

RULES, REGULATIONS, CLASSIFICATIONS AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO THE SURFACE WATERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Declaration of Policy, as set forth in Section 211, Article 21, Chapter 143 of the General Statutes of North Carolina (Chapter 606, Session Laws of 1951) as amended, reads as follows: "It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this State to provide for the conservation of its water and air resources. Furthermore, it is the intent of the General Assembly, within the context of this Article to achieve and to maintain for the citizens of the State a total environment of superior quality. Recognizing that the water and air resources of the State belong to the people, the General Assembly affirms the State's ultimate responsibility for the preservation and development of these resources in the best interest of all its citizens and declares the prudent utilization of these resources to be essential to the general welfare. It is the purpose of this Article to create an agency which shall administer a program of water and air pollution control and water resource management. It is the intent of the General Assembly, through the duties and powers defined herein, to confer such authority upon the Board of Water and Air Resources as shall be necessary to administer a complete program of water and air conservation, pollution abatement and control and to achieve a coordinated effort of pollution abatement and control with other jurisdictions. Standards of water and air purity shall be designed to protect human health, to prevent injury to plant and animal life, to prevent damage to public and private property, to insure the continued enjoyment of the natural attractions of the State, to encourage the expansion of employment opportunities, to provide a permanent foundation for healthy industrial development and to secure for the people of North Carolina, now and in the future, the beneficial uses of these great natural resources."

In accordance with the declaration of policy and under authority of Article 21, Chapter 143, General Statutes of North Carolina (Chapter 606, Session Laws of 1951), and pursuant to public hearings duly called and held at the places and on the dates designated in notices published as required by Statute, Rules, Regulations, Classifications and Water Quality Standards Applicable to the Surface Waters of North Carolina were adopted by the State Stream Sanitation Committee of North Carolina, on November 19, 1953.

In accordance with the above declaration of policy and under authority of Article 21, Chapter 143, General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and pursuant to public hearing duly called and held at the place and on the date designated in notice published as required by Statute, the Rules, Regulations, Classifications and Water Quality Standards Applicable to the Surface Waters of North Carolina amended and adopted by the Board of Water and Air Resources, on January 30, 1968, are hereby amended and adopted by the Board of Water and Air Resources as set forth in the accompanying rules and regulations, this the 13th day of October, 1970.

BOARD OF WATER AND AIR RESOURCES **CLW**