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## **POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

### **Water Quality Division**

### **An Inventory of Its Hearing Files**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Division of Water Quality.
- Series Title:** Hearing files,
- Dates:** 1946-1975
- Abstract:** Transcripts, accompanied by exhibits, legal briefs, and related materials, of hearings on water pollution issues.
- Quantity:** 7.75 cu. ft. (8 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### **DUTIES OF THE WATER QUALITY DIVISION**

The Division of Water Quality enforces and administers all laws relating to water pollution in the state. The division collects water quality data on lakes and rivers; establishes water quality standards to protect all water uses; issues and enforces wastewater treatment facility discharge and operating permits; provides management planning to alleviate pollution from non-point sources; administers a grants program for construction, of municipal treatment plants; and provides engineering review, technical assistance, and training to assure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities. Prior to the establishment of the Pollution Control Agency in 1967, related functions were performed by the Section of Water Pollution Control of the Minnesota Department of Health.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Transcripts, accompanied by exhibits, legal briefs, and related materials, of hearings conducted on water pollution issues by the Water Pollution Control Commission and its successor (after 1967), the Pollution Control Agency.

The records concern both the establishment of regulations and investigations into specific permit applications or possible pollution violations. Topics covered include river pollution, sewage treatment, industrial use of river water, standards of water quality and purity in both state

and interstate waters, and discharge of residential/commercial, industrial, radioactive, and thermal waste into the state's rivers.

Appraisal note: Although available on microfiche in the agency, the materials in boxes 5-8 were retained in the originals because the quality of the microfiche has not been evaluated and because the lack of order of the materials may compromise the usability of the fiche.

## **ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS**

In two subseries: one set (1946-1973, boxes 1-5) arranged alphabetically by location; one set (1946-1975, boxes 5-8), microfilmed by the agency, that is arranged by microfiche number. This series includes the originals only, not the microfiche.

## **INDEX TERMS**

*This collection is 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 permits--Minnesota.
- Factory and trade waste--Minnesota.
- Hearing.
- Radioactive waste disposal in rivers, lakes, etc.--Minnesota.
- Sewage disposal in rivers, lakes, etc.--Minnesota.
- Sewage disposal plants—Minnesota
- Thermal pollution of rivers, lakes, etc.--Minnesota.
- Urban runoff--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.
- Water quality--Minnesota.
- Water--Pollution--Investigation--Minnesota.
- Water--Pollution--Law and legislation--Minnesota.

### **Organizations:**

- Minnesota. Water Pollution Control Commission.
- North Suburban Sanitary Sewer District (Minn.).
- Northern States Power Company (Minnesota).

### **Types of Documents:**

- Hearings.
- Transcripts.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **Preferred Citation:**

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### **Accession 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.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
126.B.17.5B	1	<p>Albert Lea: Pollution of Albert Lea Lake and Shell Rock River, 1951-1952.</p> <p>Volume I. Transcripts, March 6th and 11th, 1952.</p> <p>Volume II. Transcripts, March 27-28, 1952.</p> <p>Volume III. Transcripts, April 17-18, 1952.</p> <p>State's exhibits. 1 folder.</p> <p>City's exhibits, Company's exhibits, People's exhibits. 1 folder.</p> <p>Legal papers. 2 folders.</p> <p>Briefs, motions, orders, findings of fact, etc.</p> <p>Bloomington, Eagan, and Burnsville: for variance from Regulation WPC-6, to permit discharge of an effluent from joint sewage treatment plant into the Mississippi River.</p> <p>Transcripts, February 28-29, 1968. 1 folder.</p> <p>Detroit Lakes: for variance from effluent quality standards, Regulations WPC-14 and WPC-23.</p> <p>Transcripts, September 8, 1971. 1 folder.</p> <p>Goodhue County: Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Northern States Power Company, application for waste disposal permit.</p> <p>Transcript, September 22, 1969. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcripts, September 23-24, 1969 and January 12, 1970. 1 folder.</p> <p>Goodview, Village of and the City of Winona: enforcement of Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 115 and 116 and PCA water and effluent standards.</p> <p>Transcripts, October 27, 1971, morning and afternoon. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcripts, October 27, 1971, evening, and March 13, 1972. 1 folder.</p> <p>Lake Superior: establishment of standards of water quality and purity for its open waters, proposed Regulation WPC-33.</p> <p>Transcripts, February 17 and April 19, 1971. 1 folder.</p> <p>Little Falls: permit for certain sewer extensions.</p> <p>Transcripts, October 14 and November 5, 1952. 1 folder.</p> <p>Mississippi River: its condition from Hastings Dam to St. Paul High Bridge and sources of pollution and uses of river which might be affected.</p> <p>Transcript, June 11, 1956. 1 folder.</p>

