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Missouri Earth Advocate

Missouri Earth Advocate, 1974-1983

Abstract: Periodical environmentalist newspaper called *Missouri Earth Advocate* published by Missouri Friends of the Earth.

Extent: 0.33 cubic ft., 32 issues (one partial Hollinger box).

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Administrative Information

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Missouri Earth Advocate was a publication originating with the Missouri Friends of the Earth (MoFOE) chapter, which was the first state chapter of the national FOE organization. According to the first issue in November 1974, MoFOE “was born out of a need to establish a strong state oriented network of environmentalists to counter the barrage of projects designed to satisfy the needs of some at the expense of thousands of others.” (p. 1) The group was focused on environmental issues affecting Missouri.

Missouri Earth Advocate was a monthly newspaper (later quarterly) distributed to MoFOE members and other subscribers for \$0.25 per issue. Articles focused on strip mining, nuclear power, water pollution, highway and dam construction, land use, and more. For example, several issues have numerous articles opposing a proposed Meramec River dam.

MoFOE and *Missouri Earth Advocate* strongly encouraged working with (or against, as the case may be) the state legislature and local governments. According to Vol. 1 No. 1, “To date, [MoFOE has] been involved in an air pollution variance fight in Columbia (a win), steel vs. lead shot hearings in St. Louis, nuclear power hearings in Jefferson City, [and] Project Independence hearings in Kansas City. ... We will be actively campaigning in support of the 1975 bill calling for a ban on non-returnable containers in Missouri.” (p. 1)

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

Kuehl, Chris. “Foe Comes to Missouri.” *Missouri Earth Advocate* 1, no. 1 (November 1974): 1.

Related Material

[RG3.48 Joseph Patrick Teasdale, 1977-1981](#) contains resources related to the Meramec dam.

[RG5.58 James C. Kirkpatrick](#) contains resources related to the Meramec dam.

[RG998 MS289 Conservation Federation of Missouri](#) contains environmental resources.

Friends of the Earth: <https://foe.org/>.

[KOPN 89.5 Reel-to-Reel Project](#) contains resources related to the Meramec dam.

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Arrangement: Chronological.

Scope and Content

Missouri Earth Advocate was a monthly publication (later quarterly) containing articles, black and white photographs, and illustrations of environmental issues affecting Missouri. Starting with the Spring 1982 issue, the newspaper received a title change and expanded its distribution beyond Missouri to include Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana. The paper frequently contained inserts of related publications as special supplements, such as *Sho-Me Water* and *Missouri River Journal*.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	345	2	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 1	November 1974
	345	3	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 2	January 1975
	345	4	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 3	February 1975
	345	5	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 4	March 1975
	345	6	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 5	April 1975
	345	7	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 6	May 1975
	345	8	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 7, with insert <i>Sho-Me Water</i> Vol. 1 No. 1 (June), published by the Environmental Education Organization with funds from the Environmental Protection Agency	June/July 1975
	345	9	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 8, with insert <i>Sho-Me Water</i> Vol. 1 No. 2	August 1975
	345	10	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 9, with insert <i>Sho-Me Water</i> Vol. 1 No. 3	September 1975
	345	11	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 10, with insert <i>Sho-Me Water</i> Vol. I No. 4	October 1975
	345	12	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 1 No. 11, with insert <i>Sho-Me Water</i> Vol. 1 No. 5	November 1975
	345	13	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 2 No. 1	January 1976
	345	14	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 2 No. 2	February-March 1976
	345	15	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 3	May-June 1976
	345	16	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 5	February 1977
	345	17	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 6, with insert for the "Symposium on Alaska – A Time for Decision" and another for a 1977 MoFOE Ballot	March 1977

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	345	18	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 7	April 1978
	345	19	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 8	June 1978
	345	20	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 9 (presumed)	July 1978
	345	21	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. II No. 10 (presumed)	September 1978
	345	22	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> Vol. 3 No. 1, with insert <i>Missouri River Journal</i> Vol. 1 No. 1 (June 1979), published by the Missouri River Society	June 1979 (presumed)
	345	23	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number, with insert <i>Ozark Guardian</i> , also no volume or issue number, published by Friends of the Earth	September 1979
	345	24	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number, with insert <i>County Energy Project</i> , also no volume or issue number, published by the Missouri Friends of the Earth and U.S. Department of Energy	January 1980
	345	25	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number, with insert <i>County Energy Project</i> , also no volume or issue number or date	June 1980
	345	26	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number, with inserts 1) a special report from the Missouri Wilderness Coalition and 2) letter to readers	March 1981
	345	27	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number, with insert <i>Missouri's Hazardous Waste Problem</i> (Part 1 of 2) published for the Missouri Waste Alert Steering Committee by Friends of the Earth and made possible by the Missouri Waste Alert Environmental Protection Agency Grantee, the Missouri League of Women Voters	Winter 1981-1982
	345	28	<i>Missouri Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number	Winter 1982
	345	29	<i>Friends of the Earth's Midwest Earth Advocate</i> , Vol. 1 No. 1, with insert <i>Missouri's Hazardous Waste Problem</i> (Part 2 of 2)	Spring 1982
	345	30	<i>Friends of the Earth's Midwest Earth Advocate</i> , Vol. 1 No. 2	Summer 1982

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	345	31	<i>Friends of the Earth's Midwest Earth Advocate</i> , Vol. 1 No. 3	Fall 1982
	345	32	<i>Friends of the Earth's Midwest Earth Advocate</i> , no volume or issue number	Fall 1983
	345	33	<i>Friends of the Earth's Midwest Earth Advocate</i> , Vol. 2 No. 1	Winter 1983