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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Environmental Health Division

An Inventory of Its Director's Subject Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Environmental Health.
- Series Title:** Director's subject files.
- Dates:** 1916-1922, 1929-1993.
- Abstract:** Subject files kept by the director's office pertaining to the general administration, activities, and policies of the division.
- Quantity:** 7.9 cu. ft. (8 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Major topics covered in the subject files include air and water pollution, hazardous/toxic substances, mercury contamination, pesticides/herbicides, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), community health services, formaldehyde, lead-based paints, methemoglobinemia, mosquitoes, typhoid fever, budget, children's camps, emergency/disaster plans, Indian affairs, industrial camps, migrant labor, legislation, the Missouri and Red Rivers, plumbing, plastic pipes, power lines, rules/regulations, sanitarians, toxicology, and a St. Louis Park creosote problem.

The files also detail the division's relations with numerous state and federal agencies and private organizations, including the Association of Minnesota Counties, League of Minnesota Cities, Minnesota Atomic Development Problems Committee, Minnesota Medical Association, National Sanitation Foundation, Public Health Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, Koppers Company and the state's Planning Agency, Board of Health, and department of natural resources.

There are also files documenting relations with other divisions and sections of the Health Department, particularly those dealing with analytic services, environmental field services and health, health risk assessment, and hotels, resorts, and restaurants.

Also contained in the subject files are environmental sanitation activity reports (1948-1957), activity plans and annual reports (1974-1979), and sanitation division ledger (1916-1922).

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:

Air—Pollution—Minnesota.
Camps—Health aspects Minnesota.
Community health services—Minnesota.
Creosote—Environmental aspects—Minnesota—Saint Louis Park.
Electric lines—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Emergency management—Minnesota.
Environmental policy—Minnesota.
Formaldehyde—Environmental aspects.
Hazardous substances—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Health risk assessment—Minnesota.
Herbicides—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Industrial safety—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Lead based paint—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Mercury—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Mercury—Toxicology—Minnesota.
Methemoglobinemia.
Migrant labor—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Mosquitoes as carriers of disease—Minnesota.
Pesticides—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Pipe, Plastic—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Plumbing—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Polychlorinated biphenyls—Health aspects.
Sanitarians—Minnesota.
Sanitation—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Toxicology—Minnesota.
Typhoid fever—Minnesota.
Waste products—Health aspects—Minnesota.
Water—Pollution—Minnesota.
Water-supply—Health aspects—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Association of Minnesota Counties.
Association of State and Territorial Health Officers.
Koppers Company.
League of Minnesota Cities.
Minnesota Atomic Development Problems Committee.
Minnesota Medical Association.
Minnesota State Planning Agency.
Minnesota. Dept. of Health.
Minnesota. Dept. of Natural Resources.

Minnesota. Section of Analytical Laboratory Services.
Minnesota. Section of Environmental Field Services.
Minnesota. Section of Health Risk Assessment.
Minnesota. State Board of Health.
National Sanitation Foundation (U.S.).
United States. Environmental Protection Agency.
United States. Public Health Service.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

Location

102.D.6.1B Acid rain, 1979-1983.
 Agriculture Department, 1955-1983.
 Air pollution, 1959-1971.
 American Lung Association, 1977-1980.
 American Public Health Association, 1959-1983.
 Arsenic, 1977-1979.
 Asbestos, 1978-1983.
 Association of Minnesota Counties, 1980-1983. 2 folders.
 Regarding county-level environmental health policy and services.
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, 1976-1983. 2
 folders.
 Attorney General, 1943-1983.
 Barbering, 1977.
 Baxter, 1982.
 Biennial Reports for the Legislature, 1964-1972.
 Block grants, 1981-1982.
 Board of Registration of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors,
 1942-1983.
 Board of Health, 1966-1977. 2 folders.

