

S0677 St. Charles Countians Against Hazardous Waste/Weldon Springs (Sccahw), Records, 1946-1996

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The St. Charles Countians Against Hazardous Waste (SCCAHW) collection was donated by chief founder and Executive Director Meredith Hunter on February 15, 1996.

SCCAHW, a grass-roots environmental group, was founded in 1982 to protest a government plan to ship more radioactive waste to Weldon Springs, Missouri to store. Some 2,000 citizens protested the idea, halted the dumping, and eventually convinced the government to clean up hazardous waste at Weldon Springs.

The Weldon Springs Site is located approximately 30 miles west of St. Louis. The Department of the Army operated the Weldon Springs Ordnance Works for the production of TNT and DNT from 1941-1944, leaving behind DNT/TNT contamination. In 1955, the property was transferred to the Atomic Energy Commission (Department of Energy) for the production of uranium feed material. The uranium feed material was produced by the Mallinckrodt Chemical Corporation from 1957-1966. Radioactive sludge residues resulting from the processing were placed in four on-site pits. Other radioactive wastes, including the entire contents of the Destrahan Street Facility, operated by Mallinckrodt, were stored at the Weldon Springs Site by the AEC. In 1967, the Army partially decontaminated the plant in order to produce Agent Orange. The project was canceled in 1969, prior to becoming operational.

In 1987, the Weldon Springs Site designated as a Superfund Site.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The SCCAHW/Weldon Springs collection includes financial information, correspondence, meeting minutes/agenda, environmental reports, newspaper clippings and photocopies, newsletters, brochures and pamphlets, and photographs. Together they chronicle the establishment and activities of SCCAHW from 1982-1996. The records document SCCAHW's mission to promote public awareness and lobby for the cleanup of Weldon Springs hazardous waste. The records also reveal the larger picture of the power of a grass-roots organization.

The collection is divided into seven series: (1) Administration, (2) Correspondence, (3) Membership, (4) Publications, (5) Reports, (6) Workshops, and (7) Photographs.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 ' ADMINISTRATION, FOLDERS 1-4

This series includes SCCAHW financial information from 1983-1995; handwritten and other

notes from 1980-1995; meeting agenda and meeting minutes from 1982-1995; the bylaws and objectives of SCCAHW; Hazardous Research Center at University of Missouri ' Columbia, and the Weldon Spring Citizens Commission. Arranged chronically.

SERIES 2 ' CORRESPONDENCE, FOLDERS 5-23

This series includes correspondence from 1973-1996 concerning Weldon Springs. Arranged chronically.

SERIES 3 ' MEMBERSHIP, FOLDERS 24-25

This series includes membership information and mailings.

SERIES 4 ' PUBLICATIONS, FOLDERS 26-42

This series includes environmental pamphlets and brochures, SCCAHW newsletters from 1984-1989, and newspapers clipping and photocopies from 1946-1995. Arranged chronologically.

SERIES 5 ' REPORTS, FOLDERS 43-144

This series is divided into general Weldon Spring monitoring reports arranged chronologically from 1966-1995; monthly reports by consulting hydrologist Stanley M. Remington arranged chronologically from 1989-1995; and a series of titled environmental and Weldon Springs reports arranged alphabetically. Also included are fact sheets and maps of the United States, Missouri, and Weldon Springs.

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