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FROM: Kika de la Garza, M C
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Rep Kika de la Garza announced today that the health of the Nation's environment and how it might be improved will receive close Congressional scrutiny Friday, August 6, when the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, of which he is a member, will begin its annual hearings on President Nixon's second annual Environmental Quality Report.

Russell E Train, Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) will be the lead-off witness. Other witnesses will testify at additional hearings which will be scheduled after Congress reconvenes in September.

Congressman de la Garza noted that in addition to determining the adequacy of the report, the Subcommittee intends to consider the possibility of changes which might be needed to improve the Federal government's overall environmental effort and make it more effective.

The South Texan lauded the Council for its active participation and direct involvement in the recent deliberations of numerous Congressional committees on a wide range of environmental issues. He pointed out the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) requires the Council to undertake a continuing appraisal of the Nation's environmental posture and to prepare an annual report on the following:

- The status and condition of major natural, manmade, or altered environmental classes of the Nation;
- Current and foreseeable trends in the quality, management and utilization of such environments and the effects of those trends on the social, economic and other requirements of the Nation;
- The adequacy of available natural resources for fulfilling human and economic requirements in the light of expected population pressures;
- A review of the programs and activities of the Federal Government, the State and local governments and non-governmental entities or individuals, with particular reference to their effect on the environment and on the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources; and
- A program for remedying the deficiencies of existing programs and activities, together with recommendations for legislation.

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