SUBCHAPTER B—SPECIAL REGULATIONS

PART 430—GROUND WATER PROTECTION AREA: PENNSYLVANIA

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§ 430.1 Policy.

The provisions of this part implement Commission Resolutions 80–18 and 80–27 relating to ground water protection in southeastern Pennsylvania.

§ 430.3 Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to protect the ground water resources in the Triassic lowland and adjacent area of southeastern Pennsylvania and the public interest in those resources. In particular this regulation is to:
(a) Assure the effective management of water withdrawals to avoid depletion of natural stream flows and ground waters and to protect the quality of such water.
(b) Assure that ground water withdrawals are undertaken consistent with the policies stated in the Comprehensive Plan.
(c) Protect the just and equitable interests and rights of present and future lawful users of water resources, giving due regard to the need to balance and reconcile alternative and conflicting uses in view of present and threatened shortages of water of the quality required to serve such uses.  
(d) Provide a mechanism for the acquisition of additional information necessary to more accurately plan and manage water resources.  
(e) Encourage all water users to adopt and implement reasonable water conservation measures and practices, to assure efficient use of limited water supplies.

§ 430.5 Definitions.

For purposes of this regulation, except as otherwise required by the context:

Aquifer means waterbearing formation that contains sufficient ground water to be important as a source of supply.

Comprehensive Plan means the plans, policies and programs adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan of the Delaware Basin in accordance with section 3.2 and Article 13 of the Delaware River Basin Compact.

Ground water means all water beneath the surface of the ground.

Ground water basin means a subsurface structure having the character of a basin with respect to the collection, retention and outflow of water.

Ground water protected area means the areas declared and delineated by the Commission to be a ground water protected area pursuant to Article 10 of the Delaware River Basin Compact.  

Ground water recharge means the addition of water to an aquifer by infiltration of precipitation through the soil, infiltration from surface streams, lakes or reservoirs, flow of ground water from another aquifer, or pumping of water into the aquifer through wells.

Project means the same word as defined by section 1.2(g) of the Delaware River Basin Compact.

Protected area permit means a permit to divert or withdraw ground water within the ground water protected area for domestic, municipal, agricultural or industrial uses, granted pursuant to