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The notes of our meeting last year have been belatedly collated and are here reproduced with the outline proposals we developed at that time. There has been little in the way of development this year.

Miss Bugden has updated the bibliography she prepared for us.

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1. Discussion Meeting - 22nd October, 1976

Disposal of Atomic Waste on/under sea floor

Present: Charnock, Crease, Francis, Thorpe, Rees, R. Wilson, Calvert, Elford, Rice, Laughton and Swallow.

Apologies from David, Tucker and McCartney.

The meeting was an opportunity for us to jointly state our preliminary view on the research needed prior to dumping atomic waste. The R.C.E.P. calls for an active research programme by IOS.

Individual staff (particularly Laughton and Swallow) have been involved over several years in discussions relevant to both low and high level wastes. We are also now being drawn into more active discussions with interested Departments of Government.

The Director outlined evidence to RCEP in which we had expressed a preference, if there were to be a disposal programme at sea, for it to be under rather than on the sea floor thereby introducing an additional barrier. He expressed some concern that meetings by IOS staff with Departments intended to be purely at the technical and advisory level sometimes turned to financial and other possible commitments. These latter aspects should always be for the Director in the first place.

Swallow spoke of aspects of the present storage at Windscale. He serves on a committee of the NII. He and Laughton reported on their visit to a U.S. meeting at WHOI as members of a U.K. team. In the USA Sandia laboratories manage the disposal research programme for ERDA and produce a substantial annual report. Prior to this the Battelle Institute issued a several volume report on the options available.

Director believes that over the recent years we have built up a group of people eminently qualified to tackle the research required prior to a high level waste disposal programme. He was not keen to go for short term contracts without good scientific basis.

It was agreed that a bibliography would be of value. This might be in two parts a) one containing what members of the group felt to make definitive contributions in their field and those papers would aid other disciplines in appreciating the wider problems; b) a more substantial inventory of specialist papers in the fields. Bibliography a) would indicate whether the papers were available in the library or in an individual's personal papers.

It was expected that specific research proposals would evolve over many months, but Tony Rees believed that it would be helpful to have some further elaboration of the existing ideas (Appendix A) in a shorter time (not more than one month).

Director said that there was a meeting at Harwell shortly to discuss research aspects of disposal. When the papers come he would enquire who would like to attend. (J.C. and A.S.L. attended this meeting and have the papers).

It was agreed that we would meet again at the end of January.

John Swallow believed that much of the need for the research we might conduct remained, even if the question was only continued dumping of low and medium level activity waste.

Prior to individual disciplinary contribution to the discussion, Tony Rees and H. Charnock explained that we had submitted very rapidly the proposal (Appendix A) outlining the fields in which research to the tune of £500 k/year recommended by the RCEP might be conducted. We believed that they should be additional to the present programme. The point of this and following meetings would be to keep groups into touch with the overall development of the IOS programme in this field.

Comments submitted after meeting:

#### Geology and Geophysics

When Director asked what programmes MG and G might put up, ASL spoke to the paper that Tony Rees had prepared for NERC.

- (a) Selection and evaluation of areas and sites in the N. Atlantic that could be considered suitable for sub-ocean floor disposal.
- (b) Long term observation of low level seismic activity to establish a base of data for prediction of site stability.
- (c) Sedimentological studies of near surface sediments (0-5 my) to establish geological criteria for prediction of site stability.
- (d) Deep sediment sampling (30 metres ?) to obtain material from depths possibly appropriate to buried depths, for studies of ionic exchange capacity (by Harwell ?), pore water migration, geotechnical properties, etc., etc.,

#### Biological Work bearing on the problem of Radio-active waste disposal

Up to the present time biological work in midwater has been concentrated on the upper layers mainly because this is the region where the largest biomass occurs and where the greatest biological activity goes on, but also because the technology of monitoring the sampling has not been sufficiently advanced to extend sampling to greater depths. As this technology has improved so the depth of sampling has increased: whereas 1000m was the goal in the mid sixties 2500m became routine in the early seventies.

It has now become possible to take monitored samples at all normal oceanic depths, and our work in the next few years will be concentrated on the animals between about 2500m and the bottom with particular emphasis on the distribution and trophic relationships of animals close to the bottom, that is in the region between the sea floor and say 500m above it.

At the same time the group of biologists working on deep benthic animals will be looking at the region immediately above the bottom as well as at the normal run of bottom animals. It is our intention to look particularly at the organisms which cause bioturbation of the sediments. We are hoping to find out the extent to which animals are involved in recycling material from the sea floor back up the surface of the sea and much of the work will be a logical extension of the current programme of trophic relationship work in the upper layers.

In the early stages we intend to continue working off the N.W. African Coast where Dr Calvert does his sampling, this is a rich area and the animals are more numerous there: processes should be easier to see than in poorer areas elsewhere.

However, after two years or so we shall consider the merits of working at other sites, for example a site near an actual or potential radio-active waste dump if this seems to be politic.

Although at the outset we shall look primarily at processes in the vertical dimension we should perhaps consider that horizontal processes may also be of importance, and material recycled to the surface by processes occurring along the sea floor and up the continental slopes may be more serious in the context of radio-active waste than material recycled to the surface in a mid ocean gyre. These horizontal processes will however be much more difficult to study.

While it would not be our intention to study directly the accumulation and distribution of radio-active substances in oceanic animals either benthic or planktonic it would seem a pity to miss an opportunity of collecting material for anyone suitably equipped and skilled who needs to look at that particular problem.

### Geochemistry

A possible series of research projects in Chemistry which would involve studies of:

- (1) The chemical composition of pelagic sediments: Basic information on the chemical and mineralogical makeup of sediments together with their accumulation rates, collected by new techniques which yield minimally disturbed sections some tens of metres in length.
- (2) Composition of sediment pore waters: Analysis and modelling of pore waters; estimation of fluxes through pore waters and exchange of bottom water.
- (3) Suspended particles: composition and sources of particles in the nepheloid layer; exchange of particles with the bottom sediment, residence times and studies of the adsorptive properties of such particles.

