

PHS drinking water standards for application to water supplies throughout the Nation.

2. Operation

These activities are carried out under headquarters supervision by field representatives in nine regional offices, a research staff at the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, and overseas representatives in Brazil, Bolivia, and the Somalia Republic, as well as engineers assigned to cover Latin America generally through the Pan American Health Organization. The enforcement phase of the program is conducted with the assistance of sanitary engineers in the 50 State health departments. Emphasis is placed on promoting training of water supply operators, both at home and abroad, where—as in Brazil, for example—a team of engineers is engaged in a national effort to train water works operators.

3. History

The interstate quarantine regulatory responsibilities of the water supply program have been in existence since 1914 when the first Public Health Service drinking water standards were promulgated. Comprehensive water supply work had its beginning in 1960. Since that time the Water Supply Section has developed many projects, ranging from study of waterborne infectious hepatitis to investigations of water possibly related to cancer and heart disease jointly with the National Cancer and Heart Institutes. Since 1963, the impact of the work has been extended overseas.

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

Program. Interstate carrier program (water supply program).
Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Public Health Service; Bureau of State Services—Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Engineering and Food Protection.

TABLE 1.—Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964–67

Measure	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 (estimate)	Fiscal year 1967 (esti- mate)
(a) Magnitude of program:				
Interstate carrier water supplies.....	760	760	760	770
Overseas countries.....	0	2	4	16
Water supply special projects.....	4	4	5	3
(b) Applicants or participants:				
State and territorial health departments.....	52	52	52	52
Municipal water departments.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100
Interstate travelers, daily.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,300,000
Residents using interstate carrier water supplies.....	77,000,000	77,000,000	77,000,000	80,000,000
(c) Federal finances (see table for total program of the Division).				
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering, operating, or supervising the activity....	12	17	56	56
(f) Non-Federal personnel employed in the program ¹ ..	52	52	52	52

¹ Sanitary engineers in State health departments who contribute their time in making surveys of interstate carrier water supplies.

5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970

Not answered.

6. Prospective changes in program orientation

Not answered.