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March 30, 1981

Dr. Charles Fuchsman
Sattgast Building - Room 311
Bemidji State University
Bemidji, MN 56601

Dear Dr. Fuchsman:

Thank you so much for participating in our panel at the Hazardous Waste Forum in Bemidji.

The response we had from our audience (written evaluations) indicated that the majority felt they learned things they hadn't known previously, and a number said they thought the panel was "the best part." Two or three even thought they had changed their minds to the affirmative on the need for a waste facility!

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity for questions, and we feel it was a most successful evening.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Solberg
Project Director

Jeanne Crampton
Natural Resources Co-chair

S/C:M



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Mr. Allan B. Eide
Hitterdal, MN 56552

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February 4, 1981

Mr. Martin Coyer
St. Regis Paper Company
P.O. Box 578
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Dear Mr. Coyer:

I want to thank you in advance for agreeing to participate as a panel member of the League of Women Voters' presentation on hazardous wastes. The presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th, 7:30 p.m., at the Haggbauer Auditorium, Bemidji State University, in Bemidji.

The purpose of the presentation is to educate the citizens on hazardous waste and its ramifications. I have enclosed a program which will give you an idea of the format we intend to follow.

As you can see from the program, each panel member will present a short informational speech on the topic or topics related to hazardous waste. Each speech should be approximately five minutes in duration. Please refer to the program for the topic on which you will speak.

I look forward to meeting you at the presentation on February 11th.

Very truly yours,

Laura L. Solberg
Project Director

S:M
Enclosure

Same to: Mr. Willis Mattison
c/o Pollution Control Agency
1) 116 East Front St.
Detroit Lakes 56501

2) Dr. Charles Fuchsman
Sattgast Bldg - Room 311
Bemidji State U.
Bemidji 56601

3) Mr. Allan B. Eide
Hitterdal, MN 56552

1-28-81
Laura: copy of memo to Mary G. Kish

Mary -

Laura Solberg gave me your name as the person who will take the news release on the Hazardous Waste meeting to the newspaper, and contract for the ad. The news release will be mailed to the four radio stations from here on Friday. If you can take the paper its copy on Monday or Tuesday, they should all be getting the same stuff at the same time. Include the fact sheets and EPA booklet in the news release as background information. Radio stations will be getting fact sheets.

I am sending you a copy of the Public Service announcements I'm going to the radio stations, with our news release from here.

About the ad: Laura said she would like it in the paper on Monday, 2/8. Have them quote you the exact cost, & tell them we'll mail a check to the paper from here when you tell us what it is. There is also the option of having them bill us directly.

There should be someone there to help you with the ad lay-out. Size should be five inches by 3 columns. To be included:

Hazardous Waste: A Look Forward -
A Panel Discussion on Hazardous Waste Disposal by:

Martin Coyer, St. Regis

Dr. Charles Freckman, Environmental Dept.

of Bemidji State University

Willis Matheson, Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency
Public Meeting
Aden Eide, Waste Management Board
Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Place: Haggstad Hall Auditorium
Bemidji State University
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 1981
Time: 7:30 pm.

I am enclosing the ad info also on a separate piece
of paper so you can take it into the paper.
Call Sally Sawyer with the cost of the ad at 612-224-3445.

Thank you much for your help
Judy Weing, Public Relations
State

If you have any questions call Laura at (612) 636-5127
or Karen Andersen at (612) 224-5445
(State office) -
or me at (612) 429-2329

News releases are also being mailed from here to
Alexandria TV, & Times. with fact sheets

~~Send to~~ all sent
1-28-81
and 1-30-81

Send to Mrs. Mary G. Krash
3318 Cedar Lane

2 n. rel.
2 PSA's

Bemidji, Minn. 56601

with the 3 fact sheets & the EPA Booklet -
(1 set)

Send to Bruce Abbe -

Editor - "Minnesota Agriculture"
1717 University Ave.

