

- (b) the development of test beds and test modules for testing and evaluation of the various techniques being studied;
  - (c) the cooperative and cost-sharing construction of suitably scheduled prototype desalting plants where the share of the Federal Government is based on assuming the added capital costs due to first-of-a-kind construction as well as initial operation costs. This cost sharing should only be approved in cases where the project then becomes the most practical alternative for the water authority.
2. It be suggested to the Secretary of the Interior that consideration be given to forming a suitably constituted and broadly representative advisory committee on desalting which would include representatives of all Federal agencies presently or potentially concerned with desalting, together with representation from state and local water agencies and industry as appropriate.
  3. The progress of the Federal desalting program toward the objective of producing the requisite low-cost water by the year 2000 be examined in detail after five years and at that time a decision taken whether to continue the program or to terminate by a suitable phase-out period.