

The Bureau of the Budget got into the act and decided, since pollution control is primarily the job of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, the assignment of the jurisdiction be given to that agency, and the result has been that report was kicked around instead of showing some usefulness.

Very frankly, from those that are in the Department who have talked to me about it, there has been quite a hassle as to whether or not the agency wanted any part of mine drainage. They brought this program down in West Virginia, and it has been almost impossible to maintain. The original thought was that it was an abandoned mine, only to find out that it was active.

They started the study on it, appropriated the money for it, before they found that it was active, and then tried to close the mine down so it could be flooded.

There was no hesitancy at that time of getting into abandoned mine problems. Now they argue that the law does not cover it.

To carry it one step further, \$700,000 has been given on a grant to the State of Pennsylvania on mine drainage control, to be matched by \$300,000 from the State of Pennsylvania. Once the grant had been approved, and the first moneys had been funded, the Department said that they could not publish their findings. Everything had to come through FWPCA, and the university refused to go ahead with it. I think that has been clarified.

But this committee might well propose again a specific Federal-State-industry joint financing of a mine operation.

We have a creek in Pennsylvania with active mines and abandoned mines, acid mines, shaft mines, deep mines, and some are acid and some are alkaline, out there next to each other.

If we could find out why one is acid and one is alkaline, we would be a long way toward control.

LAKE POLLUTION CONTROL

Lake eutrophication again is the question as to whether or not there is authority in the present law. Secretary Udall last year proposed a program. Nothing has been done on it since. The proposal was based on the present law. You do have the jurisdiction; but our biggest problem is flow management in the streams or in the lakes, including Lake Erie, and proficient fish management; and until we get that, simply controlling sewer discharges is not going to be the answer.

OIL POLLUTION CONTROL

As far as the oil pollution is concerned, my one comment would be that the Senate bill would make an exemption of all Federal shore and ship facilities. They could pollute the rivers under congressional exemption; everybody else would have to clean up. Oil under that definition is any solids or matter mixed with oil. All it would do would mean that the oil in a discharge is a Federal offense, everything else would be a State offense.

Who has jurisdiction?

Gentlemen, I appreciate the time, and I have probably taken too much. But I offer one thought on the oil, to answer the problem such