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## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MINING AND MINERALS

### An Inventory of Its Subject Files

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Governor's Task Force on Mining and Minerals.  
**Series Title:** Subject files,  
**Dates:** 1991-1995.  
**Quantity:** 0.15 cu. ft. (7 folders in 1 partial box).  
**Location:** 118.H.9.8F

#### HISTORY OF THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MINING AND MINERALS

The Governor's Task Force on Mining and Minerals included representatives from the mining and minerals industry, labor, state and local government, environmental groups, suppliers, and research/educational institutions. This task force was created by an executive order of Governor Arne Carlson on January 4, 1993 and chaired by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board commissioner. It was charged with recommending actions that would sustain and enhance the long-term viability of mining in the region and the state. The task force issued six reports to the Governor and Legislature. During this period, Minnesota 8th District Congressman Jim Oberstar also organized a group called the Taconite Enhancement Committee, which met frequently to discuss problems facing the taconite industry and possible solutions through technology development and funding. In 1999, Governor Jesse Ventura authorized the extension of the task force. Shortly thereafter, the Governor and Congressman Oberstar merged the task force and the committee to create the Minnesota Blue Ribbon Committee on Mining.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

These alphabetical subject files include meeting agendas, minutes, news clippings, remarks, presentations, and recommendations, and cover such topics as the iron ore industry's future prospects and strengthening of the state's mining and minerals industry.

Housed with this series are two folders of Taconite Enhancement Committee documents, including minutes, legislation, proposed initiatives, project list, and background reports. The latter include the Committee's October 1992 research proposal and information on the United

Steelworkers of America, National Steel Pellet Company, the iron ore industry's future, and mineral diversification.

## 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:

- Iron industry and trade--Minnesota.
- Iron mines and mining--Minnesota.
- Mineral industries--Minnesota.
- Mineral land--Minnesota.
- Mines and mineral resources--Minnesota.
- Taconite industry--Minnesota.

### Places:

- Minnesota--Economic conditions.

### Persons:

- Oberstar, James L. (James Louis), 1934-.

### Organizations:

- Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.
- Minnesota Blue Ribbon Committee on Mining.
- National Steel Pellet Company (Keewatin, Minn.).
- Taconite Enhancement Committee.
- United Steelworkers of America.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

### Location

- 118.H.9.8F Meeting agendas, minutes, news clippings, remarks, January-April 1993. 2 folders.
- North American Iron Ore Industry Future Prospects Presentation, March 19, 1993.
- Recommendations for Strengthening the Mining and Minerals Industry of Northeastern Minnesota, April 1993.
- Recommendations for Strengthening the Mining and Minerals Industry, May 1993.
- Taconite Enhancement Committee files, 1991-1995. 2 folders.
- Meeting minutes, related laws, proposed initiatives, project list, 1992-1995.
- Reports, 1991-1993. 5 items in 1 folder.
- United Steelworkers of America and National Steel Pellet Company, Task Force Report, [ca. 1991]; North American Iron Ore Industry Future Prospects, May 11, 1992; Taconite Enhancement Committee Research Proposal, October 20, 1992; Legislative Proposals of the Division of Minerals, January 6, 1993; and Minnesota Mineral Diversification: A Foundation for Economic Growth, [ca. 1993].