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PLANNING AGENCY:
Environmental Division:
An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW

Agency: Minnesota State Planning Agency. Environmental Division.
Series Title: Records.
Dates: 1973-1993.
Quantity: 2.9 cubic feet (2 boxes and 4 partial boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

Correspondence, reports, minutes, policy statements, hearing records, legislation, discussion papers, recommendations, background studies and materials, management plans, and resolutions of the agency's Environmental Division, the focal point for coordinated development and analysis of statewide environmental policies. The records cover such topics as watershed management; Environmental Quality Council hearings, particularly one to determine if the Mississippi River corridor should be designated a critical area (1975-1976); community beautification; timber harvesting and forest management; and power plant siting, particularly on the White Earth Indian Reservation.

ORGANIZATION

These records are organized into the following sections:

- Critical Area Designation
- Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Forestry and Forest Products
- Minerals, Forestry, and Environmental Tax Policy
- Minnesota Community Improvement/Minnesota Beautiful Program
- Minnesota Environmental Quality: Trends in Resource Conditions and Current Issues
- Power Plant Siting
- Timber Harvesting

RELATED MATERIALS

Minnesota State Planning Agency. Environmental Planning Division. Subject files (cataloged separately). Also additional files on the Mississippi Corridor are found among the records of the Metropolitan Council.

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:

Community development, Urban--Minnesota.
Electric power-plants--Location--Minnesota.
Environmental law--Minnesota.
Environmental policy--Minnesota.
Forest management--Minnesota--Citizen participation.
Forests and forestry--Environmental aspects --Minnesota.
Hearings.
Mineral industries--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.
Taxation--Minnesota.
Urban beautification--Minnesota.
Water quality management--Minnesota.
Water reuse--Minnesota.
Watershed management--Minnesota.

Places:

Mississippi River--Environmental aspects.
White Earth Indian Reservation (Minn.).

Persons:

Kilgore, Mike.
Ongaro, Frank.

Organizations:

Minnesota Environmental Quality Council.
Minnesota. Dept. of Energy, Planning and Development. Planning Division.
Minnesota. Governor (1983-1991 : Perpich). Blue Ribbon Commission on Forestry and Forest Products.
Minnesota. Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning.
Minnesota Planning (Agency).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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

Critical Area Designation:

Location	Box	
120.I.10.7B	1	Correspondence, 1975-1976. 2 folders. Subject files, 1973-1980: Big Stone Lake Report comments, 1979-1980. Critical Areas Rules Adoption, 1974. Critical Areas Task Force, 1973-1974. Environmental Quality Council, 1975-1976. Lac Qui Parle, Marsh, and Big Stone Lakes, 1980. Lower Red River Water Management Board, 1976-1977. Lower St. Croix Interim Development Regulations, 1975-1977. Lower St. Croix permits, 1975. Lower St. Croix Riverway Critical Areas Planning, 1974. 2 folders. Mille Lacs Watershed Critical Area Designation, 1978-1979. Minnesota River - Big Stone Lake Outlet, 1976-1979. Mississippi River Blufflands general data, 1978-1979. Pollution Control Agency applications, 1974-1975. Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission Studies, 1977-1978. Environmental Quality Council Hearing records, 1975-1976: In the matter of the recommendation by the Metropolitan Council to the Environmental Quality Council that the Mississippi River Corridor be designated by the Governor as a critical area. Transcripts. 5 folders. Testimony. 68 folders in two partial boxes. By corporations, state agencies, local governments, joint powers, cooperatives, professional organizations, and environmental groups. Presented as exhibits during the hearings. Arranged by type of organization, then alphabetically within each category. 24 folders.
120.I.10.8F	2	44 folders.

Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Forestry and Forest Products:

Commission files, reports (including final), and committee and subcommittee records kept by Mike Kilgore, the division's representative on the commission.

Location	Box	
120.I.10.5B	3	1988-1989. 4 folders.
120.I.10.6F	4.	1988-1989. 8 folders.

Minerals, Forestry, and Environmental Tax Policy:

Location	Box	
120.I.10.8F	2(cont.)	Agriculture Tax Policy Team. Forest correspondence. Forest reports. Forest property taxes. Forestry Tax Policy. Forest Tax Subcommittee. General overview issues. Mineral Tax Policy Group. Outreach responses. Tax Policy Team Reports. Team chairs' memos.

Minnesota Community Improvement/Minnesota Beautiful Program:

Correspondence and related materials kept by Frank V. Ongaro, Environmental Resource Development Director, documenting these statewide projects to beautify Minnesota's environment.

Location	Box	
120.I.10.9B	5	1983-1987. 1 folder.

Minnesota Environmental Quality: Trends in Resource Conditions and Current Issues:

An inter-agency report of the Environmental Quality Board, conducted and funded by the Planning Agency. Draft report, final report and background items.

Location	Box	
120.I.10.9B	5	Report, 1988. 2 folders.

Power Plant Siting:

Location	Box	
154.J.12.3B	6	Bio-indicator project review, 1982. Correspondence, 1978. Documents: Cogeneration, 1979-1981. Model Plants: Burns and Roe, 1978-1979. Progress reports, 1979. Progress reports: Transmission Line Electrical Environment Characterization, 1979. White Earth Indian Reservation, 1983-1984.

Timber Harvesting:

Public comments on the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on Timber Harvesting and Forest Management taken from citizens, agencies and organizations during the allotted three month response period. In December 1989, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) ordered the preparation of a comprehensive analysis of environmental and economic impacts from logging on Minnesota's forests. A 90 day period, June 14 – September 11, 1993 was established for written public comment.

Location	Box	
120.I.10.9B	5	1993. 5 folders.