

REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FORM OF ORGANIZATION FOR A GOVERNMENT  
PETROLEUM AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH PRESENT EMERGENCY  
TO THE  
NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL  
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Pursuant to the request of the Director of the Oil and Gas Division, the National Petroleum Council appointed a Committee to report on the type and form of organization which would be appropriate to deal with the emergency, as requested in the letter of September 21, 1950 from the Director of the Oil and Gas Division.

On January 13, 1949, the National Petroleum Council approved the report of its Committee on National Petroleum Emergency. Your present Committee has reviewed that report in detail and finds that though the present emergency is not as broad as the type of emergency contemplated in the report of January 13, 1949, the principles and procedures recommended in the report are still entirely valid and appropriate.

Your Committee therefore recommends that in accordance with the principles of that report there be established an independent agency of Government to deal with the problem described by the Director of the Oil and Gas Division and such other problems affecting the petroleum industry as may develop from the present emergency.

Such agency should be staffed by a Deputy Administrator and other individuals drawn from the petroleum industry and should report directly to, and be directly under the authority of, the Secretary of the Interior. It should deal directly with all other agencies of Government that might be concerned with any aspects of the petroleum involved, and with the industry.

The agency should be a specialized vertical rather than a general horizontal governmental organization to deal with the internal problems of the petroleum industry involved. Your Committee is convinced that any organization other than one of an independent and vertical character, reporting directly to the Secretary of the Interior could not successfully achieve its objectives.

The relationship of the agency to the industry should be cooperative. Such agency should not undertake management or operating functions.

The agency should be temporary and should cease to function just as soon as the emergency is over.

The present emergency will not require that the petroleum agency act in all of the fields referred to in the report of the Committee on National Petroleum Emergency. Nevertheless, it should be organized and act along the lines recommended in that report in such fields as may be necessary to the solution of the current problems and from time to time broadened or modified as may be determined to be necessary to deal with such problems as may arise from the emergency.

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