S.T. Paul, Minn. 55104

with 3 fact sheets

To: New's Director(s) at - with fact sheets

KBHP-FM

~~KBNB~~ KBN

KB5B-FM

KBf

> Same

Bemidji

56601

90: Karen ~~Connelly~~ Connolly

KC MT-TX

8th & Hawthorne

Alexandria, Minn. 56308

with fact sheets

90: 4 channels in Gargo - with fact sheets



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Please use from February 2 - 11, 1981

(10 Seconds)

HAZARDOUS WASTE: A LOOK FORWARD. FIND OUT ABOUT ITS SAFE DISPOSAL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, AT 7:30 P.M. AT BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY IN HAGGSAUER AUDITORIUM. SPONSORED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA.

(30 Seconds)

HAZARDOUS WASTE: A LOOK FORWARD. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA IS SPONSORING A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE PROBLEMS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AND THE POTENTIAL OF SEVERAL METHODS FOR ITS SECURE DISPOSAL. THE PANEL EXPERTS ARE MARTIN COYER FROM ST. REGIS; DR. CHARLES FUCHSMAN FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT OF BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY; WILLIS MATTISON FROM THE MPCA; AND ALLAN EIDE OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD. ASK QUESTIONS AND GET ANSWERS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, AT 7:30 P.M., AT BEMIDJI STATE IN HAGGSAUER HALL AUDITORIUM.



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news release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 28, 1981

A public meeting on hazardous waste disposal is being sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. "Hazardous Waste: A Look Forward" will be held on Wednesday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m., in Haggsauer Hall auditorium at Bemidji State University. Martin Coyer from the St. Regis Paper Company, Dr. Charles Fuchsman from the Environmental Department of Bemidji State University, Willis Mattison from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Allan Eide from the Minnesota Waste Management Board will present a panel discussion on the Waste Management Act of 1980 from the points of view of generators (which includes users of products whose manufacture cause hazardous waste), environmentalists and government. Information will be given about several methods of potentially safe disposal of hazardous wastes, and there will be time for questions and answers.

The new Minnesota Waste Management Board, charged with selecting a secure hazardous waste disposal site in the state, is holding meetings around the state for citizens to provide them with criteria for this task. The League--working with the Waste Management Board, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Clean Air-Clear Water, Inc., among others--is interested in providing the kind of information people will need to have effective input at those meetings. Such a meeting will be held in Bemidji on February 12 by the Board. "Since this new act and agency affect every person and community in Minnesota, we hope Bemidji area residents will respond to these opportunities to voice their concerns," said Virginia Armin, President of the Bemidji League of Women Voters.

The February 11 meeting is the fifth (and last) of a series of meetings the League of Women Voters of Minnesota sponsored around the state. The meetings--held in Rochester, Coon Rapids, St. Cloud, and Marshall--were funded with a grant from the EPA passed through the League of Women Voters of United States Education Fund to those 18 state Leagues who qualified.

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October 17, 1980

Leeann Jorgenson, President
League of Women Voters of Marshall
1001 South Second Street
Marshall, Minnesota 56258

Dear Leeann,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) has been awarded a small grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund to help educate Minnesota citizens about hazardous waste management as well as the newly adopted Waste Act. With this grant we propose to put together a traveling "road show" that would explain the Waste Act and its ramifications to the local community and taxpayers. Our grant stipulates that a steering committee be formed of League members and non-League people. This steering committee has selected six locations for the "road show": Marshall, Duluth, Bemidji, St. Cloud, Rochester and one area in the Twin Cities. We hope to get additional funding elsewhere once the grant money has run out to take the show to many more areas in the state.

The program will consist of a fifteen-minute slide show plus a panel of speakers and time set aside for a question and answer session. We want to give some background on just what hazardous waste is, why we have it, just what can be done with it, and why it is everyone's responsibility. Because Minnesota must select a hazardous waste site, we feel this educational forum will be very helpful to the taxpayers, local officials and the media.

We need your League's help with advance publicity, finding a meeting place, suggested names of potential speakers to sit in on the panel, and a list of generators of hazardous waste in your area. At this time we do not have a date set to come to your city, but all six shows must be completed by February 18 according to our grant stipulations.

