B-02.

THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS SERVING AT LEAST 10,000 INDIVIDUALS ~~AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS DISCHARGING AT LEAST 1,000,000 GALLONS PER DAY THAT:~~

- (1) APPLY FOR A NEW, ~~RENEWED, OR AMENDED~~ OR EXPANDED WATER APPROPRIATION PERMIT;
- ~~(2) DO NOT HAVE AN APPROPRIATION PERMIT;~~
- ~~(3) APPLY FOR A NEW OR AMENDED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT; OR~~
- (4) (2) APPLY FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INCLUDING THE MARYLAND WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 9-1605 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER STATE FUNDING SOURCE.

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IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO:

- (1) ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN COST-EFFECTIVE MEASURES THAT IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH WATER ~~AND WASTEWATER ARE~~ IS USED, TREATED, STORED, AND TRANSMITTED IN THE STATE;
- (2) REDUCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TREATING, STORING, AND TRANSMITTING WATER ~~AND WASTEWATER~~; AND
- (3) PROTECT THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE FISH AND WILDLIFE OF THE POTOMAC RIVER, THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, AND ALL OTHER WATERS AND WATERWAYS OF THE STATE.

5-5B-04.

~~(A) WHEN APPLYING FOR A NEW OR EXPANDED WATER APPROPRIATION OR WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT; OR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC~~