

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 3: THE ENVIRONMENT**

**§ 3328. Designation of Groundwater Management Zones.**

(a) The chief shall designate selected regions of the Commonwealth as groundwater management zones shall be rated as class I, class II or class III based on available hydrogeologic information and the following criteria:

- (1) Groundwater quality,
- (2) Availability of recharge,
- (3) Susceptibility to degradation, and
- (4) Present and future land use.

(b) Class I groundwater management zones shall include sensitive groundwater recharge areas and aquifers which contain high quality water and which are most subject to contamination or degradation. Class I groundwater management zones shall be established as critical groundwater protection areas and shall be given the highest level of environmental protection. The chief shall establish requirements to ensure the protection of class I groundwater resources from contamination or degradation.

(c) The chief shall prepare a map which defines which groundwater management zones shall be given the highest priority for use and protection.

(d) The chief may establish additional requirements for class I, II, and III groundwater management zones.

**Source:** PL 6-12, § 12.

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the references to the “chief” of the Division of Environmental Quality, see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.