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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, notes, and background material which document Peter Cooper's legal work to preserve the quality of the environment in the New Haven area and on Long Island Sound. Cases involve issues of energy transmission, coastal area development, highway construction, pollution of public water supplies, air quality control, and nuclear power plant construction.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Cooper, Whitney, Cochran and François, 1993.

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b. 1-2	CLP/HELCO and U.I. cases, includes some AEC Shoreham findings (These are early rate cases demonstrating the utility company's practice of artificially increasing electricity consumption through the manner in which rates are set. The cases tried to highlight those types of advertising and other promotional activities which worked against the conservation of electricity. The AEC Shoreham findings refer to the range of water quality issues brought about through the releases of heated water into Long Island Sound.)
b. 3, 5-6, 4	<i>BLECC vs. CL&P</i> (This was an attempt by the utility companies to set up a council of citizens to examine transmission line and pumped storage site issues in the Berkshire/Litchfield County area and to mediate competing interests.) English
b. 7-8, 6	North Haven Mall (This case explored the regional economic impact of major mall proposal in the Quinnipiac River flood plain. It raised economic and sociological issues in the process of applying for the traditional environmental dredge and fill permit before the Army Corps of Engineers.)
b. 9-10, 8	Coastal Area Management/North Haven Mall (These files show early efforts to analyze the impact of development on Long Island Sound, in the context of Federal Legislation dealing with coastal area management.)
b. 11-12, 10	<i>Bridgeport Hydraulic vs. Council on Water Company Lands</i> (This was a federal case at the District Court level, and then before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, involving a challenge to the State's moratorium on the sale of Bridgeport Hydraulics land pending the establishment of a health and environmentally related classification of such lands. Technical information gathered analyzes the scope of non-point sources and the impact on the quality of drinking water.) English
b. 13-14, 12	Council on Water Company Lands: ISPS (The Council set up a land classification system following the defeat of Bridgeport Hydraulic's challenge to the moratorium that allowed the Council to do its work. The ISPS course at Yale covered the range of environmental, economic, and land use issues which surround this topic.)
b. 14, 16, 15	<i>Farrington vs. PAC/Solvents Recovery</i> (Farrington vs. PAC was an unsuccessful attempt to protect a land owner adjacent to proposed I-84 from adverse impact to the wetlands and ponds on her property. Solvent Recovery was a case brought by Connecticut Fund for the Environment to stop a company next to the Quinnipiac River from polluting public water supplies. Solvents Recovery went bankrupt, never having built a corrective control containment system.) English
b. 16-17	Connecticut Air Implementation Plan (This is background information compiled by the firm on retainer from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to draft regulations for the state subsequent to the passage of the Clean Air Act of 1970.)
b. 18-19	<i>The City of New Haven vs. Chandler</i> (A 1970 case challenging U.I.'s plan to build power lines across the New Haven harbor.)
b. 19, 21, 20	Millstone 3/Indirect source (These were application for construction and operating licenses before the AEC. Indirect source-Plainfield dog track involved a specific case under the Clean Air Act regulations dealing not with direct emitters of air pollutants but with an entity which effected air quality by drawing trucks, buses, and cars.)

b. 25, 21, 24, 23, 22	AEC Shoreham (This material relates to the proceedings before the AEC on the proposed construction of a nuclear power Plant at Shoreham, across Long Island Sound from the New Haven harbor. Issues include water quality, safety, and disposal problems.)
b. 26-27	Coastal Area Management material (These records and documents deal with the feasibility of undergrounding for energy transmission.)
b. 30, 29, 28	Connecticut River Crossing (This material concerns an administrative and court battle over proposed transmission line crossings of the Connecticut River near a number of state parks. The settlement permitted less obtrusive overhead crossings in return for over one million dollars in funds to the Connecticut River Gateway Commission for the purchase of park and other natural area habitat.)
b. 31-32, 30	Coastal Area Management Planning/Coke Works/Combustion Equipment Associates (The Coastal Area Management material is similar to that described above. Coke Works relates to U.I.'s application for the power plant in New Haven harbor. Combustion Equipment Associates was an early, unsuccessful trash to energy proposal in Bridgeport.)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Air -- Pollution
Coastal zone management
Lawyers
Nuclear power plants
Water quality

Geographic Names

Long Island Sound (N.Y. and Conn.)
New Haven (Conn.)

Names

Cooper, Peter B.