

So, there is a close tie here and the programs must be coordinated.

The coordination relates not only to the activities, however, that are carried on on a Federal level, but importantly the activities that are carried on by the States and by the local governments.

On the local government level, for instance, one of the troublesome things in administering these programs is to effect the appropriate coordination between the department of sanitation, if it is so labeled, that is charged with the responsibility of collecting and disposing of solid waste, and the air pollution control activity that may be conducted by the same or a parallel organization in a local government.

We must incorporate in our administrative procedures the necessary coordination so that one does not unnecessarily interfere with the other.

Mr. DADDARIO. Will the gentleman yield at this point?

Mr. CONABLE. Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry, I do have to leave.

Mr. DADDARIO. You may feed this into your question. How is the coordination of water, air, and solid waste problems handled now that the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration has been transferred to the Department of the Interior from your Department?

Mr. COHEN. Could I just say in answer, because perhaps you have to go, Mr. Conable, having been a member of the State board of health some years ago, I became quite concerned about the problem that you are indicating, that there had to be more effective coordination particularly at the State level where the geographical problems of air and water sometimes differ. I mean, one community has a really serious water problem but not much of an air problem and another one has a very serious air problem and not much water, and some have both.

And, with shortage of resources and funding at the State level, I think there is a need at the State level for much more effective coordination. I'm not talking about the R. & D. aspects. I'm really talking about quality standards, enforcement, compliance, that sort of aspect.

I think I would like to ask Mr. MacKenzie again to answer that question about the interrelationship between those three aspects.

Mr. MACKENZIE. We have not yet fully developed, in my opinion, the coordination that will be necessary between the Water Pollution Control Administration which has been transferred to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. There are discussions now going on between the two Departments in order to effect this coordination. The responsibility for the health aspects of water pollution was not transferred to Interior. It remains in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and obviously there will be a need for continuing liaison and close cooperation in order that the interest of both Departments can be incorporated in the actions that need to be taken.

With respect to coordination between the other elements of pollution control, principally air pollution and solid waste handling and disposal, there is a continuing coordination between the Division of Air Pollution and the Office of Solid Wastes, both of which are currently operated in the Public Health Service under the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.