

## THE ADEQUACY OF TECHNOLOGY FOR POLLUTION ABATEMENT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT,  
*Washington, D.C.*

The committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m., in the auditorium, Old State Building, 217 West First Street, Los Angeles, Calif., the Hon. George E. Brown, Jr. (acting chairman of the subcommittee), presiding.

Mr. Brown. This is a special meeting of the Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Development of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

We are here this morning to hear a previously scheduled witness and, if we have time, further witnesses who may choose to appear or submit statements.

This morning we have Dr. Haagen-Smit, Mr. Louis Fuller, from the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District, Mr. Eric Grant, from the State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board, and Mr. W. L. Rogers from the Aerojet-General Corp.

Before we call Dr. Haagen-Smit, I have a brief opening statement which I will read, and then we will proceed with the testimony of the witnesses.

I am pleased, along with my colleague, Mr. Bell, to bring this field hearing of the Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Development of the House Science and Astronautics Committee to Los Angeles. Our chairman, Mr. Daddario, was most anxious that the record include testimony from today's witnesses which was not available to us in Washington because of the recent airlines strike and limitations of time there.

The thrust of these hearings is to review the state of the art in pollution abatement technology. We want to know where the competence is available to move ahead with capital investment and also where our present ignorance dictates the diversion of funds to move research and development.

Several committees of the Congress have been instrumental in implementing the growing public consensus for action in restoring the quality of our environment. The activities of our committee are complementary in that we want to make sure that American science and engineering are supporting the newly expressed goals and timetables.

So far, our studies have shown that the key to pollution abatement is proper waste management. In other words, our society is using,