

Presented below are water quality standards that are in effect for Clean Water Act purposes.

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EPA review of New York State Water Classifications 6NYCRR Parts 800-941

Effective dates for the New York State Water Classifications at 6NYCRR Parts 800-941 (for Clean Water Act purposes) correspond to the following approvals by EPA Region 2.

August 12, 2005 – This approval addresses the following classifications:

- Allegheny River drainage basin (6 NYCRR Part 800-802);
- Black River drainage basin (6 NYCRR Part 805);
- Delaware River drainage basin (6 NYCRR Part 815)
- Genesee River drainage basin (6 NYCRR Parts 820 and 821);
- Lower Hudson River, Upper East River, Long Island Sound (6 NYCRR Parts 855-59, 861, 862, 864 and 935 (fresh water));
- Lower Hudson River, Upper East River, Long Island Sound (6 NYCRR Parts 859, 864, and 935 (marine water));
- Lower Hudson River drainage basins (6 NYCRR Parts 860, 863, and 865);
- Mohawk River drainage basin (6 NYCRR Part 875-880);
- Water bodies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties that are within the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound drainage basins (6 NYCRR Part 885 and 920-925); and,
- Seneca/Oneida/Oswego River drainage basins (6 NYCRR Part 895-899).

February 18, 1999 - This approval addresses the following classifications:

- New York City water supply reservoirs: The amended surface water classifications for the four New York City water supply reservoirs consist of the reclassification of all or portions of the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs from Class A to Class AA. The Cannonsville, Neversink, and Pepacton Reservoirs are located within the Delaware River drainage basin, and the Schoharie Reservoir is located within the Mohawk River drainage basin.
- Susquehanna River drainage basin
- Chemung River drainage basin
- Upper Hudson River drainage basin
- Lake Ontario drainage basin
- Lake Erie/Niagara River Drainage basin

September 30, 1987 – EPA approved upgrades of:

- The Hudson river between the Harlem River and Hastings on Hudson; and,
- A number of waters in the Housatonic basin.