

## (22) FLOATABLE MATERIAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “floatable material” means any foreign matter that may float or remain suspended in the water column.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “floatable material” includes—

- (i) plastic;
- (ii) aluminum cans;
- (iii) wood products;
- (iv) bottles; and
- (v) paper products.

(23) PATHOGEN INDICATOR.—The term “pathogen indicator” means a substance that indicates the potential for human infectious disease.

(24) OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION.—The term “oil and gas exploration, production, processing, or treatment operations or transmission facilities” means all field activities or operations associated with exploration, production, processing, or treatment operations, or transmission facilities, including activities necessary to prepare a site for drilling and for the movement and placement of drilling equipment, whether or not such field activities or operations may be considered to be construction activities.

## (25) RECREATIONAL VESSEL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “recreational vessel” means any vessel that is—

- (i) manufactured or used primarily for pleasure; or
- (ii) leased, rented, or chartered to a person for the pleasure of that person.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “recreational vessel” does not include a vessel that is subject to Coast Guard inspection and that—

- (i) is engaged in commercial use; or
- (ii) carries paying passengers.

(26) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term “treatment works” has the meaning given the term in section 1292 of this title.

(June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title V, § 502, as added Pub. L. 92-500, § 2, Oct. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 886; amended Pub. L. 95-217, § 33(b), Dec. 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 1577; Pub. L. 100-4, title V, §§ 502(a), 503, Feb. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 75; Pub. L. 100-688, title III, § 3202(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4154; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, § 325(c)(3), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 259; Pub. L. 106-284, § 5, Oct. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 875; Pub. L. 109-58, title III, § 323, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 110-288, § 3, July 29, 2008, 122 Stat. 2650; Pub. L. 113-121, title V, § 5012(b), June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1328.)

## AMENDMENTS

- 2014—Par. (26). Pub. L. 113-121 added par. (26).
- 2008—Par. (25). Pub. L. 110-288 added par. (25).
- 2005—Par. (24). Pub. L. 109-58 added par. (24).
- 2000—Pars. (21) to (23). Pub. L. 106-284 added pars. (21) to (23).
- 1996—Par. (6)(A). Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “‘sewage from vessels or a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel of the Armed Forces’” for “‘sewage from vessels’”.
- 1988—Par. (20). Pub. L. 100-688 added par. (20).
- 1987—Par. (3). Pub. L. 100-4, § 502(a), inserted “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Samoa.”
- Par. (14). Pub. L. 100-4, § 503, inserted “agricultural stormwater discharges and” after “does not include”.
- 1977—Par. (14). Pub. L. 95-217 inserted provision that “point source” does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-121 effective Oct. 1, 2014, see section 5012(c) of Pub. L. 113-121, set out as a note under section 1292 of this title.

## TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

## TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE OF UNITED STATES

For extension of territorial sea and contiguous zone of United States, see Proc. No. 5928 and Proc. No. 7219, respectively, set out as notes under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

## DEFINITION OF “POINT SOURCE”

Pub. L. 100-4, title V, § 507, Feb. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 78, provided that: “For purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act [33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.], the term ‘point source’ includes a landfill leachate collection system.”

**§ 1363. Water Pollution Control Advisory Board****(a) Establishment; composition; terms of office**

(1) There is hereby established in the Environmental Protection Agency a Water Pollution Control Advisory Board, composed of the Administrator or his designee, who shall be Chairman, and nine members appointed by the President, none of whom shall be Federal officers or employees. The appointed members, having due regard for the purposes of this chapter, shall be selected from among representatives of various State, interstate, and local governmental agencies, of public or private interests contributing to, affected by, or concerned with pollution, and of other public and private agencies, organizations, or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of pollution prevention and control, as well as other individuals who are expert in this field.

(2)(A) Each member appointed by the President shall hold office for a term of three years, except that (i) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and (ii) the terms of office of the members first taking office after June 30, 1956, shall expire as follows: three at the end of one year after such date, three at the end of two years after such date, and three at the end of three years after such date, as designated by the President at the time of appointment, and (iii) the term of any member under the preceding provisions shall be extended until the date on which his successor’s appointment is effective. None of the members appointed by the President shall be eligible for reappointment within one year after the end of his preceding term.

