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An Inventory of Its Environmental Quality Board Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Department of Agriculture. Commissioner's Office.
Series Title: Environmental Quality Board files.
Dates: 1977-2001 (bulk 1986-1996).
Quantity: 7.0 cu. ft. (7 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Files documenting the role of the commissioner (or his designated representative) as a member of the Environmental Quality Board [EQB]. Many of the files appear to have been maintained by the Agricultural Resources Management and Development Division.

The files cover a variety of agricultural topics, including genetically engineered organisms, waste pesticide removal, wetland heritage, EQB rules and reviews, feedlots, nitrogen fertilizer, timber harvesting, powerlines and stray voltage, industrial waste, mosquito control, environmental advocacy, airport planning and site selection in the Twin Cities area, and water issues, particularly water resources, groundwater, and water quality, and relations with the Lamb-Weston/Midwest Inc. and RDO Frozen Company, Park Rapids; Metropolitan Mosquito Control District; United States Air Force; Metropolitan Airports Commission; and Minnesota Water Planning Board.

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:

Agriculture and state—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Airports—Environmental aspects—Minnesota—Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
Airports—Location—Minnesota—Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
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Genetic engineering—Minnesota.
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Logging—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
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Nitrogen fertilizers—Control—Minnesota.
Pesticide waste—Minnesota.
Stray currents—Minnesota.
Water quality—Minnesota.
Water resources development—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Wetland conservation—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Lamb-Weston/RDO Frozen, Inc. (Park Rapids, Minn.).
Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission.
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.
Minnesota Water Planning Board.
Minnesota. Dept. of Agriculture. Agricultural Resources Management and Development Division.
Minnesota. Metropolitan Mosquito Control District.
United States. Air Force.

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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. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location	Box	
141.B.18.5B	1	Advisory Committee on Genetically Engineered Organisms, 1991-1995. 5 folders. Minutes and correspondence, 1991 - June 1995. 4 folders. Fiscal Year Reports, June 30, 1993; June 30, 1994. Agricultural Clean Sweep: Waste Pesticide Removals, 1988-1992. Covering United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 (Illinois-Indiana-Michigan-Minnesota-Ohio-Wisconsin). Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Wetland Heritage Advisory Committee agenda packets, 1992-1995. 15 folders. 1992. 10 folders. Includes September draft of Final Rule. 1993 March-December. 2 folders. 1994. 2 folders. 1995. EQB general items, 1990-1995. EQB Rules, 1986-1988. EQB Environmental Review Rules Revision, 1991-1993. 3 folders. EQB Environmental Review Reform, 2000-2001.

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141.B.18.5B	1	Environmental Review Process, October 1991 - November 1993. Feedlots, 1998-1999. 3 folders. Alternative EAW [Environmental Assessment Worksheet] Form for Feedlots, 1999-2000.
141.B.18.6F	2	Connected Actions (Environmental Review) Rule Revision, 1998-1999. 2 folders. Lamb-Weston/Midwest Inc. and RDO Frozen Company [RDO], Park Rapids: Citizen Petition for an EAW, 1994-1995. 3 folders and 2 volumes. Relating to the company's, which produced frozen potato products, wish to expand their industrial waste water disposal system. Correspondence, September 1994 - 1995. 2 folders. Environmental Position Statement of RDO, November 4, 1994. Documents A-P. 2 volumes. RDO and Boise Hill, Inc., 1994-1995. 2 folders. Citizen petitions for an EAW of Boise Hill, Inc., which operated a feedlot in Brown County. Lykken Agricultural Irrigation Project, EAW Petition, 1997. Located in Clitherall Township, Otter Tail County. Metropolitan Mosquito Control District [MMCD], 1993-1994. 5 folders. Risk Assessment on Scourge and Punt 57-0S Materials Used by the MMCD for the Control of Adult Mosquitoes, March 17, 1993. Prepared by Minnesota Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Section of Health Risk Assessment. Interim Report of the Scientific Peer Review Panel of the MMCD to the Minnesota EQB, May 1993. Interim Report of the MMCD to the Minnesota EQB, May 1993. Includes MMCD Research on Black Fly Impacts, MMCD Research on Annoyance and Efficiency, and USFWS Research on Bti Effects on Chironomids. Annual Operations Report, 1993. Reports, July 5, 1994. Includes 1994 Technical Advisory Board [TAB] Minutes and Recommendations, MMCD Response to 1993 TAB Recommendations, and MMCD 1993 Operational Review and Plans for 1994.