## Physics

If it is generally accepted that the highly-active waste has to be buried, either below the sea bed or on land, there may be little support for work in the water itself. The other waste that may need to be dumped in the deep sea (fuel element cladding, medium-active chemical sludge, Pu-contaminated solid wastes) is not expected to amount to as much as ten times the present authorizations for discharges into the Irish Sea. MAFF may see this as negligible and not feel a need to spend money on it. But they may not be able to convince other governments, or the IAEA, so some token investigation may be seen to be needed. We need to decide, among ourselves, whether this is good enough, and what could be done to clarify the situation if we think it is not.

While it may be satisfactory in the long term to use single diffusion models or just to regard the deep water as well mixed, the limits on dumping are ultimately related to maximum permissible annual intakes of nuclides by individual people, i.e., we should only be averaging the final results over a year (or maybe a few years) and perhaps over a fairly small region. What will the plume of water passing over a dumping site in a year look like? What extremes can be realized, in a long succession of years?

To look at that problem, is it good enough just to try and guess an extreme advection velocity (e.g., 10 cm/sec persisting in one direction for a year) or should we take up numerical modeling with an eddy-resolving model and try generating trajectories in it? The shape of an actual plume is, of course, going to depend on the small scale diffusion coefficients which are not going to be represented properly in any eddy-resolving general circulation model. What do we do about these? Can plausible values be guessed from internal wave and microstructure studies, or should we be trying to measure them directly, i.e., insitu diffusion experiments?

Advection in some directions is obviously going to be more serious than in others, e.g., advection of deep water towards an upwelling region could be serious. How deep-seated is the upwelling off NW Africa? In the upwelling regions off Peru and S. Arabia there is some evidence for upwelling from depths 2000 m or more, implying advection towards those regions in the upper deep water. Does this occur off NW Africa? Some deep water must get advected northward, i.e., towards some important fishing grounds, in the north Atlantic to become entrained in the overflows. Do we need to look further into the nature and quantity of entrained water, and the paths by which it is supplied?

Is there a case for a deliberate release of a fairly large quantity of activity and subsequent monitoring?

The question was asked: 'Given that waste disposal is achieved by burying containers beneath the sea bed, what physical oceanographic studies should be made to ascertain the longterm safety of the method?' It is assumed that leakage into the sediment will occur in a time scale of about 1000 years and that, at some later time, release into the bottom water will occur.

The time scale of the half life of certain waste components is comparable with that of climatic changes, and so, whilst local observational studies over 10-20 years may be recommended, these should be related to the long term (paleo-) oceanography of the area, based on information from local and wider area data, particularly from the sediments. We have little expertise in paleo physical oceanography at IOS.

The space scales of the study may need to be very broad. It is not yet known whether vertical diffusion in the ocean is in general dominated by mid ocean processes or processes at the edge (e.g. upwelling), but it is possible that wastes released in certain mid ocean locations will find their way to the surface most rapidly, although indirectly, by the latter process. If advection of atomic waste from the disposal site to a region of intense vertical diffusion occurs on a sufficiently short time scale, this may be a much more important process in the transport towards the surface (where radioactive waste may cause significant biological damage) than a local vertical diffusion near the dispersal site. It should also be noticed that regions of intense vertical diffusion (upwelling) are also important fishery areas. Hence advection (and of course its variability) in the bottom 500 m from a proposed site needs to be studied both experimentally and theoretically (understanding causes and variations). The former may need technological development for long term float tracking. Upwelling processes are already being widely studied, but should be examined from this new point of view. Mixing processes on continental slopes requires more general study (the turbulent boundary layer on a slope, effect of breaking internal waves and so on).

On the shorter time and smaller space scales, there are a number of poorly understood phenomena which are relevant. Among these are:

- (1) The benthic boundary layer, particularly the importance of bioturbation and other sedimentary processes, heat flux, and the possibility of different exchange rates for different components.
- (2) The existence of well-mixed bottom boundary layers, their generation and variability and importance on diffusion rates.
- (3) The nepheloid layers and their relation to 2.
- (4) Turbidity currents (which may carry wastes far from their site of deposition into an area more subject to vertical diffusion).
- (5) The existence of fronts similar to those at the ocean surface and base of the atmosphere. These are important in producing vertical diffusion, but are unknown at the ocean floor (at present?).
- (6) The ray paths for internal waves of tidal period generated by surface tide-topography interaction at the continental shelf break. Is diffusion greater along their path?

In general the 'local' studies would cover vertical scales of perhaps 500m and horizontal scales of 50-100 km, and time scales of a few days, whereas the longer scales may be many years and cover an entire ocean basin. The physical studies should be related and compared with biological studies, in particular the rates at which atomic materials may be vertically transferred by physical and biological processes need careful comparison.

There are engineering and technological problems, especially those concerning navigation and sufficiently precise sampling.

Disposal of high level radioactive waste in the floor of the deep ocean.

Outline cost plan 1976-80 - for IOS

The tables following show in outline how an interdisciplinary project might be developed within IOS. The project would, of course, continue after 1980. The costs quoted here are in addition to existing related studies, many of which are relevant or even essential to the success of the suggested project. Allocation of additional ship time has yet to be considered.

The additional work might be organised to cover the following broad topics:

1. Physics:

Turbulent transport in the lower boundary layer of the deep ocean.

The deep mesoscale circulation.

Vertical fluxes in the water column.

2. Chemistry:

Chemical composition of the uppermost deep ocean sediments.

Experimental studies of exchange properties and processes.

Pre water composition.

3. Biology:

Assessment of possible chemical fluxes through diffusion by animal movement.

4. Geology and Geophysics:

Selection and evaluation of areas and sites.

Longterm observation of low level seismic activity.

Sedimentological studies.

