

One of the local industrial operations—I try to keep away from names—has found that the contaminant which has been recovered was running a very high percentage of nickel.

This was reduced and pelletized and shipped to Utah for smelting, and they have recovered the cost of their control equipment.

Mr. BROWN. I wish that could be true of all industry,

Mr. FULLER. I do, too.

Mr. BROWN. Congressman Bell?

Mr. BELL. Just a few questions.

It is a pleasure to welcome you here before the committee, and I am certain, as Chairman Brown has indicated, we can take great pride in sending to other areas suggestions you have made.

How can the training and equipping of local agency officials be coordinated with industrial pollution control personnel?

Mr. FULLER. I am sure you gentlemen are aware of the fact there is presently in effect grants for the training of air pollution officials in the universities, one particularly in the University of California.

I think this effort is in swaddling clothes at the present time. I think there has to be a review of the training programs to bring a more practical aspect to it. I think it is time for the coveralls to be put on, and to actually enter industry and get acquainted with the problem in that area under the heat and stress of production, rather than in the classroom with the blackboard.

I think that the program can be advanced. As to how this can be accomplished, again the local agencies, including this agency, have reached the extent of our fiscal responsibility here, and I don't think we can go any further.

I have heard rumors there is a city back East that has unlimited funds they dole out by the basketful. I don't necessarily believe that, but I think that the Federal Government has a responsibility to proceed as far as is absolutely necessary, but no further.

In those areas where the local district is completely handicapped either by technical knowledge or financial support, then the Federal Government does have the responsibility for the health of its people.

Mr. BELL. Would you say in the Los Angeles area the Federal Government has some responsibility?

Mr. FULLER. Yes, I do, for this reason. I don't want to paint too rosy a picture here, I don't want you to leave here under the impression everything has been solved here. It hasn't. There are still some problems that are very knotty problems, and will require the finest type of research.

For example, the control of nitrogen oxides. Oxides of nitrogen are a very serious problem because they, as you know, are highly toxic, and last longer than carbon monoxide.

So there are still some areas where we don't have the ability in Los Angeles. We have a modest laboratory here, but we no longer have the support and money to proceed with that type of research, but it must be done.

Mr. BELL. So you feel there should be some additional effort on the part of perhaps a partnership arrangement between State, local and Federal and industry generally to further research and study in this area?