

Mr. MacKENZIE. We have currently been operating on the directive that is included in the Clean Air Act that the primary responsibility for control of air pollution rests with the States and local governments. We think we need to give this a fair trial. If it does not result in the improvement that we think is desirable, we will come back and report so to the Congress and hope that the policy will then be changed.

Mr. VIVIAN. Will the gentleman yield a minute. I can appreciate his concern because I remember driving to his district, and by the time I got through the Holland Tunnel I was incapable of smelling anything.

Mr. RYAN. How much time do you intend to give the local communities and governments before you come forward with something that is a more nationally oriented plan?

Mr. MacKENZIE. Well, I wouldn't like to set down a definite time scale for this, Mr. Ryan, at this point. Under the terms of the Clean Air Act, however, in certain regional areas which are interstate in character, we are making studies for the purpose of determining whether or not more direct Federal action may be called for.

With respect to the New York City metropolitan area we have already initiated a Federal abatement action involving pollution which flows either way across the State line from New York to New Jersey or vice versa from New Jersey to New York.

We expect to hold the first formal conference in connection with this abatement action a little later this fall.

Mr. DADDARIO. So the techniques are developing in this direction?

Mr. MacKENZIE. Yes.

Mr. DADDARIO. Not as fast as we would like, apparently.

Mr. Brown?

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Chairman, could I explore a slightly different aspect of this? Perhaps this was touched on by Secretary Cohen, but is there any scientific discipline which is primarily concerned with the development or the progress in the field of waste management or pollution control which could be assisted in the same fashion that we provide assistance to other scientific disciplines? Is there a developing discipline in this single area? I recognize the fact that many disciplines contribute to it but is there something more specific that could be encouraged?

Mr. STERN. There is support provided by the Public Health Service both in the specific area of training for air pollution and in the more general area of environmental health which includes not only air but also aspects of land and water. Support is thus being provided both at the level which looks at all of these disciplines as a unit, and at the separate discipline.

In the particular area of air pollution we are supporting university training this year at 20 universities and in the coming fiscal year we expect to expand this to 38. This year we are supporting as either fellows, or by stipends from the university training grants, 159 fellows at university level air pollution training and this will be expanded this fiscal year to 268.

And, at our own training facilities in Cincinnati, where we have short-term training courses this past year we have trained about a