Illustration of possible additional costs to 1980

£K f.e.c. (extra staff)	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Physics		100 (7)	136 (9)	150 (10)
Chemistry	10 (1)	45 (3)	70 (5)	70 (5)
Biology	6 (1)	16 (2)	30 (3)	30 (3)
Geology		66 (5)	105 (8)	105 (8)
Special Capital		300	250	50
Total f.e.c.	16	527	586	405

No consideration has yet been given to additional costs for ship time.

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Attachment A

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Attachment C

Current awareness and bibliographies

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ATTACHMENT A

SYMPOSIUM ON R AND D IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT  
Harwell, November 1976

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1. The management of high level waste: some options and their timescales  
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4. A national programme for R and D on deep ocean disposal of HLW.  
JOHNSON, K.D.B. (AERE)

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- 5,6 Geological disposal. Progress reports, future programme and general discussion.  
GRAY, D. and FEATES, F.S. (IGS) and AERE
- 7,8 National Waste Storage Site and conditioning wastes for long term storage.  
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JOHNSON, K.D.B. (AERE)
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CHARLESWORTH, F. (NII)
10. Application of risk analysis of RWM and disposal.  
KINCHIN, G.H. (ASRD)
11. Review of European high level waste solidification technology.  
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12. A development programme for the reduction and treatment of plutonium contaminated materials.  
BOYLE, J. (BNFL).
13. The status of developments of instruments for measurement of plutonium in solid waste.  
LEAKE, J. (AERE)

SYMPORIUM ON R & D IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT  
Harwell, November 1977

Discussion papers (unpublished, restricted)

1. Review of the World Progress in 1977  
JOHNSON, K.D.B. (AERE)

Waste Arisings

2. A comparison of PWR, AGR and FBR from the waste production view point (Reactor wastes)  
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BURTON, W. and BARTON, H. (UKAEA)

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6. Radiological protection aspects of geological disposal.  
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Progress in Waste Treatment

8. Strategy for plutonium contaminated waste.  
TAYLOR, H.A. (BNFL)
9. Report on progress in vitrification of HALW  
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CORBET, A. (BNFL)
10. Report on progress in treatment of magnox cladding and fuel element hulls (covering BNFL and AEA work).  
PLUMB, G. (BNFL)

Decommissioning

11. The decommissioning of WAGR - A feasibility study.  
SADDINGTON, K. (UKAEA Windscale)
12. Decommissioning of a plutonium facility.  
HUNTER, S., WILSON, E. and KEELING, F. (AWRE)
13. The decommissioning for reconstruction at DNE of various fuel facilities.  
BARRETT, T.R. and BAILEY, G. (UKAEA)

Waste Storage Problems

14. Dounreay solid waste management  
BLUMFIELD, C.W. (Dounreay)
15. Problems of long term storage of spent fuel.  
FLOWERS, R.H. (AERE)
16. An NII view of some waste storage problems.  
THACKRAH, D. (NII)
17. A systems approach to waste management.  
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18. Ocean disposal  
PRESTON, A. (MAFF)
19. Progress in exploring the oceanographic option for dumping of high level radioactive wastes on the seabed  
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20. Sea disposal of plutonium wastes over the next decade.  
LEWIS, J.B.

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22. Progress on access to sites; studies at Harwell Laboratory; and field experiments on heating of rock.  
FEATES, F.S. (AERE)
23. National programme on storage and disposal: costs and timescale.  
JOHNSON, K.D.B. (UKAEA)

ATTACHMENT B

High level nuclear wastes in the seabed  
Oceanus 20 (1) Winter 1977

1. MACLEISH, W.H.  
Burying Faust
2. FROSCH, R.A.  
Disposing of high-level radioactive waste
3. HOLLISTER, C.D.  
The seabed option
4. HEATH, G.R.  
Barriers to radioactive waste migration
5. SILVA, A.J.  
Physical processes in deep-sea clays
6. HESSLER, R.R. and JUMARS, P.A.  
Abyssal communities and radioactive waste disposal
7. DEESE, D.A.  
Seabed emplacement and political reality
8. Glossary

ATTACHMENT C

ABSTRACTS BULLETIN

1. Information Bulletin on radioactive wastes and fuel reprocessing.  
Harwell Information Services for Radioactive Waste Project  
(issued monthly)

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Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Disposal on the sea bed

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They describe a substantial body of research only part of which could be carried out by present IOS staff. If the whole were undertaken there would be substantial effects, not yet fully explored, on the Institute's capability to undertake science budget and other commissioned work.

The papers are to be regarded, therefore, as illustrating the sort of work that should be undertaken and, for each individual project, the scale that would be appropriate.

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Project title	Total cost £K		
	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Investigation of currents of the deep N.E. Atlantic IOS 10/16		108	127
Autonomous tracking stations IOS 10/17	82	223	244
Dispersion of tracers in deep water IOS 10/77	60	87	105
Microplankton and micronekton near the ocean floor IOS 30/201	91	119	119
Suspended particles from the deep ocean IOS 10/974	20	31	31

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the oceanDisposal beneath the sea bed

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	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80 and after
Dynamics of the benthic boundary layer IOS 10/84	78	133	152	
Models of oceanic circulation IOS 10/18	142	142	142	
Benthic Biology IOS 30/301	229	229	204	
Selection of areas for disposal IOS 20/283	33	98	98	
Site stability Studies IOS 20/284	12	91	125	
In situ seismics IOS 20/285	12	72	72	
Seismic hazard assessment IOS 20/286	86	86	96	
Downhole resistivity IOS 20/287	48	19	19	
Buoyant programmed pinger IOS 20/288	31	16	16	
Chemistry of ocean sediments IOS 10/971	4	66	66	66

Total cost £K

Project title	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80 and after
Exchange properties and processes IOS 10/972		60	70	45
Pore water composition IOS 10/973	7	28	41	41

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Alternative Energy Strategies

Much of the IOS work already commissioned is in connexion with conventional sources of energy. This work may be summarized as follows:

	Total cost £K		
	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
Research commissioned by Department of Energy in connexion with hydrocarbon exploitation	498	201	157
Research commissioned by UK Offshore Operators Association		118	
Research to be commissioned by Department of Energy in connexion with the generation of electricity from waves - approximately	10	40	40
	626	241	197

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Investigation of currents of the deep North East Atlantic Ocean IOS 10/16

Description of the proposed research. The objective of the project will be to describe the main features of the currents of the deep eastern North Atlantic, including their variability on time scales up to several years. This will provide a basis for improved models of the disposal of waste.

