

Manufacturers' Pollution Abatement Expenditures in New York

As shown in Table 1-2, the 1986-1990 period saw a rapid rise in manufacturers' pollution abatement expenditures in New York State: capital expenditures increased by 128% and operating costs by 19%. When capital expenditures for abatement are compared among the three segments, air pollution expenditures rose fastest. In operating costs, solid waste expenditures grew fastest, while water pollution abatement declined somewhat.

In terms of capital expenditure growth in New York, therefore, the three segments have the following order of importance:

- (1) air pollution,
- (2) solid waste, and
- (3) water pollution.

In terms of the growth of operating costs in the state, the three segments have this order of importance:

- (1) solid waste,
- (2) air pollution,
- (3) water pollution

The rates of growth of air pollution abatement expenditure (both for capital and operating expenditure) in New York outpaced those in the U.S. as a whole (Table 1-2).

More detailed information on growth trends can be found in the following sections of this report. Note that the above data includes hazardous waste under each of the other categories. Section 3 below discusses growth in the hazardous waste segment.