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**1998 No.**

**Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1998**

**PART II**

**FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
IN RELATION TO MATTERS AFFECTING WATER**

*General duty of the Department*

**Duty of Department to promote conservation and cleanliness of water resources**

- 4.—(1) The Department shall—
- (a) promote the conservation of the water resources of Northern Ireland;
  - (b) promote the cleanliness of water in waterways and underground strata.
- (2) The Department shall, in exercising its functions in relation to the conservation of water resources and the cleanliness of water, have regard to—
- (a) the needs of industry and agriculture;
  - (b) the protection of fisheries;
  - (c) the protection of public health;
  - (d) the preservation of amenity and the conservation of flora and fauna; and
  - (e) the conservation of geological or physiographical features of special interest and any feature of archaeological, historical, architectural or traditional interest.