

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

Chairman: Joseph H. McLain, 1953

Ex-officio Members: Robert H. Riley, Director, Department of Health; David H. Wallace, Chairman, Board of Natural Resources; R. V. Truitt, Director, Department of Research and Education; Ernest A. Vaughn, Director, Department of Game and Inland Fish.

Appointed Members: Shepperd T. Powell, 1951; George F. Hazlewood, 1955.

Paul W. McKee, Executive Secretary

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The Water Pollution Control Commission was created in 1947 as a result of the recommendation of the temporary Committee on Water Pollution which had been designated to study the problem of water pollution in 1945. The Commission is composed of seven members, three of whom are appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, except that of the first three appointed one shall serve for two years, one for four years, and the third for six years. The other four members are the Director of the State Department of Health, the Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources, the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish, and the Director of the Department of Research and Education. The Chairman, who must be one of the appointed members, is designated by the Governor.

The Commission has the power to pass such regulations as are necessary to prevent the pollution of the streams and waters within the State. The agency studies and investigates all sources of stream pollution; it may request or suggest that known polluters take proper steps to correct the situation. Should any request or suggestion not be complied with, the Commission may order that the request be fulfilled within a definite period of time. Any polluter who has a complaint or feels a specific hardship in complying may receive a hearing before the Commission. The Department has collected data in regard to stream pollution in the various regions of the State and municipal sewage disposal, and is currently making a survey of industrial waste disposal. The agency maintains, at The Johns Hopkins University, a laboratory for the purpose of determining the amount and cause of water pollution through chemical and bacterial analysis (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 19A, secs. 29-34; Acts 1949, Ch. 239).

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Appropriation, 1950	35,075.00

Staff: 7.