This is an undated pamphlet that addresses the problem of dust from the slime piles in the Tri-State Mining District of Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. It is subtitled, “Disposal of Mill Tailings in the Tri-State Zinc and Lead District.”

In the first half of the twentieth century it became widely recognized that dust created by mining operations could be harmful not only to the miners but to the general public as well. The Tri-State Health and Housing Committee was concerned that uncovered “slime” piles exposed to the high winds of the Oklahoma and Kansas plains could result in dust clouds of dangerous minerals known to cause silicosis and other respiratory ailments. The Eagle-Picher Company, which had concentrated its milling operations at a central facility in 1932, was singled out for criticism. The Committee recommended covering the slime piles with coarse chat. Although undated, the pamphlet references Lallah Sherman Davidson’s *South of Joplin; Story of a Tri-State Diggin’s*, which was published in 1939.