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141.B.18.6F	2	<p>Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, 1993-1994. 2 folders. Paperwork or Protection? A Comparative Assessment of State Environmental Policy Acts, December 1993. Unfulfilled Promise: Twenty Years of the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act, A Program for Reform, March 1994.</p> <p>Nitrogen Fertilizer Task Force: Recommendations on the Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan to the Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture, August 1990.</p> <p>Petition for a Generic Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] on Timber Harvesting, 1989-1991. 2 folders.</p> <p>Powerlines, 1978-1983. 3 folders. Agricultural Impacts, 1978. Powerline Bovine Animal Health Study, 1982. Statistical/Epidemiological Study of Bovine Performance Associated with the CPA/UPA DC Power Line in Minnesota, September 1983.</p> <p>Prairie Island Dry Cask Storage, 1993.</p>
141.B.18.7B	3	<p>Stray Voltage Work Group, 1991-1996. 4 folders. Report and Recommendations to Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, November 1991. Correspondence and reports, January-May 1992. Correspondence and reports, September 1994 - 1996. 2 folders.</p> <p>Sustainable Development Initiative, March 1993 - March 1995.</p> <p>Triple J Farms Irrigation Project, June 1993 - June 1995. Concerns Trout Unlimited Inc., et al v. the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>United States Air Force, 1986-1990. 11 folders. Proposed Low-Level Bomber Training Route, 1987. Low-Level Training Route in Southeast Minnesota, 1989. Proposed Expansion of the "Snoopy" Air Force Flight Training Area, 1990. Central Radar System: Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Program, 1986-1990. 8 folders. Draft EIS, August 1986. Final EIS, Part IIA and IIB, May 1987. 2 folders. Correspondence, 1988-1990. Technical Studies 1-10, March 1990. 4 folders.</p>

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141.B.18.7B	3	<p>Metropolitan Airports Commission Files, 1990-1998. 49 folders and 1 volume.</p> <p>Twin Cities Major Airport Planning: A Citizen's Guide, December 1990.</p> <p>Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport: Summary Report Long Term Comprehensive Plan, December 1991.</p> <p>Dakota County Airport Search Area, 1992.</p> <p>Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport: Capacity Enhancement Plan, December 1993.</p> <p>Dual Track Airport Planning Process, 1991-1998. 22 folders and 1 volume.</p> <p>Annual Reports to the Legislature, 1992, 1993, 1995. 3 folders.</p> <p>Informational brochures, 1992-1995. 7 items in 1 folder.</p> <p>Airport Planning Process, August 1992; Environmental Review Procedures, March 1993; New Airport Site Selection Study, May 1993; Aviation Activity Forecasts, September 1993; Summary Report New Airport Site Selection, February 1994; Long-Term Comprehensive Plan, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, April 1995; and New Airport Comprehensive Plan, June 1995.</p> <p>Dual Track Update, 1992-1995.</p> <p>Newsletter; May 1992, July 1992, March 1993, October 1994, and July 1995 issues.</p> <p>Dual Track Airport Overall Process, March 1992 - June 1995.</p> <p>Dual Track Airport Planning Process Task Force, March 1995 - March 1996.</p> <p>Dual Track Planning EIS, Ag Economy Subcontract (Bob Gray), May-October 1995.</p>
141.B.18.8F	4	<p>First Phase Scoping Report, April 1992; First Phase Scoping Report: Comments and Responses, March 1993. 2 items in 1 folder.</p> <p>EIS, Second Phase Scoping Report, May 1995.</p> <p>EIS, Scoping Decision, July 26, 1995.</p> <p>Final EIS, May 1998. 3 folders.</p> <p>Final EIS Adequacy, March-September 1998.</p> <p>Final EIS Adequacy, October 1998.</p> <p>Final EIS Adequacy, November 1998.</p> <p>Adequacy of Final EIS Appendix, November 10, 1998. 1 volume.</p> <p>Comment letters and correspondence, 1991-1998.</p>

