

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Roanoke River Water Quality Standards 1967**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

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Title: Roanoke River Water Quality Standards 1967

Physical Characteristics: 1 document storage case

Donated by: H. T. Aldhizer III

Arrangement: Documents are arranged chronologically

Creator: H. T. Aldhizer III

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Historical Note:

In 1967, H. T. Aldhizer III of Salem, Virginia, was the spokesperson for an informal group that circulated a petition calling for the elimination of pollution and improvement of water quality in the Roanoke River and Smith Mountain Reservoir. The group formed as the State Water Control Board worked to adopt water quality standards and held a public hearing May 16, 1967, in Roanoke, Virginia.

Scope and Content:

The collection includes: correspondence with agencies and elected officials; newspaper articles; background information on water quality; and the public hearing record from the May 16, 1967 event.

Container List:

Box 1

- Folder 1: Correspondence – Correspondence received and carbon copies of correspondence sent by H. T. Aldhizer III and W. L. Cook to several elected officials and agencies regarding concerns about water quality
- Folder 2: Newspaper Clippings – Articles related to the petition for clean water
- Folder 3: “Standards of Water Quality for the Dan, Smith, Yadkin and Roanoke River Basins” – Publication No. WQ-48, Aug. 21, 1967, State Water Control Board, Richmond, VA, and cover letter
- Folder 4: “Factors Related to Water Quality of the Roanoke River and Smith Mountain Lake” – By staff of the State Water Control Board, May 15, 1967
- Folder 5: Hearing, May 16, 1967 – Announcement of hearing and proposed standards; “Record of Hearing,” Publication No. WQ-37, May 16,

1947, National Guard Armory, Roanoke, VA, State Water Control Board

Folder 6: Excerpts from “Sanitarian’s Handbook” – Photocopies of selected pages from Ben Freedman, *Sanitarian’s Handbook*, Peerless Publishing Co., 1957.

Folder 7: Federal Water Quality Publications – “Guidelines for Establishing Water Quality Standards for Interstate Waters,” (1967); “Federal Water Pollution Control Act” (1966); “Fact Sheet: The Water Quality Act of 1965” (1967); “Fact Sheet: Clean Water Restoration Act of 1966” (1967); all by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Folder 8: “Description of Operations, Roanoke Sewage Treatment Plant” – Includes hand-drawn site plan of treatment plant

Folder 9: Map of Roanoke River Basin – Map of the Roanoke River Basin within Virginia, 25” x 38”, that includes locations and names of sewage and industrial discharges and water supplies, May 1967