

The original documents are located in Box 8, folder “Environmental Protection Agency” of the Loen and Leppert Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

HL

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF LEGISLATION

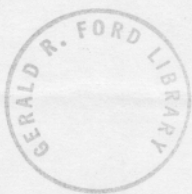
2/13/75

Vernon Loen - Spec. asst. Legal Affairs -

Vern -

Attached is copy of letter sent to Cong. Sudd - att. Elena White - (prepared by Dr. W^m Rowe) explaining why the publication of (RD&R) was discontinued - The same letter is being sent by Dr. Rowe to all others making similar inquiries

Bryan LaPlante



FEB 15 1975



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

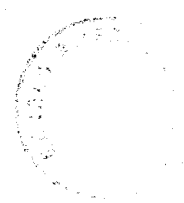
OFFICE OF
AIR AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dear

Thank you for your letter of January 1975, concerning the announcement that the publication of Radiation Data and Reports (RD&R) would be discontinued. While our decision to terminate its publication included limited resource considerations, our fundamental rationale was to provide the data published in RD&R in a more useful form. To implement this rationale, ORP will issue two annual reports, "Assessment of Radiation Protection in the U.S.," and a "State of the Environment Report."

The first report will contain a summarization and analysis of the significant events of the previous year, the impact of these events on current and future radiation protection policies and programs, and a forecast of the directions of radiation protection throughout the world. It will serve as an overview of all radiation activities aimed at the general reader.

The second report will be a presentation of environmental data, including the data previously published in RD&R, in a form emphasizing observable trends as opposed to tabulations of raw data. The benefits of the data in this form would be that a user would be able to determine the rate of improvement or degradation in the environment and population, the impact of radiation exposure on health effects, statistical descriptors for particular areas of radiation exposure, and the impact of additional radioactivity in specific source areas.



To the extent possible, the annual reports will include information and data from other agencies, public groups, and international activities. We plan to publish the first "Assessment of Radiation Protection in the U.S." in the fourth quarter of FY-75 and the first issue of the "State of the Environment" in the first quarter of FY-76. In 1976, and subsequent years, these reports will be issued in January and July, respectively.

In addition to the two annual reports, we will publish technical reports as they are prepared rather than in a monthly publication. As a result, we expect the information in the reports to be more timely and useful; i.e., the lead time from completing the report to publishing it will be reduced, and the distribution of the report will be primarily to organizations and individuals having an interest in the subject matter.

Finally, the raw data previously published in RD&R are available to the public on a cost reimbursable basis. These data can be obtained by requesting them from the Eastern Environmental Radiation Facility, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 3009, Montgomery, Alabama 36109. A fee schedule will be enclosed with each set of data transmitted. Institutional contributors to the data file will be provided the data they request at no cost.

These improvements will assure the continued availability of environmental radiation data to the public. I appreciate your support of RD&R and hope that you find the new services of ORP of more benefit to you and your colleagues.

Sincerely yours,



W. D. Rowe, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant Administrator
for Radiation Programs (AW-558)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2-17-75

TO:

~~VOEN~~
~~LEPPERT~~
BENNETT

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

For Your Information

& file

Please Handle _____

Please See Me _____

Comments, Please _____

Other

For V.L. Files

Log # 756

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

FEB 12 1975

Honorable Ike Andrews
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

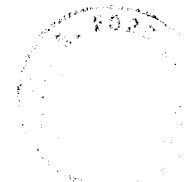
Dear Congressman Andrews:

This is in response to your letter expressing concern over recent budget decisions relating to EPA's Air Pollution Training Institute (APTI) and the funding of State and local pollution control agencies,

The Public Interest Campaign has interpreted the 30 position reduction in the APTI as an elimination of this program. In fact, funding for APTI will be the same in FY 1976 as it is in FY 1975. The 30 position reduction represents a freeing of financial resources for the purpose of increasing the use of private contractors. This action will strengthen the program by enabling the APTI to meet the individual needs of State and local trainees more fully and expeditiously.

The planned obligational level of air and water control agency grants will be the same in FY 1976 as it is in FY 1975. However, the original intent of Federal funding was to establish and develop sound environmental programs at the State and local levels, but not to maintain their operation indefinitely. The continued operation of this program, therefore, is believed to be the role of those levels of government. Since all States and many localities now have well established pollution control agencies, the Federal Government could begin phasing out these grants.

In addition, concern has been expressed over the degree to which State and local control agencies are becoming more responsive to the desires of the Federal Government rather than the State or local governments of which they are a part. To the extent that this occurs, it is felt that control agencies are by-passing the checks and balances which are imposed by the normal political process through elected officials. Instead, these agencies have a potential for becoming Federal Government enclaves at the State and local levels.



Lastly, it is felt that some of the financial support for control agencies can be self-generating through the institution of user charges, such as permit fees. The amount of support possible, under this funding mechanism is not known, but user charges are, generally, a progressive taxation mechanism and therefore would be equitable in their implementation.

I appreciate your interest and concern and it has been a pleasure to serve you. Please do not hesitate to call or write if you have any further questions which you feel I might be able to answer.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

(signed) Robert F. Bonitati

Robert F. Bonitati
Assistant to the Director
for Congressional Relations

CC:

DO Records

Director's Chron

Director

Deputy Director

Mr. Bonitati

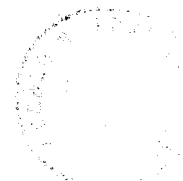
Mr. Hill

Mr. Crabill

Mr. Tozzi

NRD/EnBr

NRD/DGibbons/kj 2/7/75



Log # 818

FEB 13 1975

Honorable William S. Broomfield
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Broomfield:

This is in response to your letter of February 3, 1975 on behalf of J. T. Cunningham who is concerned that the Selective Service System has an annual budget of \$50 million, even though there is no longer a draft.

The Administration is committed to maintaining our nation's standby draft posture in a state of readiness sufficient for mobilization purposes. Adequate peacetime funding permits early delivery of draftees to meet anticipated manpower shortfalls that would appear in a major armed conflict.

In an effort to sustain that required capability at minimum costs, the Selective Service System will begin major program adjustments in 1976. Local board operations will be phased down while a new standby system is tested. An annual registration system will be evaluated. Alternate induction procedures will be developed for possible use in a major contingency, and classification activity will be deferred until such time as induction authority may be requested by the President. These adjustments are designed to permit significant operating cost savings beginning in FY 1977.

Mr. Cunningham's interest in this matter is appreciated.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

(signed) Robert F. Bonitati

Robert F. Bonitati
Assistant to the Director
for Congressional Relations

cc:
DO Records
Director (2)
Dep. Director
Mr. Ogilvie
Cong. Relations (2)
NSD Records (Ret Rm 10001)
Div. Office (2)
Chron

NSD:WWhannon:jms 2/10/75





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Log # 849

FEB 13 1975

Honorable Richard H. Ichord
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ichord:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 1975, concerning a proposed Federal Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Office of Management and Budget has not received from the General Services Administration any prospectus for a Federal Building in Jefferson City. GSA staff has advised us that a comprehensive study of the Jefferson City area has been made to assess the need for a Federal Building. However, our office would not get involved in such a project until GSA submits a prospectus for review.

Sincerely,

(signed) Robert F. Bonitati

Robert F. Bonitati
Assistant to the Director
for Congressional Relations

cc:
DO Records
DO Chron
Director
Deputy Director
Mr. Bonitati (2)
Mr. Scott
Mr. Bray (2)
return, Mr. Fasano

EGG:MFasano:j1 2/11/75