

Another item in your subcommittee report which bothered us was an intimation that, where technology is not clearly available, enforcement agencies should not set up standards beyond the limits of that technology.

We respectfully submit that standards, goals, and objectives should not be limited by technology, but rather should be based on the public need and welfare. Further, if they are used as goals, they serve to keep the pressure on those concerned to improve technology and come up with new and effective answers.

Now, obviously, Pennsylvania's recent statutes have put the coal industry on notice, and I will be perfectly frank in saying that they are not only fighting for survival, but that they are doing an excellent job of it by stepping up their research and improving their technology to meet their specific mine drainage problems.

I believe that you will be interested in article included in Pennsylvania's Clean Streams brochure for the summer of 1967 which describes how the coal industry is moving on the treatment of mine drainage. (Available in committee files.)

While we are on the subject of industry, we suggest that, even with the excellent job the industry is now doing, their vast technical knowledge could be even more greatly utilized to the benefit of all concerned if a method of furnishing financial incentives could be devised.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I cannot emphasize too strongly that Pennsylvania is not waiting for a cure-all for her acid indigestion, or for a new and cheaper face-lifting technique for her disfigurement. Rather, we are proceeding with the techniques and methods we have now to assure our citizens of a better tomorrow.

It is significant that, in the Pennsylvania State Supplement to the Appalachian Water Resources Plan being prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we have recommended as an emergency and top-priority project, 6 mine drainage pollution abatement and land reclamation projects covering either major areas of the Commonwealth or in connection with other projects which would be worthless if these problems were not solved before their construction.

What we do, and what we learn, in Pennsylvania will obviously help our sister States in solving similar problems but frankly, gentlemen, we need help, both financial and technical, from every possible source.

The Commonwealth is moving, gentlemen, and we are dropping the gauntlet to the Federal Government to match our effort without delay.