The project manager, Laura Solberg, will be calling you soon to get the information needed plus answer any questions you might have regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Crampton, Natural Resources Co-chair

Nancy Grimsby, Natural Resources Co-chair

Same letter sent to LWV presidents of Leagues mentioned.
cc: Thompson, Nelson, Burkhalter, Crampton, Grimsby, Solberg,
Bayless, Anderson, Weinig

Waste ALERT

Report from
Laura Salberg
for your file

17 October 1980

Ms. Barbara Brereton
League of Women Voters of the United States
1730 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Barbara,

After my meeting with you and Tess, (which was very helpful), I contacted the Minnesota Waste Management Board and set up an appointment with a staff person. During the meeting I found out that the Board contracted for a professional slide show depicting what hazardous waste is, why the need for a site and how citizens can help with a solution. We thought this slide show would be perfect for the League, so Jeanne Crampton contacted the Chairman of the Waste Board to get approval for the League to use it in our road show. Acquiring the slide show was a big bonus to us.

My next move was to get a list of prospective names for our steering committee and mail them an invitation. Of the twenty people that were sent invitations, nine of them agreed to serve on the advisory committee. We are very thrilled about the caliber of people. They are as follows:

Steve Chapman	- Clear Air Clear Water Unlimited
Pat Hirigoyen	- Waste Management Board - Staff
Mike Robertson	- Legislative Commission on Waste Management
Bruce Brott	- MPCA Solid Waste Division
Paul Hoff	- MPCA Public Information
Joanne Englund	- St. Paul Public Works
Russ Susag	- 3 M Company - Environmental Division
Donna Peterson	- LWVMN - Chemist
Mertyce Mayne	- LWVMN
Jeanne Crampton	- LWVMN - Board Member

I attended a meeting given by the Minnesota Waste Alert Coalition which consisted of a panel discussion to educate concerned citizens about the newly adopted Waste Act and the Waste Management Board. The program topics included; "An Overview of Minnesota's New Waste Management Law", "Geological and Hydrogeologic Suitability of Areas for Hazardous Waste Facilities", "Regulatory Aspects of Hazardous Waste Management", and "The Role of the Joint Commission on Waste Management".

Through this program I found that the Board is examining the problems of waste reduction, recovery, and energy from waste, as well as selecting sites to bury the final residue. The site would include a transfer and storage area plus incineration facilities. I kept this information in mind as I made up the agenda for our first steering committee meeting.

Barbara Brereton
17 October 1980
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The committee met October 15 at the State League office and each member contributed considerably for us. Since the Waste Management Board will not be picking the six sites until next May, we asked the committee to come up with cities that may be near some potential sites. The cities that were picked were Duluth, Bemidji, St. Cloud, Rochester, Marshall and one area in the Twin Cities. Other cities discussed were Crookston, Mankato and Alexandria. If we are able to get more funding after February, we will take the road show to these three areas plus more if the money holds out. Some of the committee members offered us their list of media names in the five out-state areas along with a list of cable TV areas. Good suggestions were brought up in regard to advance publicity; i.e., add a local angle to our story, hand deliver all Public Service Announcements, (PSA) to stations with the exact time to announce the PSA, call broadcast people a day in advance of when we want the PSA announced, contact college run radios for publicity, check with college departments to see if a professor would like to use this for their student projects.

The format of the show will consist of a moderator introducing the slide show. When the show is finished, the moderator will introduce the panel of four speakers, (one each from the MPCA, Waste Management Board, League person, and a local person). Each person will speak for five minutes to stimulate a discussion and then a question and answer period will follow. We hope to tape the question and answer period so we can have a transcript made of the citizen concerns.

Steve Chapman, who serves on the steering committee, can plug us into local residents to be called upon to sit on the panel. Paul Hoff from the MPCA has a fact sheet describing and depicting what a secure hazardous waste facility looks like. We will use this as a hand-out plus have available a short synopsis of the Waste Act. The idea of using a quick one page fact sheet to show the difference between hazardous and industrial wastes, plus the difference between the MPCA and the Waste Management Board, was suggested because the people of this state seem to have a misunderstanding of these terms and agencies. A glossary of commonly used terms was mentioned as another hand-out. We are also considering making a graphic sheet showing where the 10% of hazardous waste is shipped to and asking if anyone knows where the other 90% goes to. This will lead us into describing the "midnight dumpers" and why the need for a secure hazardous waste site.

