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POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

An Inventory of Its Environmental Quality Review Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
Series Title: Environmental quality review files.
Dates: 1971-1983.
Quantity: 10.0 cu. ft. (10 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Reports, studies, environmental impact statements, hearing transcripts, correspondence, and related background materials on the environmental effects of power plants (particularly the Northern States Power Company's SHERCO, Prairie Island, and Monticello plants and the Minnesota Power & Light Company's Floodwood/Fine Lakes/Brookston plants) and high voltage transmission lines; on coal, uranium, and hazardous wastes; and on a few miscellaneous matters affecting environmental quality.

RELATED MATERIALS

See also related Environmental quality review files in the Minnesota Health Department's Environmental Health Division records (cataloged separately).

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:

Coal-fired power plants—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Electric lines—Minnesota.
Electric power-plants—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Environmental impact analysis—Minnesota.
Hazardous wastes—Minnesota.
High voltages—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.

Nuclear power plants—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Regulating.

Organizations:

Minnesota Power & Light Company.
Monticello Nuclear Power Generating Plant (Minn.).
Northern States Power Company (Minn.).
Prairie Island Nuclear Plant.
SHERCO Generating Plant.

Types of Documents:

Environmental impact statements—Minnesota.
Transcripts.

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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.

SHERCO Nuclear Power Generating Plant

| Location | Box | |
|-----------------|------------|--|
| 114.B.13.2F | 1 | Annual Environmental Reports, 1974-1980. 6 volumes. Prepared by Northern States Power Company for SHERCO Units 1 and 2. 1974/1975. Volumes 1, 2. 1976. Volume 1. 1976/1977. Volume 2. 1979. 1980. Environmental Impact Statements, [ca. 1974] and 1974. 1 volume and 1 folder. Draft (February 1974) and final (September 1974). |

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| 114.B.13.2F | 1 | Draft Environmental Impact Statement, July 1977. 1 volume. Attachments for Environmental Impact Statements, 1977. Concerning air quality, noise control, and water quality; numbered 1-14. SHERCO 3 Supplementary Environmental Report, February 1980. 1 volume. SHERCO 3 Environmental Supplement, 1980-1981. 2 volumes. Draft (September 1980) and final (May 1981). Draft Environmental Report - Site Application, June 1975. 1 volume. |
| 114.B.13.3B | 2 | Northern States Power Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement, 1977, 1980. 2 volumes in 1 folder. Work Paper: Power Plant Engineering, 1977. SHERCO 3 and 4. Work Plans and Drafts on the Development of Environmental Impact Statements, 1977. 3 folders and 1 volume. SHERCO 3 and 4. Technical Work Papers, 1977. 7 folders. SHERCO 3 and 4, Nos. 2-16; prepared by Environmental Research and Technology, Inc. (ERT, Inc.). Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement, 1977. 3 folders. SHERCO 3. |
| 114.B.13.4F | 3 | Environmental Quality Council: Power Plant Siting Reports, 1975-1976. Final report (1975) and findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations (1976). Environmental Quality Council: Power Plant Siting Program Inventory of Candidates for Large Electric Power Generating Plants, 1975. 1 volume in 1 folder. Hearing transcripts, 1977. 2 folders. Regarding preparation of environmental impact statement for SHERCO 3 and 4; Volumes I-IV. Application to Environmental Quality Council for Certificate of Compatibility for Large Electric Power Generating Plant, 1974. 1 volume in 1 folder. Hearing transcripts, 1975. 2 folders. Concerning Northern States Power Company's application for certification of site compatibility. ERT, Inc. Evaluations of Northern States Power Company's Environmental Reports, 1977. 2 volumes. SHERCO 3 Analysis of Alternatives to Surface Water Appropriation, 1980. 1 volume in 1 folder. Air Pollution Control, 1971. 1 volume in 1 folder. |

