

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

5-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Administration" means Water Management Administration.

(c) "Appropriate county governing body" means the county commissioners of any nonchartered county or the county council of any chartered county in which a portion of the watershed is located.

(d) "County" includes Baltimore City unless otherwise indicated.

(e) "Department" means Department of the Environment.

(f) "Director" means Director of the Water Management Administration.

(g) "Person" includes the federal government, the State, any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State, or any of their units, or an individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary, or representative of any kind, or any partnership, firm, association, public or private corporation, or any other entity.

(h) (1) "Pollution" means every contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties, of any waters of the State.

(2) "Pollution" includes change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters of the State or the discharge or deposit of any organic matter, harmful organism, or liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any waters of the State as will render the waters of the State harmful, detrimental, or injurious to public health, safety, or welfare, domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, other legitimate beneficial uses, or livestock, wild animals, birds or fish or other aquatic life.

(I) "PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-401 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(i)] (J) "Secretary" means Secretary of the Department of the Environment.