

No supergrades are involved.

9. What capital equipment, such as ADP, if any, do you rely upon to fulfill this program?

No capital equipment is charged to this program.

10. Do you expect the expenditures or the benefits of the program to grow appreciably in the future?

A growth in R.D.T. & E. is expected consistent with growth in state-of-the-art technology and improved evaluation of Coast Guard programs indicating fruitful areas for application. Also, an expanded program is expected during fiscal year 1969 for the national data buoy project.

11. At what level are the personnel responsible for the various parts of the program coordinated to determine if the program as a whole is being efficiently carried out?

Efficiency of the R.D.T. & E. program is reviewed and coordinated in headquarters at the program directors level with assistance from the Assistant Chief of Staff for R. & D. In the Coast Guard, R. & D. is actually a support program.

12. Is there a continual program review within the agency, other than the annual budgetary review, to determine more effective and efficient ways to achieve these program objectives?

Yes, review of R.D.T. & E. is a continual program as lower priority items are reviewed to obtain resources to meet higher priority items. Expenditure limitations, personnel ceilings, and budgetary limitations require a continual review of projects to insure effective and efficient procedures are utilized in order to maximize benefits.

13. To your knowledge, does this program duplicate or parallel work being done by any other agency?

We engage in R.D.T. & E. program in an effort to improve the effectiveness of Coast Guard equipments and mission performance only; duplication of efforts by other agencies does not exist.

14. Is your organizational structure such that the program is being carried out most efficiently and effectively?

Basically the R.D.T. & E. program is being carried out efficiently and effectively. The structure of the R.D.T. & E. organization is being augmented and revised to become more responsive to PPBS and the Department.

15. Are there any outstanding GAO reports on this program? If so, what is the status of the GAO recommendations the report contains?

No.

16. What significant problems, if any, are you facing in accomplishing the program objectives?

The present level of R.D.T. & E. program (\$1.5 million) is small and too limited to realize the benefits available from current technological capabilities. Expansion of the R.D.T. & E. program will require increased resources to improve effectiveness of other Coast Guard programs.

17. Do you administer any grants, loans, or other disbursed funds related to this program? If so, is the size of your administrative staff commensurate with the magnitude of the outlays?

No.

18. If your appropriations were reduced, how would you absorb the cut—by an overall reduction, or by cutting or curtailing certain activities?

In most cases a reduction in funds would be absorbed by curtailing individual projects unless the scope of a project could be reduced and still provide meaningful outputs.

19. If additional funds were available, what would you do with the new money?

Additional funds, over and above those currently appropriated, would be applied to the highest priority areas currently agreed upon with the Department. More particularly the highest priority would generally be reflected in the restoration of such reductions from the President's fiscal year 1969 budget as the House Appropriations Committee may effect, or that may be made in the event a general retrenchment were ordered from the fiscal year 1969 program now before Congress.

Activity 4: Coast Guard Supply Fund

1. What is the nature of and authority for this program?

The Coast Guard supply fund, in accordance with 14 U.S.C. 650, finances the procurement of uniform clothing, commissary provisions, general stores and technical materials. This revolving fund is reimbursed from cost of goods sold.