The work will, at first, use established techniques of mooring emplacement to deploy current meters through the water column in a geographically extended array. This will be supplemented by local studies of spatial variations using neutrally buoyant floats tracked from ships. When an autonomous tracking system (IOS 10/17) becomes available a more extensive mapping will be possible.

This proposal is for extra observational work at sea. Supervisory effort can be made available from the present staff.

Relevant institute experience and research The Institute of Oceanographic Sciences has over the past 20 years played a pioneering role in the study of deep ocean currents. This has been so both on the interpretive side and in the development of instrumentation.

Present work on the science vote aims at a modest programme of maintenance of current meters at 6 sites in the N.E. Atlantic in collaboration with colleagues from the University of Kiel, Germany and from Fisheries Laboratory Lowestoft. Shorter term experiments designed to reveal topographic effects on the meso-scale circulation (variability in scales of several hundred kilometers) are also part of the IOS programme. The work complements a much larger USA/USSR programme in the western North Atlantic.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Extended investigations of currents of the deep N.E. Atlantic  
Ocean IOS 10/16

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year					1987-88 inclusive
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1980-81	
Manpower - Scientists				1½	2½	3¾
.. - Support						

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other	431	32	45	75
recurrent £K				
- Capital				
Equipment				
- Major				
Operational				
Costs	449	60	60	60
Cruise				
costs				
- Other				
- Overheads	237	16	22	37
- Total	117	108	127	172

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote ( )

\* See Primary Activity 1, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Development and emplacement of autonomous tracking stations in the eastern North Atlantic IOS 10/17

Description of the proposed research The long term aim is to instal a system of acoustic receivers at permanent deep-water stations in the eastern North Atlantic which will permit tracking of neutrally buoyant floats over the greater part of the area and of the depth.

The work will be in three stages

- (a) Two parallel pilot projects - to determine the optimum siting of listening stations for maximum coverage, and to set out the basis of the design of the stations themselves.
- (b) A test phase in which 3 stations are constructed and placed in deep offshore locations and a small number of long range floats are tracked. Much of the technology for the floats will be available from colleagues in the USA. The specific location might most appropriately be chosen in relation to the biological and geochemical components of the overall programme.
- (c) An implementation phase to be described in a proposal for later years.

This is a proposal for the development, and assessment at sea, of a specialized instrument system. About half the total staff effort involved can be provided by present IOS staff.

Relevant institute experience and research IOS pioneered the use of acoustically tracked neutrally buoyant floats and deep water mooring techniques. The institute is expert in short range tracking of floats at various depths in the ocean from shipboard. IOS has long experience both of deep water current meter moorings and in the development and management of the larger more permanent UK data buoy.

## RCGP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Development and emplacement of autonomous tracking stations in the eastern N. Atlantic IOS 10/17

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year				
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1986/87 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists	2	4	5	6	
- Support					

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[431]	55	112	126
- Capital				
- Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs (ship time)	[449]	55	55	
- Other				
- Overheads	[237]	27	56	63
- Total		117	82	223
				244

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 1, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

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Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Dispersion of a tracer in deep water IOS 10/77

Description of the proposed research Experiments will be performed with radioactive or dye tracers to estimate the vertical mixing in mid-water in a variety of oceanographic regimes. This will provide a basis for estimating the possible displacement of pollutants by transient advection and the potential for climatic changes in local conditions. The experiments will be conducted in regions of low vertical stability, in upwelling areas and in overflow regions as well as in areas selected for possible waste disposal.

The project will require a number of developments

- (1) Development of methods of dispersal at depth so that tracer is neutrally buoyant.
- (2) Selection of tracer (radioactive or dye) and the instrumentation to detect it at great depths.
- (3) Design of carrier for the detectors. This will be initially a paper study to decide whether a complex deep towed controlled vehicle would be appropriate.
- (4) A series of diffusion experiments in varying oceanographic regimes.

It is envisaged that this project will be a joint one between IOS, AERE and MAFF.

Relevant institute expertise and research

IOS has over the last 20 years had a continuing role in the study of variability of deep currents and the parallel investigations of the physical properties of the ocean.

## RCGP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Dispersion of a tracer in deep water IOS 10/77

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts Joint with AERE/MAFF. IOS costs only shown here.

Duration of proposed research: Up to 5 years

	Year				
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1981/82 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists		1½		3½	
.. - Support					3½

## Full Economic Costs \*

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[431]	40	58	70
- Capital Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs	[449]			
- Other				
- Overheads	[237]	20	29	35
- Total	[1117]	60	87	105

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 1, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Distribution and trophic relationships of the macroplankton and micronekton occurring near the ocean floor IOS 30/201

Description of the proposed research The work will be based on the institutes existing programme of research on oceanic ecology. It will concentrate on the organisms in the layer from the sea floor to about 100 m above the bottom. It is probable that these organisms would be the ones most involved in any upward flux of material, which could be transported to and recycled in the uppermost layers of the ocean.

Preliminary experiments at sea have been encouraging. Although modifications of both the gear and the methods of use will be needed the project is known to be, feasible, though difficult. It can begin as a field study without delay.

For the layers between about 2 m from the sea floor upward to 100 m or more the monitored rectangular midwater trawl will be used with modification of the control system. Modifications will be made to the epibenthic sledge to sample the layer between the sea floor and 2 m.

