

I will be glad to check this matter and furnish the committee the information with regard to the publication. It is not a matter to which I have given my own attention.

Mr. McEWEN. This, Mr. Moore, was the day before your first day in office, which was February 7, but it does say in there by reference. I can see the question that will arise, that you will incorporate in the Federal Register the entire quality standards of the States. This will be very voluminous and I take it that is why the Secretary's procedure is spelled out in here, which is "shall be by reference."

I am correct, then, in my belief that there has been nothing yet published in the Federal Register indicating official approval of any State's water quality standards.

Mr. MOORE. Not to my knowledge. It has not been submitted to the Federal Register.

I might add, as I understand it, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, does not require publication in the Federal Register. This question arose by reason of the Public Information Act, and we tried to get something into the Federal Register that would serve as adequate notice of the adoption, but not require the full publication of the standard.

I will check into that and furnish the committee the specific information as to whether or not, or when some are to be released for the Register.

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Mr. McEWEN. Well, do you agree, Mr. Moore, that the present law is clear that once there is a determination that standards are acceptable, that is standards of a State, that they are approved? That is a final approval that will then occur?

What I am saying, Mr. Moore, it is not your view, is it, that these standards of the States be reviewed annually or from time to time?

Mr. MOORE. No, there is a procedure provided in the law for either the States or the Department of Interior to revise these standards. In other words, the statute provides that the procedure for altering these standards is either State initiative or initiative of the Department of Interior.

Mr. McEWEN. Well, it is a change. It is a bilateral act, is that correct?

Mr. MOORE. Well, there is a procedure. The Department of the Interior could fix these standards, if the standards submitted by the States were not acceptable to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Mr. McEWEN. Once these standards have been set and approved, then you do not envision changing them after that?

Mr. MOORE. Oh, well, I think that there would have to be changes in time. I do not think we anticipate that there will be changes every 6 months or every year.

For example, you could revise standards through the conference procedure that is provided. They would have a degree of stability, but I do not believe they should be regarded as fixed in concrete for all time.

Mr. McCARTHY (presiding). Well, thank you very much, Commissioner.