(B) The members of the Board who are not officers or employees of the United States, while attending conferences or meetings of the Board or while serving at the request of the Administrator, shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Administrator, but not exceeding \$100 per diem, including travel-time, and while away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed trav-

el expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

**(b) Functions**

The Board shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Administrator on matters of policy relating to the activities and functions of the Administrator under this chapter.

**(c) Clerical and technical assistance**

Such clerical and technical assistance as may be necessary to discharge the duties of the Board shall be provided from the personnel of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title V, § 503, as added Pub. L. 92-500, § 2, Oct. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 887.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by law, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B), probably means the allowances authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CONTINUATION OF TERM OF OFFICE

Pub. L. 87-88, §6(c), July 20, 1961, 75 Stat. 207, provided that members of the Water Pollution Control Advisory Board holding office immediately preceding July 20, 1961 were to remain in office as members of the Board as established by section 6(a) of Pub. L. 87-88 until the expiration of the terms of office for which they were originally appointed.

TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Act July 9, 1956, ch. 518, § 3, 70 Stat. 507, provided that the terms of office of members of the Water Pollution Control Advisory Board, holding office on July 9, 1956, were to terminate at the close of business on that date.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a board established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such board is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a board established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 1364. Emergency powers**

**(a) Emergency powers**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Administrator upon receipt of evidence that a pollution source or combination of sources is presenting an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health of persons or to the welfare of persons where such endangerment is to the livelihood of such persons, such as inability to market shellfish, may bring suit on behalf of the United States in the appropriate district court to immediately restrain any person causing or contributing to the alleged pollution to stop the discharge of pollutants causing or contributing to such pollution or to take such other action as may be necessary.

**(b) Repealed. Pub. L. 96-510, title III, § 304(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2809**

(June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title V, § 504, as added Pub. L. 92-500, § 2, Oct. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 888; amended

Pub. L. 95-217, § 69, Dec. 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 1607; Pub. L. 96-510, title III, § 304(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2809.)

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-510 struck out subsec. (b) which related to emergency assistance, establishment of an emergency fund, and preparation of a contingency plan for such emergencies.

1977—Pub. L. 95-217 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-510 effective Dec. 11, 1980, see section 9652 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**§ 1365. Citizen suits**

**(a) Authorization; jurisdiction**

Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 1319(g)(6) of this title, any citizen may commence a civil action on his own behalf—

(1) against any person (including (i) the United States, and (ii) any other governmental instrumentality or agency to the extent permitted by the eleventh amendment to the Constitution) who is alleged to be in violation of (A) an effluent standard or limitation under this chapter or (B) an order issued by the Administrator or a State with respect to such a standard or limitation, or

(2) against the Administrator where there is alleged a failure of the Administrator to perform any act or duty under this chapter which is not discretionary with the Administrator.

The district courts shall have jurisdiction, without regard to the amount in controversy or the citizenship of the parties, to enforce such an effluent standard or limitation, or such an order, or to order the Administrator to perform such act or duty, as the case may be, and to apply any appropriate civil penalties under section 1319(d) of this title.

**(b) Notice**

No action may be commenced—

(1) under subsection (a)(1) of this section—

(A) prior to sixty days after the plaintiff has given notice of the alleged violation (i) to the Administrator, (ii) to the State in which the alleged violation occurs, and (iii) to any alleged violator of the standard, limitation, or order, or

(B) if the Administrator or State has commenced and is diligently prosecuting a civil or criminal action in a court of the United States, or a State to require compliance with the standard, limitation, or order, but in any such action in a court of the United States any citizen may intervene as a matter of right.

(2) under subsection (a)(2) of this section prior to sixty days after the plaintiff has given notice of such action to the Administrator,

except that such action may be brought immediately after such notification in the case of an action under this section respecting a violation of sections 1316 and 1317(a) of this title. Notice under this subsection shall be given in such