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**An Inventory of Its Litigation Files: State of Minnesota v.
Marvin Windows**

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Attorney General. Environmental Protection Division.
Series Title: Litigation files: State of Minnesota v. Marvin Windows.
Dates: 1988-1992.
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Location: 107.I.11.8F

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence, attorneys' notes, memos, press coverage, pleadings, and other materials documenting the case involving Marvin Windows. In 1990, state officials conducted inspections of the Marvin Windows facility in Warroad, Minnesota, and discovered numerous violations of hazardous waste, air quality, and water quality laws, some of which stemmed from previous violations. The state and the company negotiated a global settlement of the violations. A criminal plea to a gross misdemeanor for illegal disposal of hazardous waste was entered by the company on November 28, 1990. Marvin Windows also agreed to enter into a civil consent decree which required a specific list of tasks to bring them into compliance with state environmental laws. They paid a \$2 million civil penalty to the State of Minnesota, which was the largest penalty ever collected by Minnesota officials from a company charged with violating state environmental laws.

RELATED MATERIALS

Further materials concerning the Marvin Windows issue are housed in the Governor: Carlson, Arne: Litigation materials (cataloged separately).

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Environmental protection--Minnesota.
Litigating.
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Factory inspection—Minnesota—Warroad.
Window industry—Minnesota.
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Hazardous wastes—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Marvin Windows (Firm : Warroad, Minn.).

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Search warrant, complaints, pleadings, and consent decree, 1990.
Secretary of State information, 1990.
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