

analysis do provide a means whereby a cost effective approach can be taken.

*Question 6: How does the Department of Defense arrange priorities and plans for pollution abatement for submission to the Bureau of the Budget and the Congress? Are these plans in consonance with national programs developed by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, HEW, or however?*

Answer: The military departments and agencies, in accordance with general guidance developed by Department of Defense Environmental Pollution Control Committee, analyzed their requirements for pollution abatement works and programs and developed their phased plans for inclusion in the consolidated Department of Defense reports to the Bureau of the Budget. Executive Order 11258 required the submission of the first plan for water pollution to the Bureau of the Budget on July 1, 1966, with an annual revision thereafter. This plan was required to be developed in consultation with the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration. The first plan for air pollution abatement will be submitted in accordance with the Executive order on July 1, 1967.

In the case of the water pollution abatement plan for fiscal years 1968-72, the plan was developed as a best estimate of the facilities to be provided and a time phasing schedule contemplated for its accomplishment. It was recognized that the plan does not constitute an actual budgetary program since it must be subjected in each fiscal year to the normal budgetary processes and will have to be revised annually. In the case of water pollution, the initial plan gave highest priority to those installations which could connect to municipal systems which would be constructed in the near future, and to those installations which were not in compliance with State and local regulations. Following this, priority was given to installations having no treatment, and then to those with primary treatment only.

Due consideration in assessing priorities was given to the recommendations outlined in the Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Power, House of Representatives Committee on Government Operations' reports.

The proposed military departments' plans and programs were reviewed with representatives of the regional program directors of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration prior to submission to the Bureau of the Budget. Comments and recommendations regarding installations which they considered should have been included and were not, as well as other suggestions regarding the plan, were furnished to the Department of Defense. The plan has been forwarded to the Bureau of the Budget who, it is our understanding, will have a more detailed review from a national planning viewpoint accomplished by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration prior to advising the various departments as to any changes or modifications required.

In the case of air pollution, instructions are currently being formulated for issuance in the form of a Bureau of the Budget circular which will provide guidance to all Federal departments and agencies. Representatives of the various Federal departments have been consulted regarding specific problems associated with the development of their plans. It is anticipated from information currently available