

7. *Coordination and cooperation*

The Water Supply Section, Interstate Carrier Branch, cooperates with other divisions of the Public Health Service and with other Federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Navy, Agency for International Development, and the Food and Drug Administration. There is close liaison and cooperation with the 52 State and territorial health departments and with many municipal water supply agencies. On the international front, the section is working with the Governments of Brazil, Bolivia, and the Somalia Republic on cooperative water supply projects. The section has close ties with the American Water Works Association and the American Public Health Association.

8. *Laws and regulations*

Public Law 78-410, as amended.

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

9. *Economic effects*

The program has a beneficial effect upon the health of over 76 million American citizens for it is directed toward upgrading and improving the quality of the water they drink. A directly measurable effect of the program is its contribution to the gross national product (GNP). During the past 3 years the contribution to the GNP has been over \$100 million by way of creating additional markets for goods and services required for improvement of water supplies. Nearly all these funds are from local sources.

10. *Economic classification of program expenditures.* (See table above showing total program of the Division.)

SPECIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PROGRAM

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. *Objectives*

The special engineering services program seeks to improve and protect public health by providing technical assistance and advice to State and local health and other agencies, national associations, and organizations, and other Federal agencies on the environmental health and sanitation aspects of individual water supply and sewage disposal systems, institutions and schools, recreational areas, swimming pools and bathing places, plumbing, mobile home parks, travel trailer parking areas, and other problems requiring the application of sanitation principles.

2. *Operation*

Technical consultation on program activities is conducted primarily by regional office personnel of the Division of Environmental Engineering and Food Protection with appropriate supervision and assistance from headquarters. In addition, headquarters is responsible for the production or updating of technical manuals, guides, bulletins, standards, and criteria in the several areas covered by the program. Constant efforts are maintained to identify emerging problems and to watch and collect intelligence on industry and consumer trends in order to meet requests for pertinent information and advice. Data