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126.B.17.6F	2	<p>Mississippi River: its condition from Anoka to Inver Grove. Reports and memorandums, June 1956 - October 1960. 1 folder.</p> <p>Mississippi River: relating to sewage problems, etc. in Metro area. Transcript, October 20, 1960. 1 folder. Exhibits, statements, related material, ca. 1960. 1 folder.</p> <p>Mississippi River: North Suburban Sanitary Sewer District v. Frank H. Krusen, et al., 1962. Depositions of Dr. Robert N. Barr, Clarence Johannes, and Lyle H. Smith, November 13, 1962. 1 folder. Deposition of Frank L. Woodward, November 26, 1962. 1 folder. Legal briefs, motions, statements, etc., 1962. 1 folder. Exhibits, 1962. 1 folder. Classification and standard preliminary drafts, December 1962. 1 folder.</p> <p>Mississippi River: between Rum River and mouth of the St. Croix River. North Suburban Sanitary Sewer District, City of Coon Rapids, et al. v. Water Pollution Control Commission. Depositions of Bernard R. Jones, Clarence G. Sprague, and Walter W. Thorpe, December 12, 1964. 1 folder. Depositions of Gordon E. Bodien, Kerwin L. Mick, and Lyle H. Smith, December 14, 1964. 1 folder. Trial memorandum of appellants, July 31, 1965. 1 folder. Reply memorandum of appellants, December 18, 1965. 1 folder. Respondent's memorandum, parts I and II, [ca. 1965]. 1 folder. Exhibits, [ca. 1965]. 2 folders.</p> <p>Monticello Nuclear Plant: petitions against granting permit to dump radioactive wastes into the Mississippi River. Petitions, 1969. 2 folders.</p>
126.B.17.7B	3	<p>Moorhead: permit for American Crystal Sugar Company to appropriate waters of the Red River of the North for a processing plant. Transcript, April 1946. 1 folder.</p>

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126.B.17.7B	3	<p>Oak Park Heights: Northern States Power Company, application to appropriate water from the St. Croix River for use in cooling condensers in an electric generating plant.</p> <p>Transcript, January 15, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, January 18, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, February 15, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, February 16, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, February 17, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, March 1, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, March 2, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, March 26, 1965. 1 folder.</p> <p>Petitions against plant, August 21, 1964. 1 folder.</p> <p>Petitions against plant, January 1965. 3 folders.</p> <p>Save the St. Croix, Inc. exhibits. 1 folder.</p> <p>Northern States Power Company exhibits. 2 folders.</p>
126.B.17.8F	4	<p>Water Pollution Control Commission exhibits. 1 folder.</p> <p>Proponent exhibits, A-Z, AA-WW. 1 folder.</p> <p>Department of Conservation exhibits. 1 folder.</p> <p>Wisconsin exhibits. 1 folder.</p> <p>Legal papers (briefs, orders, findings of fact, etc.). 1 folder.</p> <p>Power Plants: establishment of statewide standards for control of thermal effluents.</p> <p>Transcript, August 30, 1972. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, August 31, 1972. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, November 30, 1972. 2 folders.</p> <p>Transcripts, December 1, 1972 and April 9, 1973. 1 folder.</p> <p>Rainy River: pollution near International Falls.</p> <p>Transcript, December 9, 1954. 1 folder.</p> <p>Sherburne County: Northern States Power Company, application for waste disposal permits for coal-fired electric generating plant.</p> <p>Transcript, May 1, 1972. 1 folder.</p> <p>Silver Bay: Reserve Mining Company, amendment of permit to discharge wastes into Lake Superior.</p> <p>Transcript, September 25, 1956. 1 folder.</p> <p>Transcript, July 13, 1960. 1 folder.</p> <p>St. Croix River: alleged pollution of the St. Croix and its tributaries in Burnett, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Sawyer, and Washburne counties, Wisconsin.</p> <p>Transcript, November 16, 1954.</p>

