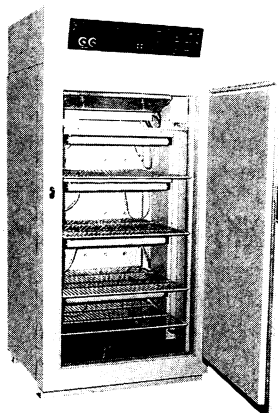


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Thus, the evaluations by the Inspector General and the Department of Justice did not disclose any violation of the conflict of interest laws for any of the eight panel members who reviewed Alar in 1985.

Full compliance with both the letter and the spirit of the law regarding conflict of interest is essential to public trust in our work. It takes only one violation or alleged violation to cast doubt on the entire process. I am fully committed to ensuring that these statutes are not violated.

I wish to extend my personal thanks to the members of our science advisory panels for the significant contributions they have made. I reiterate my continued support for the invaluable service science advisory panels provide to government, the regulated industry, and to the public.

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Multidisciplinary Economics

We were delighted to see the 6 July article by Constance Holden, "Multidisciplinary look at a finite world" (News & Comment, 6 July, p. 18), reporting on the development of a multidisciplinary economics or ecological economics in Barcelona. The movement to integrate economics with other social sciences is gaining a following everywhere. New associations include the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (led by Geoff Hodgson at Newcastle Polytechnic in the United Kingdom), the International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (Gerry van Dyck at the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management in Brussels), and our own Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE).

SASE was formed at the Harvard Business School in 1989, and this year more than 500 colleagues from around the world attended our conference in Washington, D.C. The next annual meeting will be held at the Stockholm School of Economics on 16 to 19 June 1991, and the new *Journal of Socio-Economics* will begin publication in 1991 edited by Richard Hattwick at Western Illinois University.

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