

Publications developed:

1. Manual of Septic Tank Practice, PHS Publication No. 526.
2. Manual of Individual Water Supply Systems, PHS Publication No. 24.
3. Environmental Health Practice in Recreational Areas, PHS Publication No. 1195.
4. Environmental Engineering for the School, PHS Publication No. 856.
5. Safe Drinking Water in Emergencies, PHS Publication No. 389 (pamphlet).
6. Home Sanitation, PHS Publication No. 231 (pamphlet).
7. Septic Tank Care, PHS Publication No. 73 (pamphlet).
8. Environmental Health Guide for Mobile Home Parks With a Recommended Ordinance.
9. Environmental Health Guide for Travel Trailer Parking Areas With a Recommended Ordinance.
10. Report of Public Health Service Technical Committee on Plumbing Standards, PHS Publication No. 1038.
10. *Economic classification of program expenditures.* (See table above showing total program of the Division.)

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. *Objectives*

Public Law 89-272, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, states the purposes of the solid wastes program as follows:

- (1) To initiate and accelerate a national research and development program for new and improved methods of proper and economic solid waste disposal, including studies directed toward the conservation of natural resources by reducing the amount of waste and unsalvageable materials and by recovery and utilization of potential resources in solid wastes; and
- (2) To provide technical and financial assistance to State and local governments and interstate agencies in the planning, development, and conduct of solid waste disposal programs.

2. *Operation*

The program will include several methods of operation: (1) direct Federal management and research; (2) technical assistance; (3) contracts and matching grants, and (4) training programs with public authorities, agencies, and institutions, and with private agencies, institutions, and individuals.

3. *History*¹

The solid wastes engineering program has been a very small operation with an average of five professional people. Solid wastes legislation has been submitted by Congress several times over the past few years, but no action was taken until this year. In the past, only very limited funds were available for program activities. Technical assistance was provided as funds and personnel allowed. With the signing of Public Law 89-272, the program is expected to grow to approximately 200 people and \$14 million for fiscal year 1967.

4. *Level of operations.* (See table on Federal finances for all programs of the Division of Environmental Engineering and Food Pro-

¹ After the response was submitted, responsibility for administration of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (title II of Public Law 89-272) was placed in a newly created Office of Solid Wastes. This is separate from the Division of Environmental Engineering and Food Protection but (like that Division) is in the Bureau of State Services (Environmental Health).