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| 114.B.13.4F | 3 | SHERCO 3 and 4/SIBCO 1 and 2: Licensability and Site Compatibility Application, 1975. 2 folders. Appears to be someone's working copy. SHERCO 3 and 4: Correspondence, 1975-1977. 6 folders. |
| 114.B.13.5B | 4 | Correspondence, 1977-1979. 9 folders. Miscellaneous subject files, 1975-1979. 15 folders. Algae studies. Chronology. Documents. Draft EIS comments, 1977. Environmental Research and Technology, Inc. ERT, Inc. Progress Reports and Final Statements. Final EIS. Limited Work Authorization (LWA). Requests for Proposal. Studies and Findings. 2 folders. Suit. Testimony. 2 folders. Transcripts of Hearings on EIS. |
| 114.B.13.6F | 5 | SHERCO 3: Miscellaneous correspondence, 1978-1981. 4 folders. Miscellaneous reports, 1980. SHERCO 5 and 6: Hearing transcripts, 1976-1979. SHERCO project files, 1975-1979. 12 folders. NSP Benton County Substation. NSP-TR-3 Sherburne County Substation to Benton County Substation. Monticello-Riverton Transmission Line. NSP-P-2 Kasota-Mankato Area. NSP Twin Cities Plants. Wisconsin Power and Light. NSP Kohlman Lake Substation. NSP Panther Substation. SHERCO 4. NSP-EA-5 Eden Prairie Substation. NSP-EA-1 Moorhead. ER-2-1. Sherburne Monitoring. St. Paul NSP Increased Rates. SHERCO miscellaneous records, 1973-1980. 12 folders. Concord's master list. SHERCO correspondence. Economic Study correspondence. Human Health, July 1979. |

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| 114.B.13.6F | 5 | Henderson Generating Plant, 1974. 2 folders. SHERCO Index. 2 folders. SHERCO miscellaneous reports. |
| 114.B.13.7B | 6 | NSP Comments on Health Supplements and Response to Public Comments, April 1978. SHERCO Permit for Authorization to Discharge and Construct Wastewater Treatment Facilities, 1976. Route File. |

Power Line (High Voltage Transmission Line)

| Location | Box | |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| 114.B.13.7B | 6 | Draft Environmental Impact Statement, 1980. 1 volume. Final Environmental Impact Statement, 1980. 1 volume. Application for Corridor Designation for High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL), 1974. 1 volume. Supplementary Report: Applicant Analysis of HVTL Siting Criteria, 1975. 1 volume in 1 folder. United Power Association/Cooperative Power Association (UPA/CPA) HVTL: Impact on Vegetation Final Report, 1977-1981. 1 volume. Certificate of Need Application for HVTL, December 1975. 1 volume. High Voltage Transmission Lines: Agricultural Issues and Impacts, 1979. 1 volume. Agriculture Department report. Progress of Cleanup Activities [plus-minus] 400 Kilovolt Direct Current High Voltage Transmission Line, 1978. 1 volume. SHERCO-Benton County 345 kv [kilovolt] Transmission Line Construction Permit Application, 1979. 1 volume. Hearing transcripts and exhibits, 1980. 4 volumes. Before the Environmental Quality Board. Responses to the Agriculture Department for Proposed High Voltage Transmission Line, 1975. 1 volume. Prepared by CPA/UPA. Corridor Designation for NSP-Manitoba High Voltage Transmission Line, 1974. |

Floodwood/Fine Lakes And Brookston Electric Power Generating Plant

| Location | Box | |
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| 114.B.13.7B | 6 | Hearing transcript, 1976. 1 volume. On Minnesota Power and Light Company's application for certificate of site compatibility. |

