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Introduction

Papers of a Missouri environmental and political activist include correspondence, financial and membership records, promotional material, newspaper clippings, background and research material, and other records of Missourians For Safe Energy. Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy, Missouri Energy Action and other similar state organizations, 1976-1989. Also included is an oral history interview with Mark Haim conducted by the State Historical Society of Missouri in 2010.

Biographical Sketch

Mark Haim (pronounced Hime) grew up in New York City and attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook, from which he graduated in 1971 with an interdisciplinary degree in social sciences. He moved to Columbia, Missouri, shortly thereafter and became increasingly involved in social and environmental activism. He helped found an anti-nuclear organization, Missourians for Safe Energy (MSE), in Columbia in 1976. The organization’s primary focus was to prevent the construction of the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant near Fulton, Missouri. MSE members led demonstrations and protests, held public meetings, canvassed door-to-door, conducted petition drives, and spoke to various groups. MSE incorporated in 1979 and established a governance structure for a statewide organization. However, the core group of active members remained small, and fundraising proved difficult. Also, despite the efforts of MSE, construction on the Callaway Plant continued virtually unabated.

In February 1980, Mark and Susan Haim had a son, Abe. Around that same time Mr. Haim and others involved with MSE formed Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy (CRP) “to promote responsible management of nuclear waste and to assure that huge inventories of commercial reactor waste are not produced in Missouri until it can be demonstrated the waste will be effectively isolated from the environment.” The organization conducted a statewide petition drive and successfully placed Proposition No. 11 on the November 1980 ballot. If passed, the proposition would have prohibited the operation of a nuclear power plant in Missouri unless a federally-approved waste-storage site existed and the plant owners/operators had posted a bond securing the costs of decommissioning the plant. Union Electric, the owner of the Callaway Plant, argued that the passage of the proposition would negatively affect Missouri’s economy and cause an energy crisis. The initiative failed 1,201,821 (61 percent) to 772,597 (39 percent) and the Callaway Plant eventually went into service in 1984. CRP dissolved shortly after the November 1980 election. Many of its members, including Mr. Haim, became active in Missouri Energy Action (MEA), a new statewide grassroots organization “dedicated to assuring safe and affordable energy for the people of Missouri.”

Other organizations in which Mr. Haim became involved included Columbians Against Throwaways, Citizens for Sustainable Resource Use, the Columbia Community Grocery, and the Earth Day Coalition. Still a Columbia resident, he is director of Mid-Missouri Peaceworks and coordinator of the Peace Nook, a “non-profit, volunteer-based community resource center.”
Scope and Content Note

The Mark Haim Collection consists of correspondence, financial and membership records, promotional materials, newspaper clippings, background and research materials, and other records of Missourians For Safe Energy, Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy, Missouri Energy Action and other similar state organizations, c. 1976-1989. Although they are not fully processed, most of the records have been arranged into four organizational series.

The first series, Missourians For Safe Energy (MSE), is broken down into three subseries: Callaway Nuclear Power Plant/Union Electric, Miscellaneous subjects, and Organizational materials. Within the Organizational materials subseries, the records are further subdivided into printed materials intended for wide distribution (e.g. flyers, news releases) and non-printed materials (e.g. correspondence). The inclusive dates for most items in the series are 1976 to 1980.

The second series, Missouri Energy Action (MEA), is comprised of both printed and non-printed organizational materials. The inclusive dates are 1981 to 1984.

The third series, Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy (CRP), consists of two subseries: Miscellaneous and Organizational materials. Again, the latter subseries is arranged by printed and non-printed records. Nearly all records in this series are dated 1980.

One large folder in box 4 includes miscellaneous records for the fourth series, Missouri Citizens Action (MCA). Also included in box 4 is an oral history interview conducted with Haim in 2010 by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The remaining records in the collection mostly contain financial and membership records for the various organizations. Box 8 also contains CRP press releases and campaign materials. The oversize material primarily consists of MSE and CRP posters.

