

Mr. RYAN. Would you agree the Department would be in a very untenable position if it said it was going to enforce Federal standards and at the same time on the other hand approve and pay out Federal moneys for something that did not meet those standards?

Dr. WEINBERGER. I would——

Mr. RYAN. That is susceptible of a "Yes" or "No" answer.

Dr. WEINBERGER. I would suggest that if, indeed, we carried out a program which resulted in our encouraging violations of our own standards, this would not be a very good situation to be in.

Mr. RYAN. That is where the Department is today.

Dr. WEINBERGER. I will look——

Mr. RYAN. That is my statement.

Dr. WEINBERGER. All right, sir.

The information requested is as follows:

WASTE TREATMENT WORKS CONSTRUCTION GRANTS REQUIREMENT

When an application for a construction grant is received, it is reviewed to assure that the proposed project will meet all Federal requirements, including conformance with approved water quality standards. If a proposed project of itself does not provide the degree of treatment required by the standards, it will not be approved for a grant unless the applicant shows a firm intent to provide the required degree of treatment within a specified length of time.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Fulton. One more question and then we will allow Dr. Weinberger to finish. I would like then, if possible, to have Dr. Pecora make his statement, which is relatively short, and Mr. Everts.

Mr. FULTON. My point is along the lines of the first comment.

Ten-percent pollution made the fish sterile, you said. What happened to the people in that locality? Was there any effect on the people if that occurred to the fish and was provable?

What is the effect on people of the varieties of pollution, both air and water, because we can show generally that there is a marked distribution pattern on the types of cancer, for example, lung, throat, kidney, liver, even on the breast cancer.

There is a remarkable correlation with the water systems and air pollution systems on types of cancer.

For example, sinus trouble or multiple sclerosis occurred amazingly along our river system and not in our mountain areas.

I would like a statement of what correlation we are trying to get among those particular factors for the record.

(Information requested is as follows:)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

CORRELATION BETWEEN WATER POLLUTION AND HUMAN DISEASE

Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1966, which transferred from the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for the administration of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, excepted from the transfer certain functions related to the public health aspects of water pollution. The plan directed that the two Secretaries present to the President an interdepartmental agreement for the implementation of the requirement that the Secretary of the Interior consult the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare on public health aspects of water pollution.