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| 114.B.13.8F | 7 | Site Selection Study for Minnesota Power and Light Company, 1975. 2 volumes. Phase I and Phase II. Search Area Evaluation, 1976. Environmental Report: Minnesota Power and Light Company Application for Certificates of Site Compatibility, 1975-1976. 2 volumes. Draft and final report; prepared by the Environmental Quality Council. Power Plant Siting Final Report: Site Evaluation Committee for Minnesota Power and Light Company, 1976. 1 volume in 1 folder. Power Plant Siting Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations for Certificates of Compatibility, 1976. 1 volume in 1 folder. Proposals re Preparation and Environmental Impact Statement for Minnesota Power and Light Company Plant near Floodwood, 1977. 3 volumes. Review of Baseline Monitoring Programs at Floodwood/Fine Lakes and Brookston Power Plant Sites, 1979. 1 volume. Index for Environmental Systems Group Quality Assurance Manual, [1979?]. 1 volume. Application for Certificate of Need, 1976. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1974-1981. 7 folders. Includes various reports and legal documents. 1974-1978. 5 folders. |
| 114.B.13.9B | 8 | 1978-1981. 2 folders. Miscellaneous records, 1977-1981. 2 folders. Correspondence and reports. Hearing minutes, 1975-1977. 2 folders. For construction permit, certificate of need, and certification of site compatibility. Summary Work Plan for Air Quality and Meteorological Monitoring and Modeling Studies, 1977. |

Coal/Uranium Studies

| Location | Box | |
|-----------------|------------|--|
| 114.B.13.9B | 8 | Definition of Model Coal Fired Electric Generating Stations, 1978. 1 volume. Northern States Power Fossil Fueled Power Plant Siting Study, 1972. 6 folders. Volumes I-III. |

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| 114.B.13.9B | 8 | Northern States Power Environmental Report: Sherburne County Generating Plant, 1971. Miscellaneous subject files, 1976-1979. 7 folders. Concerning coal cleaning, transportation; they include minutes of Railroad Task Force Advisory Committee. |
| 114.B.13.10F | 9 | Miscellaneous coal studies, 1978. 2 folders. Uranium Reports, 1976-1982. 2 folders. |

Hazardous Waste

Apparently administrative files of a staff person in the PCA's Hazardous Waste Division.

| Location | Box | |
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| 114.B.13.10F | 9 | Miscellaneous records, 1982-1983. 16 folders. They include records from the Waste Management Board. Background information, EIC Process. Board considerations. Data needs. Draft Report on Development of Treatment and Disposal Networks for Hazardous Waste Management. EIS: Data Work/Needs. Hazardous Waste Land Disposal: Beltrami Site. Hazardous Waste Management Planning Council. Hazardous waste sites. Joint PCA/Waste Management Board staff meetings. Mitigation and compensation. News releases. Progress reports. Proposed hazardous waste sites. Surface water monitoring. Waste Management Board minutes. Waste Management Plan. |

Monticello Nuclear Generating Power Plant

Environmental Monitoring and Ecological Studies Program.

| Location | Box | |
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| 114.B.13.10F | 9 | Environmental Report, November 1971. 3 folders. Annual Reports, 1973-1977. 5 volumes. |

Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant

Environmental Monitoring and Ecological Studies Program.

| Location | Box | |
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| 114.B.13.11B | 10 | Annual Reports, 1974-1979. 10 volumes. Prepared by Northern States Power Company. 1974. Volumes 1, 2, and Supplemental Report, July 1975. 1975. Volumes 1, 2. 1976. Volumes 1, 2. 1977. Volume 2. [Missing 1978]. 1979. Volumes 1, 2. |

Miscellaneous PCA Records

| Location | Box | |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| 114.B.13.11B | 10 | Environmental Impact Statement Log, 1972-1975. Certificate of Need Application for Electric Generating Plant, 1976. Environmental Report for Electric Generating Facility, 1976. 1 volume. Proposal to Provide Assistance in Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements, 1976. Preliminary Draft: Discussion of Electric Utility Property Taxing Concepts, 1980. 1 volume. Hearing transcript, 1975. 1 volume. Regarding application of Amax Exploration, Inc. for a state disposal system permit for Minnamax test shaft near Babbitt. |