

Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is also represented by Public Health Service staff members on the various river basin commissions, interagency planning groups and field committees.

HEW responsibilities in water resources planning include:

- A. Assessment of the potential of disease outbreaks and the means for their prevention and control.
- B. Assessment of the availability, protection, and safety of community water supplies.
- C. Assessment of the health significance of specific contaminants with regard to:
 - 1. Recreational water use.
 - 2. Community water supplies.
 - 3. Shellfish or marine food production.
- D. Assessment of other conditions of health significance affected by water resource development:
 - 1. Vector-borne disease hazards.
 - 2. Air pollution.
 - 3. Solid wastes disposal operations.
 - 4. Planning and environmental control for recreational developments.
 - 5. Radiological health.

The Public Health Service has provided initial implementation of its responsibilities in the area of water resources planning. Some review and consultation have been offered to Federal and State agencies on the health aspects of water resources projects. Public health consultation has been provided to five national technical committees on water quality criteria, and comments have been developed on public health aspects for two water resources planning projects. We hope to strengthen technical staff in our regional offices for project reviews and other program functions to insure adequate consideration of public health aspects of water resources planning. The development of public health guidelines for the use of water pollution control and water resources development agencies is urgently needed as well as the development of public health comments in the form of comprehensive health aspects appendixes for inclusion in the reports of the national planning studies; and the development of technical assistance capabilities utilizing research and surveillance data on water pollution and disease.

If there are any further questions, Mr. Chairman, I will be glad to try to answer them or to furnish additional material for the committee.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Everts, we will have more questions for you for the record. The few that I would ask now would not necessarily improve those, so I will leave them to be submitted to you in written form.

I just have an observation, Dr. Weinberger: Last year when we were having our pollution hearings we were asking where we were and what was going on. The day after our hearing Secretary Udall announced a breakthrough in phosphate removal from municipal sewage. We were somewhat surprised that that breakthrough was developed immediately after our hearings had ended. We would hope that if you do have a breakthrough tomorrow that you will tell us today.

Dr. WEINBERGER. Mr. Chairman, I am going to Chicago this evening and I will be appearing there. I hope it will not be characterized as a