Location

- 102.D.6.1B Budgeting, 1979-1983. 2 folders.
 Building Code Division, 1966-1978.
 Cancer clusters, 1982.
 Center for Disease Control Response, 1977.
 Children's camps, 1951-1980. 2 folders.
- 102.D.6.2F Civil defense, 1950-1971.
 Clean Indoor Air Act, 1976-1983.
 Commissioner of Health Review Items, 1977-1982.
 Community Health Services, 1975-1983. 2 folders.
 Consumer protection, 1974.
 Copper-nickel, 1981.
 Corrections Department, 1974-1983.
 Education Department, 1943-1974.
 Electron microscope, 1978.
 Emergencies/Disasters - Emergency Plans, 1967-1983. 2 folders.
 Primarily for emergency medical services and for emergencies
 involving radioactive materials.
 Encephalitis, 1977-1978.
 Energy and Economic Development Department, 1976-1983.
 Environmental health, 1967-1984.
 Environmental Quality Board, 1979-1983.
 Environmental Sanitation Activity Reports, 1948-1957.
 By the Division of Environmental Sanitation. Includes a
 typescript report (1950) by J. L. Jacobs & Co., Chicago, of
 findings and recommendations on the organization, management,
 and services of the public health agencies of Minnesota.
 Enzymes, 1958-1971.
 Epidemiology, 1979-1980.
 Ethylene Oxide, 1978-1979.
 Farmers Home Administration, 1967-1975.
 Federal Radiation Council, 1960-1970.
 Fees, 1979-1980.
- 102.D.6.8F Financial ledger, Division of Sanitation, 1916-1922. 1 folder.
- 102.D.6.2F Fish, 1983.
 Flooding, 1983.
 Fluoridation, 1980-1983.
 Food, 1974-1983.
 Formaldehyde, 1979-1983.
 Primarily concerning the effects of formaldehyde exposure in the
 home, and discussion of regulating it.
 Giardiasis, 1978.

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- 102.D.6.2F Goals, Health Department, 1980.
Governor of Minnesota, 1973-1978.
Governor's Environmental Report, 1979.
 Governor's Report on Environmental Quality, with a draft and related items.
Grants, General, 1977-1979.
Hazardous/toxic substances, 1975-1983. 1 folder.
- 102.D.6.3B Hazardous/toxic substances, 1975-1983. 1 folder.
Health Department, 1943-1983.
 Administrative Services Division, 1973-1982.
 Analytic Laboratory Evaluation Committee, 1978-1979.
 Analytical Services Section, 1972-1983. 2 folders.
 Community Health Services Division, 1956-1978.
 Disease Prevention and Control Division, 1977-1982.
 District Health Offices, 1958-1970.
 Environmental Field Services, 1971-1983. 2 folders.
 Environmental Field Services Coordinating Committee, 1976-1977.
 Environmental Health Division, 1957-1983. 3 folders.
 Executive Office, 1972-1983.
 General Environmental Engineering Section, 1977.
 Health Resources Division, 1974-1979.
 Health Risk Assessment Section, 1977-1979.
 Health Risk Assessment, Pathology Laboratory, 1978-1983. 2 folders.
 Hotels, Resorts, and Restaurants Section, 1947-1965. 2 folders.
 Occupational Health Section, 1943-1980.
 Plumbing Unit, 1950-1978.
 Radiation Control Section, 1973-1980.
 Sanitation Division, [1940s].
 Water Supply and General Engineering Section, 1977-1983.
- 102.D.6.4F Health effects criteria, 1977.
Health risk assessment, 1977-1983.
Heat pumps, 1983.
High level radioactive waste, 1980-1983.
Housing and Home Finance Agency, 1951-1965.
 Includes defense housing, housing research, grants for public water facilities.
Howe Chemical, 1981-1982.
Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1962-1966.
 Lab reports on water supplies at points of entry and related correspondence.
Indian Affairs, 1955-1983.

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- 102.D.6.4F
- Indoor Clean Air Act, 1981-1983.
 - Industrial camps, 1937-1959.
 - Information on sanitation regulations, especially for logging camps.
 - Insulation, 1978.
 - International Joint Commission, 1967-1975.
 - Interstate agreement, 1929-1935.
 - Ironwood landfill, 1980-1982.
 - Job Corps, 1965.
 - Koppers Company, Inc., 1979-1981.
 - Regarding potential soil and ground water contamination in St. Paul's Energy Park area from its coke operations. Includes a detailed plant site hydrogeologic study.
 - Land O' Lakes, 1981.
 - Laboratory certification, 1978-1983.
 - League of Minnesota Cities, 1946-1977. 2 folders.
 - Regarding various regulatory matters.
 - Legionnaire's Disease, 1979.
 - Legislation, 1955-1983. 5 folders.
 - Legislative Advisory Committee, 1967-1981.
 - Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, 1980-1983.
 - Regarding funding of various sanitation survey and other projects.
 - Licensing/Inspection, 1980-1983.
 - Marine wastes, 1971-1977.
 - Measuring devices, 1944-1972.
 - Media/legislative contacts, 1979-1983.
 - Mercury contamination, 1970-1982. 4 folders.
 - Methemoglobinemia, 1947-1971. 5 folders.
 - A disease of infants, and its relation to high nitrate concentrations in the water supply; includes reports and study data.
- 102.D.6.5B
- Metropolitan Area, 1960-1962.
 - Metropolitan Council, 1968-1973.
 - Metropolitan Mosquito Control District, 1973-1977.
 - Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, 1968-1982.
 - Migrant labor, 1975-1983.
 - Minnesota Geological Survey, 1982.
 - Minnesota Medical Association, 1959-1983. 3 folders.
 - Minnesota Public Health Association, 1977-1979.
 - Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers, 1948-1973.
 - Miscellaneous, 1975-1983.