In the initial stages the work will be done in a rich area so that, particularly in the mid depths (where organisms are very few), large samples can be collected and signs of any processes moving material from the bottom to the surface will be most likely to be seen. When such processes have been recognised the sampling will move to areas where dumping is already carried out.

This work will be done mainly by redeployment of existing staff of the IOS Biology Group. It will be necessary to fill at least one vacancy at SO/HSO level so that a necessary expertise on copepods can be developed. Outside assistance will be needed in the later stages to deal with the analysis of radioactive material.

Relevant institute expertise and research IOS has been carrying out for some years a programme of research on the trophic relationships, distribution, migration and ecology of the macroplankton and micronekton of the top 2000 m of the ocean. This programme depends upon advanced unambiguous sampling techniques developed at IOS and on a fairly wide 'in house' taxonomic capability. The staff employed are highly experienced both in seagoing activities such as the operation of collecting gear at considerable depths and in

the processing and analysis of the data collected.

The programme has had the backing and advice of the engineering, applied physics, physics and chemistry sections of IOS for many of years.

The present programme of research on oceanic ecology is concerned with the distribution and migration, mainly in the vertical dimension, of the larger organisms found in the upper 2000 m of the open ocean water column, and with the food, feeding, breeding, swarming and ontogeny of those organisms. A great deal of progress has been made and the investigations are in an active and productive phase.

## ROEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Distribution and trophic relationships of macroplankton and micronekton near the ocean floor IOS 30/201

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year				
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1986/87 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists					
- Support			2 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[86]	24	43	43
- Capital Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs	[130]	55	55	55
- Other				
- Overheads	[42]	12	21	21
 - Total		91	119	119

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 8, IOS programme review October 1976 for details of work

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INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Suspended particles from the deep ocean  
IOS 10/974

Description of the proposed research Studies of the composition and sources of particles in the nepheloid layer, exchange of particles with the bottom sediment, residence times and absorptive properties.

This is a laboratory study using material collected from the ocean.

Only supervisory effort is at present available for this work. Its timing and staffing depend on the decisions that are made for other projects in this series. The most practicable arrangement is to appoint one extra support staff member, preferably early in 1978-79.

Relevant institute expertise and research Relevant IOS research is concentrated in Primary Activity 3 "Chemical Sources, Cycles and Sinks" which aims to understand the processes which transport chemical substances (including hydrocarbons and trace metals) in the marine environment, their effect on physical processes and biological populations and their ultimate fate. The equivalent of 4½ chemists are engaged on this work covering all aspects of marine chemistry.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Suspended particles from the deep ocean IOS 10/974

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year				
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1986/87 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists		$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	
- Support			1	1	

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	91	*	3	10	10
- Capital Equipment					
- Major Operational Costs (ship time)		16	16	16	
- Other					
- Overheads	71		1	5	5
- Total		20	31	31	

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 3, IOS programme review October 1976 for details of the work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Dynamics of the benthic boundary layer of the deep sea IOS 10/84

Description of the proposed research

Measurements will be made of the internal structure of the well-mixed benthic boundary layers that extend up to 200 m from the bottom in many areas of deep water. The principal objective will be to identify dynamical processes and establish possible mechanisms for the dispersal of heat, matter and momentum.

Most of the necessary instrument development is already underway in other IOS programmes. The principal tools for this study of the boundary layer will be sensors of great sensitivity for temperature, current and possibly conductivity measurement mounted on rigid bottom structures in arrays appropriate to the boundary layer scale under investigation.

This proposal is for measurements at sea and their subsequent interpretation, backed by a substantial engineering development. Present IOS staff will provide the necessary theoretical expertise and will supervise the project.

Relevant institute expertise and research IOS has a continuing programme of observation of the physical structure of the deep sea using modern techniques and long experience of measurement methods. Development of electromagnetic sensors and evaluation of acoustic methods of current measurement are part of the present programme. Studies of turbulence in stratified shear flow in the laboratory and in the field are actively pursued.

## RCGP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Dynamics of the Benthic Boundary Layer of the Deep Sea  
IOS 10/84

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: Long term - 10 year minimum

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
				1986/87 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists			1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
- Support				3 $\frac{3}{4}$

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[431]*	30	52	65
- Capital Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs (shiptime)	[449]	33	55	55
- Other				
- Overheads	[237]	15	26	32
 - Total	[1117]	78	133	152

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote ( )

\* See Primary Activity 1, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Development of models of oceanic circulation  
IOS 10/18

Description of the proposed research Theoretical studies will be made of the possible dispersion of waste material. Models of the ocean circulation, based on the best present understanding of physical processes and observational data, will be developed and exploited.

The work will be carried out jointly by staff at present employed at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics of the University of Cambridge and staff of IOS with wide experience of field observations and knowledge of the global circulation. IOS will also support the numerical development of the models.

The mechanism of establishing the project has not yet been established. Costs are given on the assumption that it is entirely within IOS.

Relevant institute expertise and research IOS has long experience both of work at sea on the general circulation of the ocean and of the development of theoretical models.

DAMTP staff have developed a special expertise in the numerical techniques associated with circulation models and are in close contact with groups in the USA working on models of circulation and climate.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Development of models of oceanic circulation IOS 10/18

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: Long term - 10 year minimum

	Year				
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1986/87 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists					4
- Support					4

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	95	95	95
- Capital Equipment			
- Major Operational Costs	Present NERC DAMTP contract		
- Other			
- Overheads	47	47	47
 - Total	142	142	142

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Benthic biology IOS 30/301

Description of the proposed research The present IOS programme on benthic biology will be reoriented to emphasise the possible effects of radioactive waste on benthic ecology and of benthic fauna on the dispersal of the waste material.

It will be necessary to take on one additional young scientist to be trained to work on Echinoderms - the Holothuria are one of the most abundant groups of the deep sea benthos and, since they feed by swallowing sediment, may have profound effects on the reworking of the uppermost sedimentary layers - and to employ two part time assistants. The existing contract with University of Wales for study of benthic foraminifera will be continued.

