

iation in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and April 6 of this year, he said, and I am quoting from this release:

As of March 25, 1968, the Secretary had determined that all of the water quality standards of 28 States where there were interstate waters met the requirements of the Federal act.

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That was on April 6 of this year. Prior to that, on February 7 of this year, the Federal Register, Secretary Udall published the regulations and water quality standards in which it is stated that as the standards are approved, they will be published in the Federal Register.

Now you say that in addition to the figure of 28 that Secretary Edwards gave, according to this publication of the Federal Register, there are three additional, and again I know of no publication in the Federal Register of any States having been approved, but can you add anything to clarify this?

Mr. MOORE. I will have to say this is a matter to which I have not given any personal attention in the nearly 2½ months since I have been here. I am aware that there has been an exchange of memoranda dealing with the legal question of what must be printed in the Federal Register.

The reason this question has arisen I think is because, and I will just mention a practical problem, in some States the individual submission by the State could represent a stack of material 12 or 15 inches high, and that is just from one State.

I think the question that has been under discussion with the Solicitor of the Department of Interior is whether that entire submission, with modifications, has to be printed in the Federal Register. I am doing this strictly from my impression and I may be mistaken. And then there has been discussion, if something less than that can be printed in the Federal Register, what would have to be printed in the Federal Register.

I do know there probably has not been any submission to the Federal Register for publication.

Mr. McEWEN. Well, the procedures that are spelled out in the Federal Register of February 7 of this year is entitled "Procedures for Adoption and Promulgation of State Standards," which is quite specific. In section 620.2, promulgation, paragraph (b), it states: "Notice of determination by the Secretary is stated after the water quality standards meet the criteria of section 10(c) (3) of the Federal act and shall be published in the Federal Register. Such notice shall incorporate by reference the document containing water quality standards."

Does that not seem quite explicit, Mr. Moore, when it says it shall incorporate by reference any such water quality standards?

Mr. MOORE. Well, that does sound specific. Perhaps the question was resolved, and I am unaware of it.

My first day was February 8, but I do not, as you have indicated, believe there has been a publication of any standard in the Register.