

*Question 5: With respect to the coordination of Federal action regarding air, water, and solid waste pollution abatement, what agreements exist between HEW and other agencies and how is coordination effected to insure that Federal choices and emphasis among research programs do not create problems and deficiencies in other areas?*

Answer: The recent transfer of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to the Department of the Interior will require that new lines of communication and coordination be established with this program. The necessary arrangements are currently being worked out by representatives of both Departments.

Coordination with the Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior, whose research in air pollution is supported in part by contracts with the Division of Air Pollution, is accomplished by frequent top-level meetings and almost constant liaison among lower level scientific personnel. The Bureau of Mines (and all other Federal agencies conducting research under contracts with the Division of Air Pollution) submits quarterly reports of technical progress and an annual summary report.

The need for close coordination with the activities of the Office of Solid Waste Disposal of the Public Health Service is met in large part through constant communication with staff of that program. The fact that both the Office of Solid Wastes and the Division of Air Pollution are in the same organizational unit of the Public Health Service facilitates liaison and provides opportunities for policy and planning coordination at the next highest level of authority.

The Interdepartmental Committee for Atmospheric Sciences of the Federal Council for Science and Technology is charged with promoting closer cooperation among Federal agencies concerned with problems in the atmospheric sciences, facilitating resolution of common problems, improving the planning and management of research in this area, and advising the President on coordination of Federal programs in the atmospheric sciences. The Division of Air Pollution represents the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare on this Committee.

The Division of Air Pollution also represents the Department on the Federal Committee for Meteorological Services and Applied Meteorological Research, which seeks to coordinate the activities of all Federal agencies that provide and use meteorological services or are engaged in meteorological research. The purposes of this group include coordination of research activities, sharing of facilities where possible, standardization of equipment, cooperation in recruitment and training, and identification of major limitations in meteorological knowledge.

A number of Federal agencies which are not directly concerned with air pollution are nonetheless involved in activities which have an important bearing on community air pollution problems. Examples of such programs include the urban renewal and urban mass transit activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the activities of the General Services Administration with respect to purchases of motor vehicles for use by Federal agencies. The legislation authorizing the urban mass transit program required that new vehicles purchased with Federal aid meet air pollution control speci-