

These responsibilities, operated almost entirely by an organization in Massachusetts, it seems that the transfer of these functions is highly desirable.

OCEANOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES WOULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER

Oceanographic functions presently lodged in the Department of the Navy and the National Science Foundation would be transferred to the new Department, to be woven within the oceanographic programs—research and operational—now being operated by Interior. This would raise the level of coordination and focus of action presently being spurred by the temporary Cabinet-level National Council on Marine Sciences.

Once again, this has a very interesting relationship to those States which border on the sea, where much of the food on which the fish feed is located in estuaries. The kind of research being done in this particular area has considerable significance, as we discover from the experience at Woods Hole. The scientists there have been doing comprehensive work on oceanography, fishing, and other types of conservation of our fish resources. The importance of having these efforts coordinated and consolidated cannot be overstressed. The fact that this would be coordinated by the new Department would be extremely advantageous in carrying out other area-wide activities. Closely allied with this is the logic of subjecting certain applications for Federal Power Commission licenses to the new Department; many projects for which FPC licenses are sought have profound effect on comprehensive river basin development, and the officials charged with an overall natural resource development program should be given an opportunity to comment.

I think the distinguished chairman is familiar, for example, with a number of different programs that exist for sewage treatment. I believe there are four different programs, for which different communities are eligible. This, obviously, has a very direct relationship which does not have to be explained to the members of this committee, and par-