## Interim report issued on water management plan

LANCASTER - Love Canal, PCB's, contaminated wells, polluted streams and municipal sewer bans are all current issues facing water quality and public health.

These issues are addressed in a recently prepared water quality management plan which aims to clean up present problems and prevent them hundreds of concerned from reoccurring in the future.

For the past five years, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, the engineering firm of Gannett, Fleming, Corddry & Carpenter, Inc., Capitol Region Planning and Development Agency and

citizens, industries, county and municipal officials, and environmental agricultural groups have been developing a draft Comprehensive Water Quality Management Plan for the Lower Susquehanna River Basin.

This Study Area consists of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Perry and York Counties as well as portions of Franklin, Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties. The Lower Susquehanna River Basın is one of nine such Study Areas initiated by DER across the Commonwealth.

During these five years, considerable information has been compiled and alternative solutions have been proposed. At this point in the study, more public input is needed to help select the solutions that will form the basis of a recommended Comprehensive Water Quality Management Plan.

Upon adoption, this plan will have great impacts both locally and state-wide. These impacts will include the protection of high-quality

streams and agricultural land, the future needs for municipal and industrial waste treatment, the levels of governments to be responsible for managing water quality functions and the methods of paying for new or expanded municipal sewage treatment plants.

In order to obtain more information from local citizens and officials, an interim report has been prepared by Capitol Region Planning and Development Agency entitled "Plans and Choices.'

This forty-page booklet presents, in understandable terms, the information that has been gathered and the alternatives available for consideration. It discusses existing problems and potential needs in water quality management along with the management, financial, institutional and physical system alternatives that can be applied to these problems.

Eight public workshops will be held throughout the Lower Susquehanna River Basin during January in an effort to stimulate and

receive more citizen input. Information about the up-These workshops will be cosponsored by Lancaster County Planning Commission, Capitol Region Resources.

coming workshops, contact Lancaster County Planning Commission, 50 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Penn-Planning and Development sylvania 17604, phone (717) Agency and the Department 299-8333, or Capitol Region Environmental Planning and Development Resources. Agency, Suite 124, 4751
To receive a copy of Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PLANS & CHOICES or more PA 17111, phone 939-7827.

## No-till means

Spitzer, agronomist for the U.S. Department of servation Service in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Figures compiled October 15, 1979, by the Department 1.25 gallons of gasoline per show that the price of diesel fuel delivered to farms rose 77 percent during the last year and gasoline went up 51 percent.

Conventional...or "clean"...tillage, which most famers use today, requires an average of 7.4 gallons of fuel for each acre

HARRISBURG - "If cultivated. In conventional farmers want to hold fuel tillage, the moldboard costs down, their best bet is plowing, disking, and other less tillage," says John operations require many trips over the same field.

A no-till system, in which Agriculture's Soil Con- the soil is not touched until planting time and residues from earlier crops are left in the field, requires only about

> "There is no doubt about it," said Spitzer, "Con-servation tillage not only reduces oil consumption to about one-sixth of that required for ordinary tallage operations, it also reduces soil erosion 50 to 90 percent."



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