

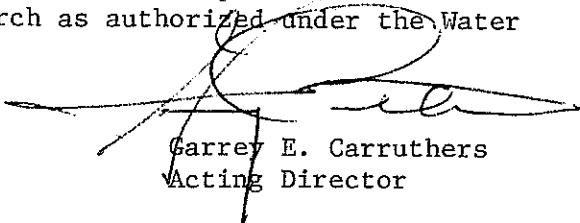
## PREFACE

The Twenty-Second Annual Water Conference, held at New Mexico State University, April 28-29, 1977, focused on agency, industry and researcher perspectives of PL 92-500, Section 208 planning. Section 208 provides for planning to reduce non-point pollution of rivers and streams. Papers published in this proceedings offer a good overview of Section 208 planning, with key inferences such as:

- \* understanding Section 208 requirements is "harder than nailing jello to a tree";
- \* public participation in the planning process is essential but apathy is rampant;
- \* if state and local governments do not assume 208 planning responsibilities, the Environmental Protection Agency will;
- \* New Mexico's 208 planning is well ahead of most other states, but completion on schedule will be difficult;
- \* some planning efforts - such as on Indian Reservations - are hindered by lack of institutions to effect the 208 program;
- \* researchers should devote more time and resources to developing "best management practices" for reduction of non-point pollution;
- \* section 208 plans will reflect the close relationship between land and water use.

I attribute success of the Conference to careful planning and deliberation by the Advisory Committee, excellent paper preparation and presentation by invited speakers, sterling moderation by the distinguished chairpersons (who kept the conference right in time), active audience participation, and super staff work by the WRRRI team. My thanks to all.

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