Barbara Brereton
17 October 1980
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Our next steering committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, at the MPCA office. We plan to show the slide show plus the film, "Our Hidden National Product". Between now and then I hope to have the format firmed up and ready to show to the committee. I have ordered and received from the Keystone Center, an overview of thie first workshop about the siting new, non-hazardous waste management facilities.

We hope to have the road show ready by November 20th, although if there are any complications we are sure to be ready and completed for showing by the first week in December. We called E.P.A. in Cincinnati to order pamphlets but they were all out of them. We should be receiving them in six weeks or so and hopefully, that will be in time for our first show.

Sincerely,

Laura Solberg

Sally



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To: Metro Area Local League Presidents
From: Laura Solberg, Project Director; Jeanne Crampton and Nancy Grimsby,
Natural Resources Co-chairs, LWVMN
Date: November 10, 1980

The "Hazardous Waste Forums" are well begun (Rochester on December 3; Anoka-Ramsey Community College on December 11), but the committee needs a bit of help! We have jobs for those persons who may find it hard to attend meetings or need to be home most of the time. We can pay mileage and will cover long distance phone use.

Basically, the job involves publicity work in the outstate communities in which we will be presenting forums -- Marshall (January 8?); St. Cloud (January 22); and Bemidji and Duluth in February. It means listing media sources (newspapers, radio stations, TV, cable companies, churches, community organizations, etc.) and possibly writing news releases (optional).

We'd like to have one person for each locality. We'll provide information sources (to use for lists) and suggestions. Volunteers do not need to live in the community in which the meetings are to be held.

Please contact 224-5445, LWVMN office.

To Metro League Presidents: Need this in your December bulletin.

MEETING NOTICE

Hazardous waste, options for its management and disposal in Minnesota, will be the subject of a forum on December 11th, 7:30 p.m., Room 155, Business Technical Building of Anoka-Ramsey Junior College, 11200 Mississippi River Boulevard, Coon Rapids. All interested and concerned citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

The forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, will include a slide presentation and a panel discussion with speakers from industry, government agencies, and environmental organizations, after which the opportunity will be given for questions from the public.

Passage of the Minnesota Waste Management Act marks the beginning of a new era for the state in the management of hazardous wastes. The Waste Management Board, created by the Act, is responsible for promoting better waste management practices in the state. By 1982 the Waste Management Board must prepare a hazardous waste management plan that will consider and choose among alternative waste management strategies. Citizen involvement is an essential ingredient in the Board's planning and decisions. Awareness of present management practices as well as other options is important to us all in this important planning process for the state.

Send thank-you letters to

✓ Larry Landherr

P C A

1200 S. Broadway Suite 140

— Rochester, 55901

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— Rochester

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— Rochester

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— Roseville, 55113

✓ Steve Chapman

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— ST. Cloud, 56301

Mike Sommer

1935 W. County Rd B2

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Thank you in
advance
sent 1/14

Send materials script to

Linda Peck

RR #4

ST. Cloud 56301



Sent 1/14/81

Linda Wooten

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Marshall, MN 56258

Heap



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November 26, 1980

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has been awarded a small grant from the National League of Women Voters Education Fund to help educate Minnesota citizens about hazardous waste management as well as the newly adopted Waste Act. With this grant we propose to put together a traveling educational forum called, "Hazardous Waste: A Look Forward."

The League, working in conjunction with the new Minnesota Waste Management Board, Pollution Control Agency, Clean Air, Clear Water Unlimited, and other interested citizens, hopes to provide state residents with information about hazardous waste, and the potential for safe disposal.

The program will consist of a fifteen-minute slide show plus a panel of speakers and time set aside for a question and answer session. We want to give some background on just what hazardous waste is, why we have it, just what can be done with it, and why it's everyone's responsibility. Because Minnesota must select a hazardous waste site, we feel this educational forum will be helpful to the taxpayers, local officials and the media. Enclosed is a copy of the scheduled dates, times and places. It is our hope that you will be able to attend one of these forums.

