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Finding Aid RG 110.12

Department of Natural Resources

Water Protection Program

Abstract: General records of the Water Protection Program, including correspondence, case files, and Water Protection Forum materials, 2002-2019 (bulk dates, 2011-2019).

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Historical and Biographical Notes

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Water Protection Program (WPP) administers clean water and drinking water responsibilities within Missouri for the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency delegated duties to the WPP in Missouri for the federal Clean Water Act (officially the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972; 33 U.S.C.

§1251 et seq. (1972)/P.L. 92-500) passed on October 18, 1972 and Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300f-j/Pub. L. 93-523) passed on December 16, 1974. The program, then known as the Water Pollution Protection Program, also oversees state responsibilities, including issuing operator certification and construction permits, including wastewater and stormwater discharge levels. The state law, commonly known as the Missouri Clean Water Law, that was enacted to comply with federal law was Senate Bill 424, approved and immediately made effective on April 12, 1972 (*Laws* 1972, p. 819). The name of the program was updated in the mid-1990s to the Water Resources Program and in the late 2000s to the current WPP. Throughout its history, the WPP has been part of the DNR Division of Environmental Quality. The WPP works with stakeholders, the general public, and regulated facilities to comply with all state and federal water regulations.

According to the WPP website, “water quality standards protect beneficial uses of water such as swimming, maintaining fish and other aquatic life and providing drinking water for people, livestock and wildlife.” WPP, along with its subsidiary, the Clean Water Commission, develops water quality standards and conducts monitoring to determine if standards are met. If standards are not met or discharge rates violates the Missouri Clean Water Law (currently detailed in *RSMo* chapters 640 and 644), studies are implemented to find ways to correct water quality issues and fines may be issued. For drinking water, the WPP reviews plans and issues permits for the construction and operation of public drinking water systems and requires that these systems monitor for contaminants. If violations occur, WPP works with the water system to correct issues and/or issues fines.

Besides the Clean Water Commission, other subsidiary groups of WPP include the Safe Drinking Water Commission, Water Protection Forum, Water Quality Standards Workgroup, Sanitary Sewer Overflow Workgroup, Antidegradation Implementation Procedure Workgroup, Capacity Development Strategy Advisory Committee, Nonpoint Source Management Forum, and PFAS Workgroup. Other related DNR programs include the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission, Well Installation Board, and Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Council. See “Related Materials” section below for finding aids for several of these organizations.

Timeline

Year	Event
1970	The federal Environmental Protection Agency was created via executive order by President Richard Nixon signed on July 9 and began operations on December 2, 1970 (Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970).
1972	The federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972)/P.L. 92-500) was enacted on October 18, 1972.
1972	Missouri’s water pollution bill, commonly known as the Missouri Clean Water Law, was created by Senate Bill 424, approved and made effective on April 12, 1972.

Year	Event
1974	The Division of Environmental Quality and its subprogram, Water Pollution Control Program, was created and transferred to the Department of Natural Resources as part of the State Reorganization Act of 1974 (Senate Bill 1) approved on February 13, 1974, effective June 28, 1974.
1974	The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300f-j/Pub. L. 93-523) passed on December 16, 1974.
1995-1996	The program name was updated to the Water Resources Program (1995-1996 <i>Official Manual of the State of Missouri</i>).
2007-2008	The program name was updated to the Water Protection Program (2007-2008 <i>Official Manual of the State of Missouri</i>).

Additional Descriptive Information

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Related Material

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Department of Natural Resources Government documents collection

-See the "Environmental Quality – Water, Publications and Reports" series

“Document Search.” Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Accessed January 23, 2025. <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search>.
-Use search term “Water Protection Program” to locate 2015 to present documents.