Box List

Box 1
Missourians For Safe Energy (MSE)

Callaway Nuclear Power Plant/Union Electric

- Clippings, 10 folders (re: Benson & Emmons reports, construction/safety inspections, MSE protests/demonstrations, Bill Smart case, etc.)
- Maps/Diagrams, 1 folder (Callaway, Gasconade, Osage Counties)
- Reports, 19 folders (Benson, Emmons, UE, NRC reports/inspections, Public Service Commission reports/testimony, etc.)
- Misc., 5 folders
- Booklets, 3 folders
- Clippings, 5 folders (re: Weldon Spring, MU research reactor, etc.)
- Flyers

Box 2
Missourians For Safe Energy (MSE)

Callaway Nuclear Power Plant/Union Electric
- Flyers
- Legislative Directories/Rosters, 1 folder (Mo., c. 1978-1983)
Newsletters, 1 folder (c. 1977-1979)
Photos, 1 folder (Hematite plant)
Reports, 4 folders (Weldon Spring, DNR *Missouri Energy Conservation Plan*)

Miscellaneous subjects
- Reports, 5 folders (Weldon Spring, etc.)
- Testimony, 3 folders (re. electric lines’ biological effects, Hematite plant)
- Misc., 6 folders (electric lines cases, Forelaws On Board, solar energy, etc.)

Organizational materials—printed
- Balloon Cards, 3 folders (November 1977, September 1979)
- Booklet, 1 folder
- Flyers/leaflets, 1 folder
- Newsletters, 2 folders
- News releases, 2 folders
- Posters/broadside, 1 folder
- Publicity material, 1 folder
- Song sheets, 1 folder
- Survey, 1 folder
- Misc., 1 folder

Organizational materials—non-printed
- Bylaws, 1 folder
- Classes, 3 folders
- Correspondence, 12 folders (c. 1977-1980)
- Documents, 1 folder (incorporation papers)
- Journal/Notebook, 1978

**Box 3**

**Missourians For Safe Energy (MSE)**

Organizational materials—non-printed
- Journals/Notebooks, 3 folders (c. 1977-1980)
- Lists, 20 folders (individuals and organizations)
- Manuscripts, 1 folder
- Minutes, 1 folder (meetings, 1979-1980)
- Notes, 1 folder
- Petitions, 1 folder (1978)
- Survey, 4 folders (“Stopping nuclear power,” 1977; phone survey on nuclear issues, c. 1979)
- Survey, 4 folders (“Nuclear attitudes poll,” January 1980)
- Misc., 7 folders (statements, in-house communication, etc.)

**Missouri Energy Action (MEA)**

Miscellaneous subjects
- Citizens Utility Board records, 2 folders (1982)
- Missouri Statewide Energy Coalition materials, 4 folders (1981-1983)
- Misc., 1 folder

Organizational materials—printed
- Flyers/leaflets, 1 folder
Box 4

Missouri Energy Action (MEA)
Organizational materials—printed
  News releases, 1 folder
  Posters, 1 folder
  Publicity material, 1 folder
  Statements, 1 folder (1981-1982)
Organizational materials—non-printed
  By-laws, 1 folder
  Classes, 2 folders
  Correspondence, 3 folders
  Documents, 1 folder
  Lease, 1 folder
  Lists, 1 folder
  Minutes, 1 folder (1981-1984)
  Notes, 1 folder
  Petitions, 1 folder
  Survey, 1 folder
  Misc., 3 folders

Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy (CRP)
Miscellaneous—printed
  Articles, 4 folders (1977-1980)
  Clippings, 3 folders (1980)
  Flyers/pamphlets, 1 folder
  Proposition 11 opposition, 1 folder
Organizational materials—printed
  Booklet, 1 folder (“Proposition 11 Questions Answered Claims Debunked”)
  Clippings/advertisements, 1 folder
  Flyers/pamphlets, 1 folder
  News releases, 1 folder
  Posters/broadside, 1 folder
  Publicity materials, 1 folder
  Statements, 1 folder
Organizational materials—non-printed
  “Bike Away” materials, 1 folder
  Correspondence, 3 folders
  Documents, 1 folder
  Election data, 1 folder
  Endorsements, 2 folders
  Journal, 1 folder
  Legislation, 1 folder
  Lists, 3 folders
  Minutes, 1 folder (1980-1981)
  Notes, 1 folder
  Petitions, 2 folders
  Misc., 2 folders
Missouri Citizens Action (MCA)
  Misc., 1 folder
Oral history interview with Mark Haim, 2010

Box 5
MSE and MEA
  Organizational materials
    Card file
    Financial records
    Bank statements

Box 6
MSE, MCA, CRP, and Great Plains Federation (GPF)
  Organizational materials
    Account books
    Financial records
    Bank statements
    Ledgers
    Lists

Box 7
Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy (CRP)
  Organizational materials
    Bank statements
    Campaign reports
    Card files

Box 8
Citizens for a Radioactive Waste Policy (CRP)
  Organizational materials
    Subject files
    Press releases
    Campaign reports
    Financial records

OVERSIZE (Location: Ellis UO-9, Box 2)
  Miscellaneous MSE and CRP posters, maps/diagrams, etc. (27 items)