Very truly yours,

Laura Solberg
Project Director

Enclosure

November 17, 1980

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will be presenting six educational forums throughout the state on Hazardous Waste.

The program, entitled "Hazardous Waste: A Look Forward," will consist of a fifteen-minute slide show, a panel of speakers, and time set aside for a question-and-answer session.

The scheduled programs will be in:

Rochester, December 3, 1980 - 7:30 p.m.
Fridell Building, 1200 S. Broadway

Coon Rapids - December 11, 1980 - 7:30 p.m.
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Business Technology Building, Room 115
11200 Mississippi River Boulevard

St. Cloud - January 22, 1981 - 7:30 p.m.
St. Cloud Library

Marshall - January 29, 1981 - 7:30 p.m.
Marshall High School

Bemidji - Date to be announced.
Bemidji State Campus
Room 100 - Haggsauer Hall
14th and Birchmont

Duluth - Date to be announced.
Location has not been confirmed as yet

Douglas Wood
% Ramsey County Division of Environmental Health
934 Woodhull Drive Room 118
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Cover letter

Waste Mgmt Bd.

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memorandum

LWV-MV - Waste Alert September 23, 1980

TO: Patricia S. Lucas, Minnesota Waste Alert! Treasurer

FROM: Beth Kier, Administrative Assistant, Waste Alert!

RE: Advance Funds

Please find enclosed a check for \$500 which Laura Solberg requested in her September 18, 1980 letter to fund Minnesota's Waste Alert! project.

If you have any questions concerning the League's accounting procedures, please feel free to call me at (202) 296-1770, ext. 283.

Good-luck with your project!

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PRESENTS:

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RCRA

Thomas F. Williams, assistant to the Director of EPA's Office of Public Awareness says, "This law places major emphasis on a strenuous new regulatory effort to deal with the problem of Hazardous Wastes. If RCRA is to work, the public will have to be given an opportunity to read and understand the small print."

HAZARDOUS WASTE: A LOOK FORWARD

an Educational Forum

7:30 p.m.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

PROGRAM

I. Slide Presentation: The Minnesota Way

II. Panel Discussion

Participants are:

Larry Christensen

Pollution Control Agency

Steve Chapman

Clear Air, Clear Water Unlimited

James Jewett

Medtronic

Milton Knoll

Waste Management Board

III. Questions From Audience

This program has been funded by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pass-through grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

Our special thanks to Moderator Jeanne Crampton.



memorandum

February 4, 1981

TO: Patricia Lucas, Treasurer, LWV of Minnesota Waste Alert! project

FROM: Beth Kier

Please find enclosed a check for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota from the League of Women Voters Education Fund for \$3000 as the last advance for the hazardous waste project managed by Laura Solberg.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.



Burkhalter
Crampton
Solberg
files

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To: Barbara Brereton, LWVUS
From: Laura Solberg, Project Director
Re: Waste Alert! Final Report
Date: March 17, 1981

WASTE ALERT! GRANT FINAL REPORT

Five Hazardous Waste forums entitled "Hazardous Waste: A Look Forward" were completed by February 11, 1981. The forums were presented in Rochester on December 3, 1980; Anoka (suburb of Twin Cities) on December 11, 1980; St. Cloud on January 8, 1981; Marshall on January 22, 1981; and the last one was presented in Bemidji on February 11, 1981.

The programs were similar in format, but the panel participants were different in each city. The panel consisted of a member of the Waste Management Board or staff (preferably a member representing the district the program was being held in); a representative from the State Pollution Control Agency who discussed the PCA's enforcement role; a representative from business which generates hazardous waste; and an environmentalist who would discuss the hazards to soil and water if "midnight dumping" continued.

Generally, the program started with an explanation of the League's role (fostering citizen participation and educating the public on the issues), and then the slide show, "The Minnesota Way," prepared by a professional media consultant for the Waste Management Board, was shown. Next, the panel addressed the questions we asked of them, after which the program was opened to questions from the audience.

The average turnout in each city was fifty people. We (Jeanne Crampton and myself) are still asking ourselves the same age-old questions: "How do you generate enough interest in the average citizen to compel him or her to attend a program like this?" Most of the audience were in some way familiar with hazardous wastes and their problems. The most often asked question was, "Who will be monitoring the hazardous waste facility, and for how long?"

