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An Inventory of Its Background Files Regarding the 1977 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Minerals Division.
Series Title: Background files regarding the 1977 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.
Dates: 1968, 1977-1978.
Quantity: 0.3 cu. ft. (9 folders in partial box).
Location: 104.L.9.5B

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FILES

Files of the division's Hibbing office, collected mainly during the comment phase of rules development for the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 [P.L. 95-87], passed August 3, 1977. Although mainly dealing with coal mining, the legislation had some impact on the iron ore industry also. Included in the files are comments and correspondence responding directly to the proposed rules and related reports, brochures, and project materials. The latter include information and maps detailing the history of Minnesota's iron mining industry.

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:

Abandoned mined lands reclamation--Minnesota.
Iron mines and mining--Minnesota--History.
Strip mining--Law and legislation--Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.
Minnesota. Dept. of Natural Resources.
Minnesota. Division of Lands and Minerals.
Minnesota. Division of Waters, Soils, and Minerals. Minerals Section.
United States. Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

Types of Documents:

Maps--Minnesota.
Brochures.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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Location

- 104.L.9.5B Comments on Reclamation Rules, 1977-1978.
 Includes December 15, 1977 draft and information from meetings held for oral comment on the draft, 1977-1978.

 Correspondence, November 1977 - March 1978. 3 folders.
 Mainly letters to the Division of Minerals from various mining companies commenting on the Mineland Reclamation Rules NR 401-411 preliminary draft.

 Economic analysis, undated.
 Mining brochures, undated.
 Brochures detailing various Minnesota mining operations.

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Minnesota Mineland Reclamation: An Analysis of the Preliminary Draft of the Proposed Mineland Reclamation Rules NR 401-411, April 28, 1978.

Written by Michael Robertson for Environmental Law II, Seminar on Resource Management, William Mitchell College of Law.

Special regulation projects, 1977-1978.

Surface Mining Regulation Act of 1968 (Proposed), May 1, 1968.

Statement by Governor Harold LeVander to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee opposing the proposed act.