PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

9. Economic effects

The Office of Resource Development program utilizes extramural grants to universities and other nonprofit institutions for research and training in environmental health. While the program may have no direct bearing on the economy, it seeks to obtain knowledge that is essential to the development and maintenance of a healthful environment. On a long-term basis, therefore, the program may affect the economy through its beneficial influence on the health and well-being of man.

10. Economic classification of program expenditures. (See table 3.)

Program: Extramural program to support research and training in environmental

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Bureau of State Services—Environmental Health; Office of Resource Development.

Table 3.—Economic classification of program expenditures for fiscal year 1965

Federal Government:

Total Federal expenditures 2, 949

Office of Pesticides

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. Objectives

The Office of Pesticides plans, institutes, and directs the national program of the Public Health Service in the detection, assessment, control and reduction of potentially harmful and/or unnecessary exposure of man to pesticides.

2. Operation

The program encompasses (1) a field laboratory, (2) negotiated contracts (with State health departments, universities, research institutes) for pesticide research and support, (3) a direct operations staff (located in Washington), and (4) a headquarters staff (also located in Washington).

3. History

The program was established officially on November 27, 1964, by order of the Surgeon General, PHS. Prior to that date, the program had operated as a part of the Program Office of the Bureau of State Services—Environmental Health, since the spring of 1963, when one professional employee was assigned responsibility for the public health aspects of pesticides in the Bureau of State Services. The total staff had grown to about 15 employees by the date of establishment. The staff presently numbers 65. The first direct appropriation for the program came in fiscal year 1965.

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

Program: Office of Pesticides.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Public Health Service; Bureau of State Services—Environmental Health.