Modifications will be needed to the main winch on Discovery. A larger barrel will be needed to accommodate 12-14,000 m of tapered wire. Two such wires would also be needed as well as a shore-side reeling system for changing wires in harbour under tension.

Relevant institute expertise and research Although benthic work began at IOS in 1968 the effort at that time was minimal and more intensive work only began in 1973/74. A satisfactory system of sampling the macrobenthos has been developed and a commercial single warp bottom trawl which has been used in deep water caught good samples of the larger benthic and epibenthic animals. A box corer built at IOS will supply samples of the fauna living within the sediments. Methods of processing the samples are being improved and taxonomic expertise acquired though, since it would probably be impossible and almost certainly undesirable to build up a large enough team of taxonomists to deal with the very varied benthic fauna, only a very small number of groups of animals can be completely analysed 'in house'. Arrangements have been made for the wide taxonomic abilities available throughout Europe to be used on benthic collections made by those European nations currently engaged in deep-sea research; since IOS was largely responsible for initiating the scheme the institute will be in a good position to benefit from it.

IOS benthic work (Project B3) is concerned with the effects of animals on the chemistry and physics of the Benthic Boundary Layer. Five scientists are engaged on the project at present.

## RCGP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Benthic Biology IOS 30/301

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts University College of Wales

Duration of proposed research: long term - at least ten years

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists	5	6	6	6
- Support				

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[70]	82	82	82
- Capital Equipment		25	25	
- Major Operational Costs	[129]	82	82	82
- Other				
- Overheads	[32]	40	40	40
- Total		229	229	204

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

See Primary Activity 9, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Selection and evaluation of areas and sites for disposal of high level radioactive waste below the ocean floor IOS 20/283

Description of the proposed research A number of areas will be selected in the North Atlantic where criteria for the disposal of high level radioactive waste below the ocean floor might be met. Surveys will be carried out to evaluate the choices.

Initially the project will require a synthesis and analysis of all available morphological, geological and geophysical data, especially seismic reflection data, to locate possible sediment basins where sedimentation has proceeded undisturbed during the Quaternary. Selected candidate sites will require precise morphological and stratigraphical mapping using a variety of geophysical techniques, including long range side scan sonar (GLORIA Mk II) and high resolution seismic reflection profiling.

Separate proposals deal with proposed studies of sediments. This is a laboratory/office study based on existing records to begin with. Emphasis will move towards measurements at sea in the later stages.

Relevant institute expertise and research The institute has 25 years of experience in studying the morphology, structure, tectonics, sedimentation and evolution of the ocean floor in both the Atlantic and Indian oceans. This has been achieved by research cruises at sea using geophysical surveying and geological sampling techniques and the subsequent data analyses and interpretation. In recent years the institute has been closely involved with and taken part in the Deep Sea Drilling Project now in its International Phase of ocean drilling.

Current research on relevant topics includes:

1. Preparation of bathymetric charts of the NE Atlantic at scales of 1:1 million, 1:2.4 million and 1:10 million based on international, national and institute sounding data. The preparation of the series at 1:2.4 million is paid for by the Departments of Industry and Energy.

2. Data on sediment distribution and processes in the NE Atlantic have been collected over many years and are being interpreted in relation to environmental and geological history. Mapping of geophysical parameters (magnetic anomalies, gravity anomalies, seismicity, crustal structure etc) is also undertaken as part of general studies of the structure and evolution of the oceanic crust. These projects are supported by Science Vote funds.

3. Programmes of geological and geophysical work at sea which include studies of the axial regions of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, anomalous mid plate regions such as King's Trough and the continental margins of western Europe.

17.5 direct staff equivalent (p.a.b.) work on the two Primary Activities "Ocean Floor Studies" and "Global Tectonics". 5.5 of them are at present committed to work for the Department of Industry and Energy; the number required is expected to increase. Supervisory staff can be made available for this project. One extra prime mover and one supporting scientist should be appointed as soon as possible with the possibility of one more supporting staff in the next year.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Selection and evaluation of sites IOS 20/283

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: Probably 5 years or more depending on the success of the initial search and evaluation.

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Manpower - Scientists		1½	1½	1½
.. - Support		1	2	2

## Full Economic Costs \*

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[236] (60)	22	29	29
- Capital Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs	[185] (98)		55	55
- Other				
- Overheads	[126] (24)	11	14	14
- Total		33	98	98

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activities 5 and 6; IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Site stability studies from the Quaternary sedimentary record IOS 20/284

Description of the proposed research An assessment of site stability during the next few hundreds of thousands of years can be made by studying the nature of sedimentation during the last few million years (e.g. 2my for the Quaternary). At typical N. Atlantic sedimentation rates of 2-10 cm/1000 years, sediments will have to be sampled to depths of 40-200 metres below the sea floor.

The proposal is (a) to study all available relevant core and drill data from possible N. Atlantic sites to achieve an understanding of regional sedimentation patterns and processes, (b) to develop techniques for the recovery of sediment from depths up to several tens of metres below the sea floor (c) to obtain samples from suitable depths in possible disposal sites (d) to analyse sediments to give detailed geological history at the site with special emphasis on the influence of glacial/interglacial environmental changes.

The analysis of the cores will require detailed faunal and statistical analysis of Quaternary planktonic foraminifera, along the lines of the CLIMAP project, which should be carried out within IOS. Use of NERC C14 and isotope facilities will be required. Micro-palaeontological work may be done by external contractors.

The material obtained from this project can also be used for physical and chemical studies, under other projects, of sediments at crucial depths.

Relevant institute expertise and research The institute has experience in deep ocean coring and has the necessary design and mechanical engineering facilities to develop deep penetration coring. Experience in sediment analysis and interpretation in terms of palaeoenvironment have come from close association with and participation in the Deep Sea Drilling Project.

