

26. Research and Development Contract on Packaged Boilers.

- (a) Systems, concepts, and evaluation of packaged boilers burning coal will include air pollution analyses for Health, Education, and Welfare.
 (b) Interior; Health, Education, and Welfare.

Question 5. In your testimony you indicated that OST advises the Bureau of the Budget regarding environmental quality. What types of advice are given? Is it primarily regarding the technical content of agency programs or does it also include advice as to overall priorities as evidenced by their budget allocations?

Answer. This advice includes priorities among program areas, the technical content of agency programs, program priorities in the areas of research, development, and demonstration, advice about budgetary estimates in relation to priorities, advice concerning expansion of inadequately funded programs where authority exists, and advice concerning revision of allocations where estimates are not commensurate with the nature or priority of a task.

The efficacy of any advice is limited by the legislative history of many of these programs and the many Committee jurisdictions involved.

Question 6. How many people are there on the staff of OST or the Federal Council working in the area of environmental quality? What does the effort represent in terms of man years? What activities do they perform?

Answer. There are currently 6 members of the professional staff of OST (out of a total of 19) who devote a significant portion of their time to environmental quality activities. Their combined efforts in this area, strictly defined, represent the equivalent of two to two and one-half man years.

Activities include (1) overall program organization and coordination, (2) staff studies on specific problems such as environmental health and general programs related to environmental quality such as energy policy (3) participation on departmental and interdepartmental panels (4) chairing FCST interdepartmental committees on water resources and environmental quality (5) working with the Budget Bureau on technical and managerial questions (6) responses to inquiries from Congress, public agents, industry, universities, professional societies, and individuals (7) evaluation of reports in the area and proposing means for implementing desirable recommendations (8) organizing the new PSAC continuing Panel on the Environment (9) maintaining liaison with the National Academy of Sciences and Engineering, and (10) provision of advice to the President on related policy issues.

As public interests and commitments in environmental quality have increased, the need for greater staff strength has become apparent. Accordingly, another full-time senior staff member will be added to the Office on April 21, 1968, and one additional full-time professional position has been requested in the 1969 budget. Filling this position should permit OST to improve its capabilities for discharging its increasing responsibilities in environmental quality.

Question 7. Do you view the Councils such as those proposed by Mr. Dingell (H.R. 7796) or Mr. Tunney (H.R. 13211) a constructive addition to the decision-making process regarding the whole question of environmental quality or are such functions adequately provided by OST and the Federal Council?

Answer. We are preparing reports on H.R. 7796 and H.R. 13211 which will be submitted to Bureau of the Budget for clearance along with reports of other agencies.

Question 8. Concerning the Survey of Federal Expenditures for Pollution Research and Development, please supply a table of expenditures by agency and activity for the current fiscal year.

Answer. A copy of the requested information is attached. Details are included in 1967 and 1968 expenditures.