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- 102.D.6.5B Miscellaneous groups and committees, 1976-1982.
Missouri River Basin, 1961-1977.
Mosquitoes, 1949-1983.
National Governor's Association, 1982.
National Radiation Surveillance Network, 1963-1978.
National Sanitation Foundation, 1953-1982. 2 folders.
Nationwide Evaluation of X-Ray Trends [NEXT], 1977-1983.
Natural Resources Department, 1942-1979. 2 folders.
 Mainly regarding state waters, shorelands, and Reserve Mining
 Company taconite effluents.
- News media interviews, 1975-1981.
Newton Products, Inc. correspondence, 1993.
Noise, 1970-1977.
Northern States Power, 1974-1980.
Nuclear civil planning, 1982.
- 102.D.6.6F Nuisances, 1981.
Oakdale, 1981.
OSHA/Minnesota OSHA, 1973-1983.
Paints, Lead-based, 1972-1981.
Perham, 1981-1983.
Pesticides/herbicides, 1963-1982. 3 folders.
Pine Bend/Koch Refinery, 1980.
 Contains only 3 letters regarding its Pine Bend landfill permit.
- Pipelines, 1977-1978.
Planning, 1982.
Plastic pipe, 1950-1978. 2 folders.
Plumbing, General, 1948-1981. 3 folders.
Pollution Control Agency, 1983.
Pollution Control Agency, Investigations by Health Department, 1968-
 1972.
Pollution Control Agency, Wastewater Treatment Facilities Task Force,
 1982.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls [PCBs], 1972-1983.
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, 1982.
Powerlines, 1976-1982. 2 folders.
 Health and safety aspects of high voltage overhead transmission
 lines.
- Preventative Health Services for State Employees, 1983.
Public Health Service, 1957-1971. 7 folders.
 Especially watershed and related projects.

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- 102.D.6.7B Public Safety Department, 1977-1983.
Public Welfare Department, 1955-1977.
Radiation, 1977-1983.
Radon, 1979-1980.
Railroad ties, 1983.
 Alternatives for disposal and reuse.
Red River, 1944-1968.
Reports, Activity Plans and Annual, 1974-1979. 2 folders.
Residency, 1977.
Rodent control, 1968-1974.
Rules/regulations, 1936-1983. 2 folders.
Safe Drinking Water Program, 1983.
St. Croix State Park Mosquito Control Project: Report, 1946.
St. Louis Park creosote problem, 1977-1983. 6 folders.
Sanitarians, 1954-1977.
Science and Technology Research Office, 1979-1980.
Selenium, 1971.
Sewage disposal, 1983.
Souris-Red-Rainy River Basins, 1967-1968.
Spills, miscellaneous, 1981-1984.
State Departments, miscellaneous, 1983.
State Health Plan, 1979-1980.
State Planning Agency, 1966-1983.
Suburban sanitation, 1952-1963.
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, 1980-1981.
Task Force, Department of Administration, 1955-1959.
 Minnesota Self-Survey.
- 102.D.6.8F Toxicology, 1967-1981.
Transportation Department, 1939-1979.
Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Commission, 1960-1963.
Typhoid fever, 1935-1961.
Underground Injection Program, 1979.
U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1973-1981.
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1971-1983. 2 folders.
U. S. Food and Drug Administration, 1970-1976.
U. S. Department, Miscellaneous, 1971-1980.
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 1977-1983.
University of Minnesota, 1952-1983.
Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, 1971-1978.
Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission, 1970-1979.
Upper Mississippi River National Recreation Area, 1970.

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Uranium/mineral exploration, 1979-1981.

Urban planning, 1964-1968.

Voyageurs National Park, Technical Committee, 1972-1973.

Waste, 1943-1977.

Water analysis, 1970-1979.

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Water health effects, 1978.
Water labs, 1974-1983.
Water Planning Board, 1977-1983. 6 folders.
Water pollution, 1945-1972.
Water Pollution Control Commission, 1951-1966.
Water sample test results, 1938-1939.
Water samples; physical and chemical analyses, 1958-1959.
Water samples; oxygen demand data, 1958.
Water supplies, 1983.
Water Supply Sanitation, 1947-1981.
Waterborne disease outbreaks, 1977.
Wells, 1977-1983.
World Health Organization, 1977-1982.

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