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126.B.17.8F	4	<p>St. Louis County, Grand Lake Resort, Grand Lake Township: permit for construction and operation of sewage disposal system. Transcript, December 16, 1971. 1 folder.</p> <p>St. Paul Park: Wright Products, Inc., permit for disposal of industrial waste and sewage. Transcript, December 11, 1958. 1 folder.</p> <p>Wells, Village of: proposed sewage stabilization pond. Transcripts, April 1st and 7th, 1959. 1 folder.</p> <p>Wrenshall: International Refineries, Inc., permit to discharge wastes from proposed oil refinery into a surface water tributary of the St. Louis River. Transcript, January 22, 1953. 1 folder. Transcript, January 23, 1953. 1 folder. Exhibits, [ca. 1953]. 1 folder.</p>
126.B.17.9B	5	<p>Exhibits, [ca. 1953]. 1 folder.</p> <p>WPC-15: Proposed amendments to Agency Regulation WPC-15 relating to criteria for classification of interstate waters and establishment of standards of water quality and purity. Transcript, May 22, 1973. 1 folder.</p> <p>WPC-14, WPC-23, WPC-15: Amendments to standards for interstate waters. Transcripts, May 31, 1973. 2 folders.</p>
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126.B.17.9B	5	<p>MICROFICHED FILES (transcripts, legal briefs, etc.). 1 envelope per case.</p> <p>Liquid storage regulations WPC-4, April 15, 1964. Fiche nos. 1-6. Minnesota River and tributaries from Carver Rapids to the mouth, water quality standards WPC-5, 6, 7, 8, 9, October 19, 1964 and November 13, 1964. Fiche nos. 7-14.</p> <p>Establishment of future water use classifications and standards of water quality and purity of all waters in the state, WPC-14, January-March 1966. Fiche nos. 15-33.</p>
126.B.17.10F	6	<p>Establishment of water use classifications and standards of water quality and purity for the Red River of the North and its major tributaries, WPC-10, May 4, 1966. Fiche nos. 34-43.</p> <p>Establishment of water use classifications and standards of water quality and purity for Nemadji River and tributaries, Carlton and Pine counties, WPC-16 and WPC-17, November 17, 1965. Fiche nos. 44-48.</p>

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126.B.17.10F	6	<p>Establishment of water quality and purity standards and water use classifications for the Rainy River, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods counties, WPC-11, 12, and 13, August 11, 1966. Fiche nos. 49-53.</p> <p>Reclassification of portion of the Kettle River in Carlton and Pine counties, WPC-24, May 13, 1974. Fiche nos. 54-62.</p> <p>Effluent standards for discharge of waste water into the Vermillion River, Dakota County, WPC-41, March 26, 1975. Fiche nos. 63-66.</p> <p>[box part empty]</p>
126.B.17.11B	7	<p>Establishment of water classification and standards of water and effluent quality and purity. Proposed regulation WPC-23, November 1968. Fiche nos. 67-83.</p> <p>Establishment of water quality and purity standards for interstate waters of Minnesota, WPC-15. April 20, 1967 in Rochester; April 21 in Ortonville; April 25 in St. Cloud; April 26 in Duluth; and April 27, 1967 in St. Paul. Fiche nos. 84-102.</p> <p>Classification of underground waters of the state and establishment of standards for waste disposal. Proposed regulation WPC-22, February 22, 1973. Fiche nos. 103-113.</p>
126.B.17.12F	8	<p>Proposed adoption of MPCA rules 1 (amended rules of procedure), 2 (interim permits), and 3 (declaration of emergency), November 10, 1969. Fiche nos. 114-115.</p> <p>Adoption of water use classifications, establishment of standards for effluents discharged and/or affecting interstate waters, revocation of permits, and issuance of orders of abatement of pollution thereof. WPC-25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, and 32, July 13, 1970. Fiche nos. 116-123.</p> <p>Classification of waters and establishment of standards of water and effluent quality and purity. Proposed regulations WPC-24, 37, and 38. Revocation of regulations WPC-14, 15, and 23. Amendment of regulation WPC-25. March 14-16, 1973. Fiche nos. 165-178.</p> <p>Standards of the State of Minnesota governing interstate waters within the state, WPC-15. March 9, April 13, May 11, and July 13, 1970 hearings in Minneapolis. Fiche nos. 179-198.</p>