

CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENTBELGIAN NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

On June 27, the Belgian government adopted a national incentive program for research and development in non-nuclear energy. A study of "waste material economy" will shortly be added to this program.

As in other national programs, the aim is to supply information intended to aid in political decision-making. The essential concerns basic to the program are as follows:

- to identify scientific criteria for a more rational use of energy in the various sectors of the national economy
- to increase the number and variety of solutions which can be used to reduce the country's energy dependence
- to assess the economic and social effects of various new energy techniques and solutions likely to improve the country's future position.
- to develop the data and evaluation tools which will enable the country to identify in time the scientifically and technically feasible medium and long-term options open to it in the field of energy.

The program is centred on the following areas:

- a) Development of models to provide a better knowledge of the national energy system and to predict its future development.
- b) Energy saving: an initial study consists of a systematic examination of the problems involved in recovering lost or dissipated