

**S0069 Committee For Environmental Information
Records, 1956-1977
438 Folders, 8 Tapes, 4 Scrapbook (On Microfilm)**

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The Committee For Environmental Information (CEI) donated its records to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-St. Louis at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on December, 22, 1977.

The CEI was founded in April, 1958, as the Greater St. Louis Citizens' Committee for Nuclear Information. Its purpose was to collect, evaluate, and make available to the public, information concerning nuclear tests and weaponry and the uses of nuclear energy.

In, May, 1967, the group changed its name to the Committee For Environmental Information. This change reflected its expanded interests in collecting and disseminating facts and informed opinions about a variety of environmental topics, including air and water pollution, solid waste recycling, pesticides, aerosols, and chemical warfare. CEI was founded by scientists and concerned citizens, including former League of Women Voters president, Edna Gellhorn; Virginia Brodine; Pathologist, Dr. Walter Bauer; noted peace activist, Dr. Theodore Lentz; and author/environmentalist, Dr. Barry Commoner.

The first major project of CEI was the Baby Tooth Survey. In 1958, under an initial grant from the United States Public Health Service, CEI began collecting the Deciduous teeth of children in the metropolitan St. Louis area to test them for absorption of Strontium 90. This radioactive isotope was thought to have been introduced into the children's diets through particularly high levels of strontium, found in St. Louis milk. The Baby Tooth Survey continued for ten years. It contributed scientific information about the effects of radioactive fallout and served as a model for similar projects around the world.

CEI also developed a Speakers' Bureau that provided qualified speakers on various environmental topics for schools, conferences and social gatherings. In conjunction with the Speakers' Bureau and other CEI projects, members of the group provided testimony to public hearings on legislation and civic projects such as the construction of the Calloway County nuclear power plant and laws providing for recyclable bottles and cans.

CEI corresponded with other environmental groups, private industry, and members of congress to develop proposals on solid waste management, environmental education centers and similar projects, many of which were funded and carried out by the group. CEI's correspondents also collected information for the monthly publication. Originally entitled Nuclear Information, the magazine was started in 1958 to serve CEI's goal of providing information to those interested in environmental topics. In 1964 the name changed to Scientist and Citizen and in 1969 to Environmental Magazine.

The magazine was published throughout CEI's existence and is published today by a commercial firm. CEI conducted annual meetings that publicized the group as well as specific environmental topics. It produced an information service entitled Environotes, used as a newspaper column for many local and national labor journals. A grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Environmental Information in 1973 allowed CEI to develop and publish a series of teaching units on environmental issues for use in high schools. The national education laboratory CEMREL assisted CEI in producing the units which were widely used in area high schools. Other projects sponsored and developed by CEI included the writing and filming of public service announcements for broadcast and conventions and conferences on water quality, solid waste and other environmental concerns.

In 1977 contributions to CEI began to wane and an expected grant from HEW failed to materialize. Because its expanded operations could not withstand such financial setbacks, it ceased operations in November, 1977.

The Committee for Environmental Information records of 1956-1977, document the work of the Baby Tooth Survey; the Speakers' Bureau; public testimony of members; funding activities; the development and execution of various CEI projects; publications; conferences; conventions; and board, subcommittees and annual membership meetings. The records also document new services; public service announcements; press releases and the publication of its 1973 high school teaching units.

Included with the collection are public reports, testimony, correspondence, board directors, technical division and subcommittee bylaws and meeting minutes; speakers' vitae; mailings; financial statements; grant applications, proposals, acceptances and rejections; drafts and manuscripts for Environment Magazine and its precursors; Environotes; public service announcements; press releases, early newsletters and membership lists. An extensive collection of Environment Magazine back issues and a current subscription are held by the Thomas Jefferson Library of the University of Missouri-St. Louis periodicals department. Issues of Environment are not included with the WHMC collection.

The collection is divided into eleven series: (1) Organization and Administration; (2) Funding Finances; (3) Baby Tooth Survey; (4) Speakers' Bureau; (5) Environmental Issues; (6) Educational Activities; (7) Other Environmental Organizations; (8) Publications; (9) Miscellaneous Correspondence, Reports and Memoranda; (10) Tapes; (11) Scrapbooks.

Some correspondence filed under subject heading is duplicated in the chronological file. See attachment for list of material removed from the collection.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1-ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION, 1956-1977, FOLDERS 1-157

The Organization and Administration series includes committee bylaws; pre-founding, founding and history records; not-for-profit registration; press releases; staff applications and personnel records; personal correspondence of committee directors; mailing lists; membership inquiries; information requests; correspondence; meeting minutes of Executive Committee, Scientific Division, Board of Directors, Technical Division, Subcommittees and annual membership meetings, and a chronological file correspondence from 1970-1977. Arranged chronologically under the following subseries: History, 1959-1977 (f.1-13);

Membership, 1959-1977 (f.14-26); Personnel 1962-1976 (f.27-36); Committee Minutes, 1959-1976 (f.37-45); Organizational Correspondence, 1963-1976 (f.46-55); Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 1958-1977 (f.56-77); Technical Division Meeting Minutes, 1959-1968 (f.78-81); Annual Meeting Correspondence 1959-1977 (f.82-89, including photographs 4189 and 4190 of the WHMC photograph collection); Chronological Files, 1970-1977 (f.90-157).

SERIES 2, FUNDING AND FINANCES, 1959-1976, FOLDERS 158-192

The Funding and Finances series includes fund raising and contributions correspondence; grant applications and proposals; correspondence with foundations; correspondence with and proposals to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Arranged chronologically under the following subseries: Finance Committee Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement; 1966-1975 (f.158-159); Fund Raising Correspondence 1961-1976 (f.160-173); Grant Applications and Proposals, 1959-1976 (f.174-183); Correspondence with HEW, 1961-1977 (f.148-192).

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The Baby Tooth Survey series contains correspondence, subcommittee meeting minutes, newsletter, mailings, inventories, budgets, published findings and public service announcements. The series is divided into two subseries: Local Correspondence and Organizational Papers, 1958-1974, arranged chronologically (f.193-222), and Non-Local Correspondence, 1959-1974 (f.223-241), arranged alphabetically according to state and county names.

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The Publications series contains newsletters, reports, literature, flyers and correspondence on Environmental Magazine (also titled Scientist and Citizen and Nuclear Information). The series also includes memos, news service literature and correspondence for Environotes, a labor column. Arranged alphabetically.

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The Miscellaneous Correspondence, Reports, and Memoranda series contains correspondence, memos, manuscript drafts, reports, and public testimony on general topics. Arranged chronologically.

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The tape series includes eight recordings (T631-T634, T673-T675, T698) of task force proceedings, speeches, conferences, panel discussions and interviews. Featured speakers and interviewees include Barry Commoner, Kevin Shea, Ed Debbs, Joseph Klarrmann, Dan Bolef, Gertrude Faust, John Fowler, and Michael Friedlander. Arranged chronologically.

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