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REPORT TO W M S G (OECD)

Specific water pollutants - research in Norway

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REPORT TO WATER MANAGEMENT SECTOR GROUP (OECD)

Introduction

Research on specific water pollutants is carried out at many different institutes in Norway. The category of research going on at each particular institute is rather closely connected to the research traditions at the same institute. For example, chemical laboratories having long traditions in analytical chemistry, are mainly concerned with new analytical techniques for specific water pollutants and collection of data on such pollutants. Furthermore, laboratories working in biology have been mostly concerned with the influence on specific water pollutants on aquatic life.

The type of work going on at different institutes may be divided into different groups and sub-groups. It may be convenient to distinguish between new analytical techniques and collection of data in one main group, and the influence of specific water pollutants on different organisms and bio-techniques in another main group. Both main groups may have sub-categories such as heavy metals and persistent organic chemicals.

Short presentation of research actually going on

Table 1 gives names and addresses of institutes where the most important activities are in progress. This table also indicates, by numbers corresponding to numbers in the list of references, the groups and sub-groups in which the respective institutes have their main activity. Although Table 1 only illustrates published results, this table also indicates the kind of research programmes actually going on. Further details about the research programmes are available from the separate institutes.

Although co-operation between different institutes is taking place, most projects are in the main carried out at one or two institutes. One particular project, acid precipitation effects on forest and fish (The SNSF-project) is a typical inter-institutional project. In this national project, which is associated with the OECD project on long range transport

of air pollutants, many different institutes are working in close co-operation. An important part of this project is monitoring of both heavy metals and persistent inorganic chemicals transported from abroad to Norwegian inland water resources. A description of this project is given in Appendix.

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A P P E N D I X

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SNSF-PROJECT

The joint research project, "Acid Precipitation - Effects on Forest and Fish" (the SNSF-project) of the Agricultural Research Council of Norway (ARCN) - Royal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (NCSIR), was started in 1972. The objective of the project is to;

1. - establish as precisely as possible the effects of acid precipitation on forest and fresh water fish;
2. - investigate the effects of air pollutants on soil, vegetation, and water, required to satisfy point 1.

A *Steering Committee* with one representative from each of the two Research Councils and one from The Ministry of the Environment has overall direction of the project. The *Project leader* has the main responsibility for conducting the research activities on the entire project. The *Project Committee* consists of the project leader and one *Contact person* from each of the four main institutes cooperating within the project. The Steering Committee is responsible for research policies and financial questions. The Project Committee deals with research administration on a practical level, with secretariat at the Norwegian Forest Research Institute, Aas.

Research activities on the project are organized and carried out inter-institutionally with main programs in the following institutes:

Norwegian Water and Electricity Board (NVE)
Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU)
Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)
Norwegian Forest Research Institute (NISK), and
institutes of the Agricultural University of Norway (NLH) which form the group of "Aas-Institutes".

In addition, there are secondary programs in the Central Institute for Industrial Research (SI), the University of Oslo (UiO), and the University of Bergen (UiB), and close contact with the Directorate of Fish and Game (Trondheim-Aas).

The research project is for the time being supported financially by the two Research Councils, the Ministry of the Environment, and participating institutes.

Project research results are published in *Technical notes*, *Internal reports*, *Research reports* and/or in international journals.

Inquiries about ARCN-NCSIR's joint research project: "Acid Precipitation - Effects on Forest and Fish" can be directed to:

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No	Institutions/ projects in Norway	Monitoring and registrations of inorganic and chemical pollutants - analytic methods			Influences of specific chemical pollutants in different organisms - bioassay - techniques etc.		
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