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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Environmental Health Division

An Inventory of Its Health Risk Assessment Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Environmental Health.
- Series Title:** Health risk assessment files,
- Dates:** 1973-1984.
- Abstract:** Files on the department's studies of public health risks derived from major actual or potential sources of pollutants or other environmental hazards.
- Quantity:** 3.4 cu. ft. (4 boxes)
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Files on the department's studies of public health risks derived from major actual or potential sources of pollutants or other environmental hazards.

They include studies of phenolic substances found in St. Louis Park wells; health risks from taconite tailings dumped into Lake Superior by the Reserve Mining Company and associated asbestos contamination; health risks associated with high voltage transmission lines; and potential problems associated with hazardous waste, landfill, and other contamination sites.

INDEX TERMS

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Cancer--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.
Electric lines--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.
Electric lines--Health aspects--Minnesota.
Hazardous waste sites--Minnesota.
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Taconite--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.
Taconite--Health aspects--Minnesota.

Places:

Superior, Lake--Environmental aspects.
Superior, Lake--Health aspects.

Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Health.
Reserve Mining Company.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

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| 110.B.19.6F | 1 | St. Louis Park Contamination Study Files, 1976-1981. 23 folders. Records of the department's study concerning phenolic substances found in private and municipal water wells in St. Louis Park. Androc Chemical Company, 1979 Barr Engineering Report, 1976 Chronology of the St. Louis Park Problem, undated Contract, 1978-1980 Data Review, 1980-1981 Environmental Protection Agency, 1977-1978 Epidemiology, 1977-1979 Golden Auto, 1979 Groundwater, 1978-1979 History, 1976-1977 Litigation, 1979-1980 Louisiana Avenue Extension, 1978-1980 Meetings/Teleconferences, 1977 Phenol Study, 1978 Presentations, 1979 Remedial Contracts, 1979 St. Louis Park, City of, 1977-1978 Soil Borings, 1978 Study Plans, 1978-1979 Subcommittee, 1978-1979 Treatment Costs, 1977 U.S. Geological Survey, 1979 Water Sampling, 1977-1978 |

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| 110.B.19.6F | 1 | <p>Reserve Mining Health Study Files, 1973-1982. 32 folders in 2 boxes. Records of the department's study of the health risks from taconite tailings dumped into Lake Superior by the Reserve Mining Company. Study conducted in conjunction with the court case U.S. vs. Reserve Mining Company.</p> <p>Air Sampling, 1979-1980 Asbestos, Administration, 1979-1981 Asbestos, Dr. Coffin's Studies, 1980 Asbestos, Correspondence, 1979-1980 Asbestos, Homestake and Other Studies, 1973-1976 Asbestos, Research Planning, 1978 Asbestos Studies, 1975-1977 Asbestos, Tissue Studies, 1980-1981 Cancer Incidence Survey, St. Louis County, 1977 Cancer Study, Letters and Responses, 1978 Duluth Cancer Study, 1981 Duluth Water, 1973-1976 Duluth Project Grant, 1976 Health Evidence, 1977 (3 folders) Health Study, 1981 Laboratory Methods, 1976-1979 Lake Superior, 1976</p> |
| 110.B.19.7B | 2 | <p>Litigation, 1975-1977. 2 folders. Milepost 7, 1976-1978 Miscellaneous Samples, 1978-1982. 3 folders. Palekar's Studies, 1978 Pathology Lab Projects, 1979 Pollution Control Agency Correspondence, 1975-1976 Silver Bay Risk Estimate, 1976</p> |

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| 110.B.19.7B | 2 | <p>High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Files, 1975-1984. Records of the department's study of the health risks associated with high voltage transmission lines.</p> <p>Correspondence, 1977-1984. 4 folders. Health Effects Correspondence, 1976-1977. 1 folder. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1977. 1 folder. Solicitation Letters, 1977. 1 folder.</p> |
| 110.B.19.8F | 3 | <p>Solicitation Response Letters, 1977. 3 folders. Health Complaints, 1979-1980. 1 folder. Subject Files, 1975-1983. 30 folders.</p> <p>These files include copies of numerous student and conference papers and academic studies on HVTL issues.</p> <p>Assessment of Electrical Environment and Ozone, 1979 Coal Creek Power Plant Project, 1979. Community Study: Assessment of the Effects of the West Central Minnesota Powerline Protest Movement on the Individuals in Pope County, 1979. The CU (Direct Current) Line: A Public Health Perspective, 1982. Electric Shock Review Project, 1980 Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), 1977 Environmental Quality Board Meeting, 1980-1981 Environmental Quality Board Recommendation, 1980 An Evaluation of Environmental Health Effects Associated with HVTLs, 1975 Health Study Development, 1980 Health Study Planning, 1980-1981 High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line: Electrical Environment Characterization (Proposal), 1979 Issue Management, 1980-1981 Legislation, 1980 Legislative Hearings, 1977 Legislature, 1978 Ozone Monitoring Program, 1977 Pacemaker Study, 1983 Planning, 1981 Potential Generation of Air Pollutants, Interim Report, 1979 Press Conference, 1976</p> |

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| 110.B.19.8F | 3 | <p>HVTL Subject Files (cont): Public Meeting Transcript, June 1979 Re CPA/UPA powerline. Quantifying the Effects of Electric Power Transmission on Agriculture, 1979 Request for Proposal, 1978 Sidner's Survey, 1980 Stanford Research Institute, 1977 Status Reports, 1976-1977 Tesla Wireless System, 1977 Transmission Line, 1977-1978 UPA/CPA High Voltage Transmission Line Potential Generation of Air Pollutants, Second Interim Report, 1980</p> <p>Publications, 1977. 3 folders. Prepared by or for the department about HVTLs. Information Received on Health and Safety Effects of High Voltage Overhead Transmission Lines, June 1977. Public Health and Safety Effects of High Voltage Overhead Transmission Lines, Oct. 1977. Safety and Health Effects of High Voltage Transmission Lines, 1977.</p> |

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| 106.D.14.6F | 4 | <p>Miscellaneous Investigations, 1979-1984. 16 folders. These records relate to examinations and inspections performed by the Health Department (sometimes in conjunction with other government agencies) to identify potential public health problems associated with chemical or physical agents, bacterial contamination, or exposure to radiation.</p> <p>Andover-Bemis, 1981. Baxter/Minnesota Department of Transportation Yard Investigation, 1982. Blaine and Urban Transport, 1983. Coon Creek, 1983. FMC Corporation, 1981. Hazardous Waste Sites, 1981. Isanti Co./West Point Dump, 1981-1982. Lake Elmo, 1982-1983. Miscellaneous spills, 1981-1983. New Brighton/Twin City Arsenal, 1981-1984. Radon, 1979-1980.</p> |

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| 106.D.14.6F | 4 | Spring Valley/Ironwood Landfill, 1981-1982. Sulfur dioxide standards/MN APC-1, 1981-1982. Uranium mining, 1979. Washington County/ Old East Oakdale Sanitary Landfill, 1981-1982. West Sibley High School/Asbestos, 1984. |