

315 HEW To Handle Information on Air Pollution.

On January 24, Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, then director of the Office of Science and Technology, announced that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been assigned responsibility within the Federal Government for assuring full and adequate handling of scientific information in air pollution prevention and control. This action is consistent with the recently enacted Public Law 88-206 which assigns to HEW several responsibilities in air pollution regulation and research and development. The action is a significant step in coordinating federally generated research information. It is expected to set the precedent for a series of delegations to individual Government agencies, whereby the agency will act as a clearing house for the research documents and data resulting from the activities of all agencies engaged in similar scientific or engineering work. This concept is one of the major recommendations of a report entitled Science Government, and Information (popularly known as the Weinberg Report) issued in January 1963 by President Kennedy. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare will collect data and information from both Government and non-government facilities significantly involved in air pollution research, and will organize this information; consolidate it, and provide state-of-the-art summaries. The service will be available to the public as well as to officials of other Government agencies.

--Sci. Information Notes 6, 1 (Feb.-March, 1964)

COMING EVENTS

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| 316 | May 1-2 | Association of Clinical Scientists, Philadelphia, Pa. |
| | May 1-2 | Congress on Environmental Health Problems, Chicago, Ill. |
| | May 3 | American Federation for Clinical Research, Atlantic City, N. J. |
| | May 3-7 | American Society for Microbiology, 64th Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C. |
| | May 3-7 | Electrochemical Society, Spring Meeting, Toronto, Ontario. |
| | May 4-5 | New York Academy of Sciences, The Laser, New York, N. Y. |
| | May 4-6 | Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, 5th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| | May 5-6 | Association of American Physicians, Atlantic City, N. J. |
| | May 5-7 | 19th Purdue Industrial Waste Conference, Lafayette, Ind. |
| | May 5-9 | American Association on Mental Deficiency, Kansas City, Mo. |
| | May 6-8 | National Society for Prevention of Blindness, Miami Beach, Fla. |
| | May 7 | Society of Plastics Engineers, Buffalo, N. Y. |
| | May 7-8 | 4th Conference on Vacuum Microbalance Techniques, Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| | May 10-12 | American Institute of Chemists, New York, N. Y. |
| | May 11-12 | American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute, Eastern Regional Meeting, Rye, N. Y. |
| | May 11-13 | American Petroleum Institute, 29th Midyear Meeting of the Division of Refining, St. Louis, Mo. |
| | May 11-14 | Aerospace Medical Association, Bal Harbour, Fla. |
| | May 13-16 | American Association of Plastic Surgeons, Chicago, Ill. |
| | May 17-20 | American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 53rd National Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| | May 18-20 | Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association, 50th Midyear Meeting, Chicago, Ill. |
| | May 18-20 | Radiation Research Society, 12th Annual Meeting, Miami Beach, Fla. |
| | May 18-22 | National Fire Protection Association, 68th Annual Meeting, Dallas, Tex. |
| | May 24-28 | Institute of Food Technologists, 24th Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C. |
| | May 25-27 | American Thoracic Society, New York, N. Y. |
| | May 28-30 | American Ophthalmological Society, Hot Springs, Va. |

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