RG 110.06 Soil and Water Conservation Districts Commission
RG 110.07 Clean Water Commission
RG 110.09 Missouri Well Installation Board

Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Case Files and Hearings, 2002-2011
Director’s Office Correspondence, 2004
Water Protection Forum, 2005-2019

Case Files and Hearings, 2002-2011

Extent: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Alphabetical by Case Name

Scope and Content

The Case Files and Hearings series contains cases handled in-house, heard by a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) commission, and/or heard by the Administrative Hearings Commission. Cases heard by the Administrative Hearings Commission were typically filed numerically by assigned case number, followed by the case name. The numbers can be broken down into [two-digit year abbreviation]-[four-digit case number]-[three letter abbreviation for a DNR commission].

The common DNR abbreviations seen are:

- CWC: Missouri Clean Water Commission
- HWC: Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Commission
- SWC: Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission

Additional information on the Duncan's Point case can be located in the [RG 110.07 Clean Water Commission](#) record group.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	Darrin Brown, Case No. 08-1281-SWC, 461-08	2008
1	2	Donnell McComb, 11-1640-SWC, CWC-511-11	2011
1	3-4	Duncan's Point	2002-2004
1	5	John Cable Appeal No. 13-0488-SWC, CWC-529-13	2013
1	6	Larry E. Turner, Appeal No. 07-1708-HWC	2007
1	7	Ralph E. Valle, 11-0656-SWC, SWC-506-11	2011
1	8	Vincent M. Loffrendo, Appeal No. 06-0098-SWC	2006

Director's Office Correspondence, 2004

Extent: 0.2 (0.5 Hollinger Box)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The Director's Office Correspondence series contains official communication from the director's office, including traditionally mailed items and print-outs of e-mailed items. One major topic within the correspondence is a report on Wayne County's Mackenzie Creek and its water quality issues. Also included are three noncompliance reports that were attached to correspondence.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date
1	1-2	2004

Water Protection Forum, 2005-2019

Extent: 0.74 cubic ft. (1.5 Hollinger boxes and 1 small media box) and 1 CD-ROM

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The Water Protection Forum series contains agendas and related items for the public forums the Water Protection Program held, predominantly attendance lists or documents to be discussed in the meetings. Very few files contain the actual minutes (official or unofficial) or other meeting notes. Most Forums cover general water topics, but some are more specific such as Clean Water Fees or regional meetings.

The file for the February 16, 2016, meeting contains a summary of an idea mining event connected to the previous meeting on November 12, 2015 as well as another event the next day, November 13.

Several meetings have audio recording available on audiocassette, noted below.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date
1	1	June 5, 2005
CD 0005411143		June 5, 2005
1	2	July 24, 2007
1	3	August 20, 2008
1	4	November 3, 2010
3		November 3, 2010 Recordings (2 audio cassettes)
1	5	February 3, 2011
1	6	February 22, 2011
1	7	March 21, 2011
1	8	April 20, 2011
1	9	June 9, 2011
1	10	August 16, 2011
1	11	October 25, 2011
3		October 25, 2011 Recordings (2 audio cassettes)
1	12	December 13, 2011
3		December 13, 2011 Recordings (3 audio cassettes)
1	13	February 6, 2012
3		February 6, 2012 Recordings (3 audio cassettes)

Box	Folder	Date
1	14	March 7, 2012
1	15	April 2, 2012
3		April 2, 2012 Recordings (3 audio cassettes)
1	16	June 25, 2012
1	17	July 11, 2012
1	18	October 15, 2012
1	19	November 15, 2012
1	20	December 17, 2012
1	21	April 2, 2013
1	22	June 6, 2013
1	23	August 28, 2013
1	24	October 3, 2013
1	25	December 3, 2013
1	26	February 24, 2014
1	27	June 26, 2014
1	28	September 11, 2014
1	29	November 5, 2014
1	30	February 5, 2015
1	31	May 6, 2015
1	32	August 6, 2015
1	33	November 12, 2015
2	1	February 16, 2016
2	2	May 17, 2016
2	3	November 6, 2016
2	4	May 4, 2017
2	5	August 29, 2017
2	6	November 8, 2017
2	7	December 11, 2018
2	8	February 13, 2019
2	9	May 7, 2019
2	10	August 8, 2019
2	11	November 13, 2019