A research programme, funded by Science Vote, has recently been started on the collection and interpretation of ocean sediments in relation to the environmental and geological history of the NE Atlantic and to the processes operating. Effort on this programme might be available for redeployment ( $\frac{1}{2}$  man). The necessary supervision can be provided.

## RCGP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Site stability studies from the Quaternary Sedimentary record IOS 20/284

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts To be determined

Duration of proposed research: At least 5 years depending on site selection

	Year					1982/83 inclusive
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81	
Manpower - Scientists	-	$\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	
- Support	-	-	1	2	2	

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other [236] (60)\* 8 32 48 48

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Special Capital Equipment 10 20 20

- Major Operational Costs (shiptime) [185] (98) 33 33 33

- Other

- Overheads [126] (24) 4 16 24 24

- Total 12 91 125 125

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activities 5 and 6, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project In situ seismic studies of the physical properties of the upper layers of deep sea sediments  
IOS 20/285

Description of the proposed research The objective is to determine in situ geotechnical properties of deep sea sediments, especially porosity, with a view eventually to studying possible sites for the disposal of high level radioactive wastes. This will be achieved by a short range seismic refraction technique using both sound sources and receivers on the ocean floor over line lengths of the order of a few kilometres, giving a measurement of the sediment properties up to a few hundred metres depth. Existing sea bed recorders (PUBS) will be used (being modified where necessary). An ocean bottom sound source with suitable power and frequency characteristics will be developed to generate Stoneley surface waves on the sediment-water interface. The dispersion of these waves can be interpreted in terms of a shear velocity/depth model for the top few tens of metres of sediment. Compressional waves generated simultaneously will give time distance curves that can be inverted to give a P-wave velocity/depth model. Measurement of the amplitude of vertical incidence reflections from below the seabed can give acoustic impedance contrasts. All these data can be combined to give estimates of density (and hence porosity if particle density is known) and the elastic constants of the upper sediments.

The project is basically field research, involving some prior instrumental development, to be followed by mathematical modelling of sediment parameters.

An IOS senior scientist expert in ocean floor seismic research will supervise the project. IOS can provide engineering support. A younger scientist and a man to support him will be required.

Relevant Institute expertise and research IOS has 10 years of experience in the development of pop-up bottom seismic recorders and was a pioneer in this field, and also with development of sound sources. Seismic refraction measurements of the oceanic crust have been made over a wide variety of ocean floor environments using surface explosion or airgun sound sources. Interpretational methods have been developed including the use of synthetic seismograms.

Recent studies at IOS using the seismic refraction method include an assessment of the crustal structure of King's Trough, the crests of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge SW of the Azores and of the Sheba Ridge (Gulf of Aden) and the Arabian margin. Longer range work on the lithospheric structure of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge North of the Azores has also been carried out. The seismic recorders are being developed to include geophones to enable shear waves to be observed.

These projects are entirely funded by Science Vote.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title In situ seismic studies IOS 20/285

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: Work on development of sound sources should start as soon as possible. Duration of the observational work will depend on how long it takes to find suitable sites/year

	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1984/85 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists		1/4	1 3/4	1 3/4	
- Support		1/2	1	1	

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other [236] (60)*	8	26	26	
recurrent £K				
- Capital				
Equipment				
- Major				
Operational				
Costs (ship time) [185] (98)		33	33	
- Other				
- Overheads	[126] (24)	4	13	13
- Total	12	72	72	

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activities 5 and 6, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Seismic Hazard Assessment on the Ocean Floor  
IOS 20/286

Description of the proposed research An array of ocean bottom seismographs will be deployed in the North Atlantic so as to detect and locate all seismic events with  $M_b \geq 2$ . The initial deployment of up to ten instruments will cover an area about equal to that of Great Britain.

Later phases of the work will concentrate on longer term observation of more limited areas so as to build up knowledge of the statistics of smaller seismic events, undetectable by the present world wide network but still possibly capable of damaging ocean floor installations. Present IOS staff will supervise the carrying out and interpretation of the research. Two additional junior scientists will be needed. This is a proposal for work at sea but with substantial preparatory work and interpretation ashore.

Relevant Expertise and Research IOS has been observing earthquakes in seismically active regions of the ocean floor with Ocean Bottom Seismographs (OBS) since 1972. At present there are 5 operational OBS, each capable of recording for up to nine days. Plans are in hand to extend this recording period to about a month. In addition to having the equipment and experience relevant to the long term operation of OBS on the sea floor, IOS has the expertise needed in the assessment of seismic hazard.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Seismic Hazard assessment IOS 20/286

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: Long term: necessary to build up statistics of seismicity

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Manpower - Scientists		3	3	3
- Support				

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[236]	(60)	24	24
- Capital Equipment			50	50
- Major Operational Costs	[185]	(98)		60
- Other				
- Overheads	[126]	(24)	12	12
- Total			86	96

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activities 5 and 6, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

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Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Resistivity measurements down IPOD holes  
IOS 20/287

Description of the proposed research Electrical resistivity measurements will be made in IPOD drill holes using wide electrode separation so as to ensure deep penetration of the surrounding rock. The measurements will make it possible to assess the gross porosity of oceanic basalts and underlying sediments and the exchange of salt water with the ocean and thus the degree to which fragmentation may make them unsuitable to receive waste.

This is a proposal for work at sea.

Present IOS staff will be able to supervise the project. Two extra scientists will be needed in the first year, reducing to one in succeeding years.

Relevant institute expertise and research. IOS staff have carried out large scale electrical resistivity work at sea. The experience gained will contribute to the work proposed.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Resistivity measurements down IPOD boreholes 10S 20/287

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: Duration linked with the IPOD programme

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Manpower - Scientists		1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
- Support		1	1	1

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[236] (60)*	19	13	13
- Capital Equipment		40	7	7
- Major Operational Costs	[185] (98)			
- Other				
- Overheads	[126] (24)	9	6	6
- Total		48	19	19

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activities 5 and 6, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

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Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Buoyant Programmed Pinger IOS 20/288

Description of the proposed research A pattern of buoyant programmed pingers will be deployed in the Blanco Fracture Zone, off the coast of Oregon. This area has been selected as suitable for first trials of the system which will detect whether a dense object placed on the sea floor will sink into the sediment as it is fluidised by seismic shocks. Sinking of the pinger anchor weights will be monitored by ships of opportunity which will check the distance of pingers above the sea floor.

