ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
An Inventory of Its Committee Minutes

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE MINUTES

Minutes and agenda materials of several committees that were created to advise the board on technical and public-interest aspects of environmental quality review, particularly power plant siting, high-voltage transmission lines, and groundwater protection. They include its Citizens Advisory Committee; Advisory Committee on Groundwater Protection; Power Plant Siting Advisory Committee; science advisers appointed to study and report on health and safety aspects of high voltage direct current transmission lines (1981-1982); a technical committee that advised on a broad range of environmental review issues; and a technical review committee concerned specifically with the high voltage power line operated by United Power Association and Cooperative Power Association in west central Minnesota.

Also included are records of the Minnesota Sustainable Development Initiative (1991-1994), charged with finding ways to develop the economy while protecting the environment.

INDEX TERMS

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Sustainable development--Minnesota.

Organizations:

- Cooperative Power Association (Minn.).
- Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. Advisory Committee on Groundwater Protection.
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Minutes, reports, and correspondence, February 1988 – September 1989. 4 folders.
Background papers, 1987 – May 1989. 3 folders.
Governor Carlson and the EQB established this board that would find ways to develop the economy while protecting the environment. By sustainable development they meant replacing the sometimes adversarial relationships between the business and regulatory communities with new working relationships. Recommendations of this board in the areas of agriculture, forestry, minerals, energy, manufacturing, recreation, and settlement were presented and debated at the Minnesota Environmental Congress in 1994.

Correspondence and reports, 1993.
Minutes and notes, 1993.
Established in 1973, and selected annually thereafter, this committee provided assistance to the EQB and facilitated broad citizen participation in carrying out the board’s duties under Minn. Stat. 591: “to site large electric power facilities in an orderly manner compatible with environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.”

Minutes and interim reports of a committee of seven scientists appointed by the EQB in July 1981 to provide expert advice on questions of health and safety pertaining to high voltage direct current transmission lines, particularly the ± 400 kilovolt line in west central Minnesota.

Minutes and agendas of the EQB’s Technical Committee/Technical Representatives, many in draft form. The committee advised on a broad range of environmental review issues.

Minutes and agenda materials of an eight-person committee appointed by the EQB chair in the spring of 1980 to consider health and safety issues associated with the CU-TR-1 power line, owned and operated by United Power Association and Cooperative Power Association in west central Minnesota. The proceedings include assembled background materials, comments, and recommendations.