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## **METROPOLITAN WASTE CONTROL COMMISSION Minneapolis-St. Paul Sanitary District**

### **An Inventory of the Metropolitan Drainage Commission Records**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minneapolis-Saint Paul Sanitary District.
- Series Title:** Metropolitan Drainage Commission records.
- Dates:** [ca. 1913] – 1933 (bulk 1927-1933).
- Quantity:** 1.95 cu. ft. (1 box, 1 partial box, and 1 half-height oversized box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE COMMISSION RECORDS**

Annual and biennial reports (1927-1932), minutes, with financial statements (1927-1933), and subjects files (ca. 1913-1933) of this commission created in 1927 to study pollution conditions of the Mississippi River through and adjacent to the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

The subject files include clippings, reports, graphics, and financial, statistical, and engineering information. The majority of the clippings relate to a disagreement between St. Paul, Minneapolis, and South St. Paul over construction of separate or a combined sewer system. The various reports contain maps, charts, graphs, and financial and statistical data related to the collection and treatment of metropolitan area sewage, sewage treatment plant design and construction, costs of combined and independent systems, and pollution and natural purification. There are also Mississippi River sounding maps covering the area from St. Paul to Prescott, Wisconsin (ca. 1913).

## 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:

Factory and trade waste--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Sewage disposal in rivers, lakes, etc.--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Sewage disposal--Minnesota--Minneapolis.  
Sewage disposal--Minnesota--Saint Paul.  
Sewage disposal--Minnesota--South Saint Paul.  
Sewage disposal--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Costs.  
Sewage disposal--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area--Statistics.  
Sewage disposal--Mississippi River.  
Sewage disposal plants--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Sewage--Purification--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Sewerage--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.  
Water quality management--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

### Places:

Mississippi River--Maps.

### Persons:

Schroepfer, George J. (George John), 1906-1984.

### Organizations:

Metropolitan Drainage Commission (Minn.).  
Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (Minn.).

### Types of Documents:

Clippings.  
Maps--Minnesota--Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

*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.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
103.C.11.6F	1	Annual and biennial reports, 1927-1932. 1927. 1928. Includes Report of the Investigation of the Pollution of the Mississippi River, Minneapolis to LaCrosse [Wisconsin]. 1928. Summary and Conclusion. 1929-1930. 1929-1930. Summary and Conclusion. 1931-1932. 1931-1932. Summary and Conclusion. Minutes, June 1927 - October 1933. 4 folders. Ribbon copies; includes monthly financial statements. Subject files, [ca. 1913]-1933. Clippings, 1930-1931. February 1930. May-September 1931. 5 folders.
114.G.4.1B-2	2	Clippings scrapbooks, 1927-1932. 2 volumes.
103.C.11.6F	1	Interim Committee Investigating Pollution of the Boundary Waters between Minnesota and Wisconsin, 1927-1929. Report to the Legislature.
114.G.4.1B-2	2	Maps, charts, and drawings of treatment plant and graphs of sewage output, 1929. 3 oversize folders.
103.C.11.6F	1	Mississippi River sounding maps - St. Paul to Prescott [Wisconsin], [ca. 1913]. 2 folders. Blueprint maps. Report on Sewage Disposal Problem for Minneapolis and St. Paul, June 1931. Mimeographed. Sewage Conditions in the Metropolitan Drainage District, 1930-1931. Printed statements of South St. Paul groups. The Sewage Disposal Problem of Minneapolis and St. Paul, 1929. By J. A. Childs.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
103.C.11.6F	1	<p>Subject files (cont.)</p> <p>Sewage Disposal: Treatment Plant, Design, Cost Estimates, the Projects, Programs, Pumping Stations, [ca. 1928]. 1 volume. Labeled No. 1 on the spine; by George J. Schroepfer, Professional Engineer.</p> <p>Sewage Disposal: General, [ca.1928]. 1 volume. Labeled No. 4 on the spine; apparently continues No. 1.</p>
103.C.11.7B	2	<p>Engineering Report: Comparison of Costs to Minneapolis and St. Paul with Combined and with Independent Systems, [1930?]. 2 folders.</p> <p>The report evaluates costs and location problems of building waste treatment plants at Pig's Eye Lake, the Minnesota River bottoms at Pike Island, and Crosby Lake. Includes population and waste flow projections for the period 1940-1970.</p> <p>State Board of Health: District Organization Proceedings, 1933. 2 folders.</p> <p>Study of the Pollution and Natural Purification of the Upper Mississippi River, 1932.</p> <p>Public Health Service Bulletin No. 203; excerpts were read at meeting of State Board of Health, June 27, 1933.</p> <p>Miscellaneous materials, 1927-1933.</p>