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141.B.18.8F	4	<p>Final Record of Decision, September 1998. 3 folders. Environmental Assessment for Extension of Runway 4-22, September 1998.</p> <p>Long Term Comprehensive Plan, 1994-1995. 10 folders. Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision Document, January 1994. Scoping Decision Document, March 1994. Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision Document, March 1994. Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision Document, April 1994. New Airport Comprehensive Plan, Scoping Decision Document, June 1994. Draft Alternative Environmental Document, September 1994. New Airport Comprehensive Plan, Technical Advisory Committee, February-October 1994. New Airport Comprehensive Plan, Draft Alternative Environmental Document, December 1994. Final Alternative Environmental Document, February 1995.</p>
141.B.18.9B	5	<p>New Airport Comprehensive Plan, Final Alternative Environmental Document, April 1995.</p> <p>New Airport Site Selection, 1990-1994. 13 folders. Correspondence and reports, July 1990 – December 1991. 5 folders. Technical Advisory Committee and Task Force, March 1992 – July 1993. 3 folders. Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document, March 1993. Scoping Decision Document, June 21, 1993. Draft Alternative Environmental Document, September 1993. Final Alternative Environmental Document, January 1994. 2 folders.</p> <p>Water Issues, 1977-1998. 70 folders. Acid rain, October 1983 - January 1986. Agriculture Department water related responsibilities, July 1987. Board of Soil and Water Resources [BWSR], 1989-1991. 4 folders. Local Water Resources Protection and Management, 1989- 1991. Water Billboard, 1989-1990. Newsletter.</p>

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141.B.18.9B	5	Well Sealing Grants, 1991. Cannon River Proposal-Nature Conservancy-BWSR, November 1989. Clean Water Partnership with PCA [Pollution Control Agency], November 1987. Comprehensive Lake Management Task Force, April 1987. Drainage Wells, July 1992. EQB Citizen's Advisory Committee on Ground Water Protection, 1987-1988. EQB Lakes Task Force, February 1992. EQB Water Resources Committee, 1985-1994. 9 folders. Water Quality Assessment: An Evaluation of Trends, January 1991. Minutes, December 1985 – March 1991. Correspondence and related materials, November 1985 - January 1987. 2 folders.
141.B.18.10F	6	Correspondence and related materials, April 1987 – March 1992, 1993-1994. 5 folders. Great Lakes Commission Task Force, 1989. Ground Water in Minnesota: A User's Guide to Understanding Minnesota's Ground Water Resource, January 1984. Groundwater: A Bibliography, January 1985. Ground Water Issue Team, 1984-1986. Health Department, 1985-1989. 2 folders. Drinking Water Task Force Reports, 1985-1988. Work Plan to Develop a Wellhead Protection Program for Minnesota, June 1989. House Government Operations Subcommittee on Agency Management of Water Resources, October 1985. Indoor Air Quality, 1984-1986. Iowa Groundwater Protection Bill, 1987. Iowa Groundwater Act, May 1992. LCMR [Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources] Report: Pesticides and Groundwater: Surveys of Selected Minnesota Wells, February 1988. Legislative Water Commission, 1991-1995. Local Water Planning, 1985-1990, 1995-1996. 3 folders. Local Water Planning Review Procedures, 1989. Metro Council's Water Quality Chapter-Metro Development Guide: 1991 Update.

