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Guide to Collection

Get the Lead Out Group (Skagway, Alaska)

Records of the Get the Lead Out Group, Skagway, Alaska, 1987-1991

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3 boxes
2 linear ft.

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ACQUISITION: Margaret Burnham, a member of the core group, donated the collection to the library.

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HISTORY

The Get the Lead Out Group officially organized on April 5, 1989 in Skagway, Alaska in response to Environmental Protection Agency concerns raised in 1988 regarding the Bowhead Equipment Company. Bowhead, which operates an ore-loading terminal owned by White Pass Transportation, retained an independent environmental consultant; subsequent testing revealed elevated levels of lead around the terminal which receives zinc and lead sulphide ore mineral products from Curragh Resources, Inc. in the Yukon and transfers those ores to ships. Bowhead recommended

that blood lead level screening be conducted and that the residents of Skagway undertake precautionary measures if they should come in contact with soils.

The core members of the group were Margaret Burnham, Susan Fredricks, Emily Olson, and Lynne Smith. The group disbanded with the completion of a grant from the Alaska Conservation Foundation of Anchorage, in March 1991.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records contain correspondence from 1988-1991. Files include news releases and reports from government and private agencies, the city of Skagway council minutes, health-related risk studies and clippings.

Two video cassettes contain footage of media interviews. Six audio cassettes include teleconferences and a National Public Radio report.

INVENTORY

BOX 1

- 13 folders:
1. Correspondence, 11/30/88 - 8/31/89
 2. Correspondence, 9/5/89 - 3/7/91
 3. Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 11/3/88 - 7/28/89
 4. Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 8/1/89 - 4/2/90
 5. Compliance Order
 6. Bowhead
 7. VRCA/White Pass Clean-Up
 8. City of Skagway, Res. 89/16R
 9. Summaries
 10. Journal for Grant/Grant
 11. Support System/Referral
 12. Notes, 4/11/89 - 8/10/89
 13. Notes, 8/16/89 - 1990

BOX 2

- 9 folders:
14. ACE
 15. Trustees for Alaska
 16. Skagway Harbor Assessment
 17. White Pass Dock and Core Permit
 18. Air Monitoring
 19. Skagway Studies
 20. Health and Social Services

- Sampling
21. Lead Convention-Juneau/Notes-Dr. Rosen/Tooth
 22. Heavy Metals-Health Risks Studies
- BOX 3
- 6 folders:
23. Health Risks Most Used
 24. Lead Info-Dr. Chappell, Dr. Farlow
 25. SKAGWAY NEWS
 26. Newspaper, Magazine Articles
 27. Hazardous Materials Info/Public Info Request
- Resources
28. 56 photos: Duplicate sets of photos documenting the trucking of lead from one terminal to the White Pass shops pointing out the tracking of leaded soil. 2 photos: VRCA Supersucker trucks raising leaded dust. 1 envelope - negatives
- 2 videos:
- (1) Temporary-News on Skagway
 - (1) "Get the Lead Out" - Interviews, Spring 1990
- 6 videos:
- (2) Teleconference w/ D. Kelso, Wenig, J. Mach, D. Easton, Get the Lead Out Group, 7/14/89
 - (1) Teleconference w/D. Easton, J. Mach, M. Wineg, "Get-the-Lead-Out," 7/20/89
 - (2) Teleconference re: Skagway Lead, 10/6/89
 - (1) NPR Morning Edition, Story on Lead & Children,
- 1/11/90

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