

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §22-2-9

## **§22-2-9. General and miscellaneous powers and duties of director; cooperative agreements; injunctive relief; water treatment plants and facilities; transfer of funds and interagency cooperation.**

(a) The director is authorized to engage in any work and to do all things necessary and proper, including promulgation of rules, to implement and administer the provisions of this article.

(b) The director is authorized to engage in cooperative projects under this article with any other agency of the United States of America, any state, county or municipal agency or subdivision thereof.

(c) The director may request the Attorney General, who is hereby authorized to initiate, in addition to any other remedies provided for in this article, in any court of competent jurisdiction, an action in equity for an injunction to restrain any interference with the exercise of the right to enter or to conduct any work provided in this article.

(d) The director has the authority to construct and operate a plant or any facilities for the control and treatment of water pollution resulting from mine drainage. The extent of this control and treatment may be dependent upon the ultimate use of the water: Provided, That this subsection does not repeal or supersede any portion of the applicable federal or state water pollution control laws and no control or treatment under this section may be less than that required under any applicable federal or state water pollution control law. The construction of any facilities may include major interceptors and other facilities appurtenant to the plant.

(e) All departments, boards, commissions and agencies of the state shall cooperate with the director by providing technical expertise, personnel, equipment, materials and supplies to implement and administer the provisions of this article.