This is a programme of research at sea using ships of opportunity and existing equipment. It can be carried out by present IOS staff.

Relevant institute expertise and research IOS staff have several years experience in studying earthquakes on the ocean floor. A long life buoyant pinger has been developed and several constructed. The deployment can commence in 1978.

## ROEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Buoyant programmed pinger IOS 20/288

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Manpower - Scientists				1986/87 inclusive
- Support	$\frac{3}{4}$		$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	236 (60)	16	4	4
- Capital Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs	185 (98)			
- Other (US \$)		10	10	10
- Overheads	126 (24)	5	2	2
 - Total		31	16	16

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activities 5 and 6 IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

## INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project: Chemical composition of uppermost deep ocean sediments IOS 10/971

Description of the proposed research Determination of the chemical composition of pelagic sediments in order to obtain basic information on chemical and mineralogical composition and accumulation rates.

Development of new collecting techniques which will yield minimally disturbed sections some tens of metres in length\*

This is a laboratory study using material collected from the deep ocean floor.

Only supervisory effort is at present available for this work. Its timing depends on the speed with which appropriate staff can be appointed. The figures given here assume that one support man can be appointed immediately to begin, under supervision, to set up appropriate procedures and facilities and that a SSO prime mover can be appointed next year.

Relevant institute expertise and research Relevant IOS research is concentrated in Primary Activity 3 "Chemical Sources, Cycles and Sinks" which aims to understand the processes which transport chemical substances (including hydrocarbons and trace metals) in the marine environment, their effect on physical processes and biological populations and their ultimate fate. The equivalent of 4½ chemists are engaged on this work covering all aspects of marine chemistry. These staff are, fortunately, well qualified to provide the supervision needed by projects related to radioactive waste disposal though their number does not permit the redeployment of any substantial effort. The group is well provided with the basic laboratory equipment required for project 10/971.

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\* See project IOS/10/184 for costs of development of sampling equipment

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Chemical composition of uppermost deep ocean sediments IOS 10/971

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year				
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1985/86 inclusive
Manpower - Scientists	1 $\frac{1}{4}$				
- Support	1	1	1	1	

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	3 [91]*	23	23	23
- Capital				
- Equipment (special)				
- Major Operational Costs (ship time)	- [71]	22	22	22
- Other				
- Overheads	1 [51]	11	11	11
- Total	4	66	66	66

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 3, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work.

## INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project: Experimental studies of exchange properties and processes IOS 10/972

Description of the proposed research Studies of adsorption and exchange of major and minor elements and some low level radionuclides onto various sediment components

This is a laboratory study

Only general supervisory effort is at present available for this work. Its success depends on the early appointment of an experienced man able to lead the project and so provide a necessary complement to project IOS 10/971. The figures given here assume that a leader can be appointed early next year and that he will be supported by one man from the beginning of 1978-79. Capital expenditure will be needed to provide and additional facilities.

Relevant institute expertise and research Relevant IOS research is concentrated in Primary Activity 3 "Chemical Sources, Cycles and Sinks" which aims to understand the processes which transport chemical substances (including hydrocarbons and trace metals) in the marine environment, their effect on physical processes and biological populations and their ultimate fate. The equivalent of 4½ chemists are engaged on this work covering all aspects of marine chemistry.

There is at present no IOS experimental project though senior members of staff have experience in the general subject area.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title      Experimental studies of exchange properties and processes  
IOS/10/972

Institute(s)      Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

## Subcontracts

Duration of proposed research:      Long term

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Manpower - Scientists			1½	1½
- Support			1	1
				1986/87 inclusive

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	[91]	16	23	23
- Capital Equipment (special)		25	25	
- Major Operational Costs	[71]	11	11	11
- Other				
- Overheads	[51]	8	11	11
- Total	[213]	60	70	45

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 3, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work

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INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Programme on disposal of high level radioactive waste in the ocean

Project Pore water composition IOS 10/973

Description of the proposed research Studies of the composition of sediment pore waters. Analysis and modelling of pore waters, estimation of fluxes through pore waters and exchange with bottom water.

This is a laboratory study using material collected from the deep ocean floor.

This work will be best catered for by the appointment of a younger scientist to work under the supervision of a senior member of the present staff. The appointment should be made in about a years time.

Relevant institute expertise and research Relevant IOS research is concentrated in Primary Activity 3, "Chemical Sources, Cycles and Sinks" which aims to understand the processes which transport chemical substances (including hydrocarbons and trace metals) in the marine environment, their effect on physical processes and biological populations and their ultimate fate. The equivalent of 4½ chemists are engaged on this work covering all aspects of marine chemistry.

IOS has developed equipment for taking pore water samples of sediments in situ. The one senior member of staff with directly relevant expertise will devote a substantial fraction of his time to this work.

## RCEP VI REPORT: MANPOWER AND COSTS OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

Title Pore water composition IOS 10/973

Institute(s) Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Subcontracts one

Duration of proposed research: 5-10 years

	Year			
	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
Manpower - Scientists				1985/86 inclusive
- Support	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

## Full Economic Costs

- Staff and other recurrent £K	1[91]*	4	13	13
- Capital Equipment				
- Major Operational Costs (ship time)	5[71]	22	22	22
- Other				
- Overheads	1.51	2	6	6
 - Total	7.51	28	41	41

Note: Figures in brackets refer to manpower and costs of ongoing relevant research on commission ( ) or Science Vote [ ]

\* See Primary Activity 3, IOS programme review, October 1976 for details of work