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141.B.18.10F	6	<p>Metro Council's Water Protection Handbook, 1991.</p> <p>Metro Local Water Management Task Force Report, December 1989.</p> <p>The Minnesota Project: Model Ordinance for Groundwater Protection, July 1984.</p> <p>Minnesota Water Conference, April 9-10, 1990.</p> <p>Minnesota Water Management Needs for the Year 2000, December 9, 1991.</p> <p>Minnesota Water Management Needs for the Year 2000, February 17, 1992.</p> <p>Pest and Nutrient Management Strategy, Comments, 1988.</p> <p>Pest and Nutrient Management Funding Needs, 1988.</p> <p>Public Meetings-Ground Water and Post Nutrient Strategies, 1988.</p> <p>PCA Water Quality Standards Rules, 1987-1995.</p> <p>PCA-Agriculture Department Memorandum of Agreement on Pesticide and Fertilizer Incidents, September 1988.</p> <p>PCA: Comprehensive State Groundwater Plan Update, 1992-1993.</p> <p>Soil and Water Agency Interim Study Group, July-October 1985.</p> <p>Soundings: A Minnesota Water Plan Assessment, 1998.</p> <p>Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Board Annual Reports, 1981, 1983, 1985. 3 items in 1 folder.</p> <p>United States Army Corps of Engineers, Emergency Water Planning Inventory, September 1987.</p>
141.B.18.11B	7	<p>Water Planning Board [WPB], 1977-1990. 13 folders.</p> <p>Chronology and materials, 1977-1983. 2 folders.</p> <p>WPB and EQB, 1982-1985.</p> <p>Water Agency Consolidation Study, 1985-1986.</p> <p>Water Board Merger Legislation, 1986-1987.</p> <p>WPB Reports, September 1980.</p> <p>On the Waterfront, August 1980 - August 1983. Newsletter.</p> <p>Framework Plan Revision, 1982-1983.</p> <p>Groundwater Task Force, 1980-1981.</p> <p>Partnerships in Water Management: Minnesota's Challenge of the 1980s: Summary of the Special Study on Local Water Management, June 1982. Submitted to LCMR.</p> <p>Local Water Management Authorities Analysis, 1990.</p> <p>Upper Mississippi River Task Force, March 1981.</p> <p>Water Resources Technical Committee, December 1987.</p>

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141.B.18.11B	7	Water Quality Monitoring Project, 1983-1987. Water Quality Program Evaluation Surveys, 1991. Water Resources Issue Team, 1986. Wetland Banking, 1987-1990. 1993 Feedlot Package Appropriation Reports, 1995-1996. 22 folders. Delineation of Animal Agriculture Land Use Issues for Use in Determining Local Technical Assistance Needs, June 1995. Report by Jane L. Stegner, Inc. Transcripts of Interviews, 1995. 17 folders. Used in the preceding report. Department of Agriculture: Planning and Zoning Meeting, May 12, 1995. Northfield: Dwain Otte, May 1995. Fergus Falls, June 1995. 4 folders. Interviews with county commissioners, concerned citizens, producers, and township officials. Owatonna, June 1995. 4 folders. Interviews with county commissioners, concerned citizens, producers, and township officials. St. Cloud, June 1995. 3 folders. Interviews with county commissioners, concerned citizens, and producers. Marshall, May 31, 1995. 4 folders. Interviews with county commissioners, concerned citizens, producers, and township officials. Agriculture Land – Animal Agriculture Working Group, 1994-1996. Planning for Feedlots, [ca. 1995]. Planning for Agricultural Land Preservation in Minnesota: A Handbook for Planning under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 40A, June 1995. Produced by James Duncan and Associates, Austin, Texas, for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Planning and Zoning for Animal Agriculture in Minnesota: A Handbook For Local Government, May 1996. Produced by James Duncan and Associates, Austin, Texas, in cooperation with Iowa State University, for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.