

U DX88

Research papers of John G. Robertson

1949-1972

Historical Background:

Potash is an overarching name for various salts, both mined and manufactured, which contain potassium in its water-soluble form. Potash is now mined all over the world, including in the UK for example at the Boulby Mine near Redcar by Cleveland Potash Ltd, with the majority being used in fertilizers.

The **Commission on Mining and the Environment** (also known as the Zuckerman Commission) was set up by Rio Tinto-Zinc (RTZ, later the Rio-Tinto Group) with Lord Zuckerman as Chair. The Commission published its report in September 1972. Around this time, the government also established a committee to investigate the issue of planning control of mineral developments and another concerning Britain's National Parks, in an effort to oversee plans by groups like RTZ to mine in such areas.

Custodial history:

Donated by John Graham Robertson, Department of Geography, University of Hull, 15 Mar 1974

Description:

This small collection contains a range of research material particularly focused on the mining of potash in Yorkshire in the 1950s to 1970s (U DX88/1) and the Zuckerman Commission on Mining and the Environment (1971-1972) (U DX88/2). The material includes various submissions made by interested parties to the Zuckerman Commission as well as maps, articles, reports and extracts from newspapers concerning Yorkshire potash. There is also some general material, including articles and magazines, on mining in the UK as well as correspondence, reports and other documents relating to the Local Inquiry conducted into the applications by Cleveland Potash Ltd to mine in North Yorkshire (1950s-1970s).

Extent: 2 files

Related material:

Subject File. Mineral Workings (Off-Shore Installations) Bill and offshore installations [U DMC/379]

Other repositories:

Cleveland Potash, Teeside Archives [ref. U.HW/7/69]

Potash: development of Yorkshire potash deposits, National Archives [ref. BT 344/16-18]

Whitby Potash Inquiry, London Metropolitan Archives [ref. LMA/4287/02/541/1-2]

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| U DX88/1 | <p>File of papers relating to the mining of potash in Yorkshire
Contains various handwritten research notes and photocopies taken from newspaper articles about potash, debates about potash in the House of Commons and the Yorkshire Potash Hearing (1969); copies of and extracts from publications including Phosphorus & Potassium No. 58 (Mar/Apr 1972) and No. 10 (1964), Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Bulletin (May 1967), the Mining Journal (Apr 1965), and Town Planning Review (Oct 1971); maps showing the potash areas in Yorkshire (1968-70); photocopies of reports relating to potash including a Report on the Supply of Chemical Fertilisers (1959), Report by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd on Yorkshire Potash (1966), Report by Fisons Fertilizers Ltd on Yorkshire Potash (1965); and items relating to the application by Cleveland Potash Ltd to mine in North Yorkshire in the Whitby, Staithes-Hinderwell and Robin Hood's Bay areas including copies of correspondence, reports and material from the Local Inquiry into the applications (1950s-70s).
91 items</p> | 1949-1974 |
| U DX88/2 | <p>File of papers relating to the Zuckerman Commission on Mining and the Environment
Contains copies of various submissions made to the Zuckerman Commission from interested parties including the Anglers' Co-operative Association (ACA), Noranda-Kerr Ltd, the Sand and Gravel Association, the UK Metal Mining Association, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Cornish Chamber of Mines, the Committee for Environmental Conservation, the Association of River Authorities, The Institution of Civil Engineers, the County Councils Association, the Rural District Councils Association, the Institute of Biology, Consolidated Gold Fields, the Ramblers' Association and the British Tourist Authority; items relating to the County Councils Association including the Minutes of the Executive Council (May 1972) and the Gazette (Jun, Oct 1972); and other related material including copies of newspaper articles, an extract from the Annual Report of HM Senior District Inspector of Mines and Quarries West Midlands and North Western District (1972), a copy of The General Electricity Generating Board's Experience of Environmental Planning and Building in Attractive Landscapes (1971), a transcript of the BBC programme 'This Island Now: 1: Mining or Environment?' (1972), and copies of the ACA Review (Summer 1972) and The ACA Handbook: Pollution.
38 items</p> | 1971-1974 |