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cratic Party's energy task force, which is headed by former White House aide Harry McPherson and which met in Washington in late February. This new superagency would include most of USGS, NOAA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Coast Guard, and parts of the Army Corps of Engineers. Both the Democratic task force plan and the Hollings bill would leave BLM in Interior and separate OCS development from regulation.

The DEO notion has been floating around in the bureaucracy and on Capitol Hill for some time. Staffers give it a chance of becoming reality only if the Ford Administration deep-sixes a competing superagency proposal, the long discussed Department of Energy and Natural Resources. In that case, it might support the DEO idea.

A less original solution has been put forward by a scientific advisory committee, the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere (NACOA). In response to a request from Senator Hollings, NACOA wrote its own position paper on the OCS leasing, which ventured that the whole issue had become so entangled that normal governmental processes could not unravel it. Only a blue-ribbon commission would be able to come up with a blueprint for action that could be acceptable to all sides.

NACOA's strong views on the OCS issue are a reminder that ocean policy has been nearly the exclusive province of oceanographers for the last several years. But the oceanographers seem about to be edged over by other, more powerful groups whose interests in the oceans are somewhat less than scholarly. A memo proposing DEO to the Democratic task force put the challenge to the oceanographers thus:

"Over the last few decades the oceans have emerged from the laboratories and research vessels of a few hundred oceanographers and marine scientists out into the rough and tumble company of the oil and gas industry, the recreational developers, the increasingly wide-ranging fishermen of all nations and even the United Nations.

"No longer can the United States afford to regard the oceans as a matter for academia. Ocean-related conflicts and controversies have become critical policy matters for the Federal government."—DEBORAH SHAPLEY

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