

be economically feasible for our society and must be safe from the standpoint of public health and the protection of our precious natural resources—our land, air, and water.

Technological development alone—no matter how effective, how economical, or how safe—will not do the job that is needed to be done to improve solid waste management in this country. Once new solutions are found and proven effective by research and development, their practicability and applicability to a real situation must be demonstrated. The public's attitude toward solid waste management must be changed to allow acceptance of new concepts. Communities which are jurisdictionally autonomous but collectively make up regional or metropolitan areas, must learn to cooperate and work together for the adoption and implementation of solid waste collection and disposal techniques which economically and effectively serve the best interests of all. No matter how innovative new technology is, the facilities involved must be operated properly to achieve the benefit intended by the developer. This then is the complete job of solid waste management—the approach to which the solid wastes program of the Public Health Service is dedicated.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Vaughan, would you go into the way in which you expect the public to participate? You touch on the importance of the public understanding all of this. How do you get them to understand? What do you mean by that? How do you intend to go about it?

Mr. VAUGHAN. When I mentioned public attitude must be changed, the question might be how do you change this attitude, in what respects should it be changed.

Mr. DADDARIO. I am not assuming it is good, bad, or indifferent. What made you come to that determination of what is good and bad, and where do you go?

Mr. VAUGHAN. We find many people are not willing to accept solid waste management as a part of their community function. They want their solid waste taken off. They don't want it anywhere nearby.

We also find people putting this at the low end of the totem pole. They are willing to do almost anything except spend money for improving solid waste practices.

Another thing. Cities may be part of a metropolitan complex with 10 or 15 other communities, none of which has the real financial ability to handle this alone, but they have a reluctance to work together. I don't understand sometimes why they have this reluctance, but they do.

I assume it might be that they do not desire to give up their autonomy; but somehow, for their own good or the benefit of their citizens, ways must be found to preserve their integrity and still allow them to work together for better solutions. In these areas public attitudes must be changed.

Mr. DADDARIO. How?

Mr. VAUGHAN. We are doing it by demonstrating to them good technology. This is one of the purposes of the demonstration grant technique.

Mr. DADDARIO. Don't you need to have some kind of research into why it is this way and how it can be changed?