

As of April 1, we have in process 273 local sewage treatment works projects with a total cost of over \$1 billion.

An important reason for this rapid progress is that since 1962 New York has had a program of 100-percent State aid for locally initiated comprehensive sewage planning studies on an areawide basis.

In addition, the State is providing one-third of the cost of operating and maintaining sewage treatment plants.

To spur industry to construct treatment facilities, we grant real property tax exemptions and a 1-year depreciation writeoff.

We have streamlined our enforcement machinery—98 percent of all pollution is under abatement schedules. Either through voluntary agreements or legally enforceable orders, construction timetables establish dates for operation of required treatment works by our deadline in 1972.

We have established model standards of water quality. The Secretary of the Interior has approved standards for each of our river basins. In fact, New York was among the first States to have its standards approved.

We are installing a statewide network of automatic water quality monitors to give a record of the water quality four times every hour.

When pollution exceeds the standard, immediate action can be taken. Two pilot monitors have been in operation for over a year. On March 30, contracts were let for installation of 10 additional monitors.

We have established the New York State Pure Waters Authority to assist municipalities in establishing sewage treatment and solid waste disposal facilities. It can help finance, mobilize scarce technical skills, and effectuate areawide service systems.

And finally, we are engaged in a program of water pollution control research amounting to more than \$500,000 annually.

In short, New York is carrying out the most active, comprehensive water pollution control program in the Nation.

Such initiative and effort and that of other States must be stimulated, not threatened or undermined.

Unwise changes in Federal policy could threaten the momentum and capability of State and local governments, in cooperation with the Federal Government, to carry out effective programs to end water pollution. This has been the constant objective of this committee and the leadership of this committee and the Congress, and in my opinion has resulted in the effective work that is now being done nationwide.

Thank you very much sir.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S TESTIMONY COMPLIMENTED

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, Governor, for a very thought-provoking statement, especially as relates to the financing area. You say it so modestly to us that it is not our primary specialty at all. But we do have talent and experts in this field that we have to call upon to help us. Your objections to it are very well reasoned, very persuasive, I can understand that.

I merely say at the outset that I do not expect much difficulty in working out a more flexible arrangement which we can maintain, the