

# Seattle Water Department Northern Tier Pipeline Records, 1973-1983

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.) Water Dept.
<b>Title</b>	Seattle Water Department Northern Tier Pipeline Records
<b>Dates</b>	1973-1983 (inclusive) 1973 1983
<b>Quantity</b>	.8 cubic foot, (2 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	8204-05
<b>Summary</b>	Records concerning a proposed oil pipeline.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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## Historical Note

A public waterworks was created by City Charter amendment in 1875. However, Seattle was served primarily by small private water companies for the next decade-and-a-half. Following the Great Fire of 1889, citizens voted to fund creation of a municipally owned water system. The City purchased the private systems and began development of the Cedar River Watershed, and since 1891, has owned and operated a municipal water system. The system was administered by the Superintendent of Water under the auspices of the Board of Public Works. In 1905 the Department of Lighting and Water Works was created. Five years later, the Water Department became a separate entity. Most of the water used by the Seattle Water Department came from the Cedar River Watershed property, which also provided income for the department through the selling of logging rights. Several timber companies including Weyerhaeuser Company, Scott Paper Company and Pacific States Lumber Company, all had contracts with the Water Department. In the 1950s, Seattle voters chose to add fluoride to the city's water supply and charged the Water Department with the task of fluoridating. The election was a close one, however, and debate over the policy lasted into the '70s. In 1997 the Water Department was consolidated with the utilities of the Engineering Department to form Seattle Public Utilities.

# Content Description

Records created and collected by Water Department staff regarding Northern Tier Pipeline Company's application to build an oil pipeline to transport Alaskan crude oil from Port Angeles to Minnesota. The City of Seattle became an intervenor in the State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council proceedings because a proposed route of the Northern Tier pipeline crossed the Cedar River watershed and pipeline. Northern Tier dropped its application in 1983. Records include correspondence, memos, pleadings, clippings, evaluations, maps and Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council agendas, minutes and news releases.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Seattle Water Department Northern Tier Pipeline Records , Record Series 8204-05. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### 8204-05: Northern Tier Pipeline Records , 1973-1983

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	1980-1982
1/2	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	1978-1979
1/3	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	1977
1/4	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	1977
1/5	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	1976-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6	Northern Tier Pipeline	1979-1983
1/7	Northern Tier Pipeline	1977-1978
1/8	Northern Tier Pipeline	1976
1/9	Northern Tier Pipeline	1976
1/10	Northern Tier Pipeline - Crossing of Tolt Pipeline	1980
1/11	Northern Tier Pipeline Evaluation	1979-1981
2/1	Northern Tier Pipeline Evaluation	1979-1980
2/2	Northern Tier Pipeline Evaluation	1977-1979
2/3	Northern Tier Pipeline Evaluation	1976
2/4	Northern Tier Pipeline Intervention	1976
2/5	Northern Tier Pipeline Maps	undated
2/6	Northern Tier Pipeline Meeting 4/20/1977	1977
2/7	Northern Tier Pipeline News Articles	1976
2/8	Northern Tier Pipeline News Articles	1977
2/9	Northern Tier Pipeline - Oil Spill Experiences	1973-1976
2/10	Northern Tier Pipeline Procedures	1976-1977
2/11	Northern Tier Pipeline Zoning	1976
2/12	Northern Tier Pipeline Zoning	1976

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Cedar River Watershed (King County, Wash.)  
 Petroleum pipelines--Washington (State)

### Corporate Names :

Seattle Water Department Northern Tier Pipeline Records, 1973-1983  
<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv65628>

Northern Tier Pipeline  
Northern Tier Pipeline Company  
Seattle (Wash.) Water Dept.  
Washington (State). Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
**Geographical Names :**  
Seattle (Wash.)

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