Program evaluations by the audience reflected general acceptance of the need for a hazardous waste site in Minnesota, although that acceptance dropped to about 45% if it was thought the site might be located nearby. The evaluation forms listed five questions; the questions and their breakdown are as follows:

1. In general, how informative did you find this program?

Extremely informative				Not informative	
5	4	3	2	1	0
10%	80%	7%	3%		

2. What segment(s) of the program did you find most informative?

A. Slide Show	B. Panel Discussion	C. Question-and-Answer Session
1%	55%	44%

3. Has your feeling changed about a disposal site being built in Minnesota?
Yes 62% No 48% More Willing 86% Less Willing Only 3 participants answered
4. Do you represent a public interest group? 75%
business? 5%
government agency? 5%
concerned citizen? 15%

5. Frequent additional comments:

- . "An excellent meeting; more meetings of this nature will certainly take us a long way toward education of the public."
- . "Refreshing to hear such a strong vote for citizen involvement."
- . "Handouts good and very informative."
- . "More recycling and reclaiming and less waste."
- . "Very worthwhile meeting."
- . "Excellent meeting."

Many forms of publicity were used in each city to generate more interest. Flyers were posted in conspicuous places, ads were bought in local papers, the date and time were posted in television community calendars, radio talk shows when possible, and media Public Service Announcements.

It was hard to determine at the outset of this project how the \$800 allotted for advertising would have to be divided between the five program locations, due to varying advertising costs from location to location. As it turned out, we spent more money in advertising in the last three cities than we did in the first two based on the realization of the budget.

Regardless of the degree of advertising and the amount spent on advertising, audiences consisted mainly of other League members, special interest groups, and a few concerned citizens. This emphasizes the point I made earlier that it is very difficult to draw from the general public.

Along with the problem of generating interest in our program, we found we had conflicts with the scheduling of our program and the programs of the Waste Management Board. A representative from this Board was on our steering committee; however, as time progressed, we realized this person was not a decision-maker on the Waste Management Board, and consequently the Board was not always aware of our dates for their meetings. There were a few occasions when both of our meetings were to be held on the same night and in the same location. Luckily, we were able to change some dates. Our main purpose for these meetings was to educate the public about the potential problems and inform them of the Waste Management Board and their authority to create a hazardous waste facility; not to compete with them. These problems were eventually worked out, but not before extra work and last-minute phone calls were made.

The LWVMN's initial idea was to present two programs per location; one in the afternoon and another at night. Due to the lack of state helpers on this project, we found we had to be guided too much by the local Leagues. It was their decision to drop the afternoon meetings and only concentrate on the evening meetings. Because of this, Jeanne Crampton and I feel we excluded many of the government representatives and those who do not like to go to evening meetings. We definitely felt we needed more help on this project; however, we continually found it difficult to attract workers on a volunteer basis.

In summary, I feel this project was definitely a success. It is impossible with this type of program to obtain any measurable results, at least anything that can

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be quantified. Yet, all who attended these programs, whether panel participants or audience, walked away with a better understanding of hazardous waste and what can be done about it. Recycling and reclaiming became just as important if not more so than dumping. It seemed that all were made aware of the hazardous wastes they generate and what they could do to lessen the impact.

The League provided a forum whereby the Waste Management Board could meet with the public, field questions, and get a feel for what concerns the public has.

Senator Gene Merriam, co-author of the Waste Act Bill, which created the Waste Management Board, attended our meeting in Anoka and stated that he was extremely impressed with the format and caliber of speakers.

Mr. Dunn, Chairman of the Waste Management Board, found our program helpful in terms of finding out the concerns of the citizens, which helped the members of the WMB become more prepared to field questions from their own meetings. Also the favorable comments from the evaluation sheets made up a total picture of success for the program.

Sincerely,

Laura Solberg
Laura Solberg
Project Manager

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✓ Laura Solberg JAN 30 1981
- Jeanne Campbell
- Mary Campbell
1214 SW 6 Street
Rochester, MN 55901
January 23, 1981
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Harriette Burkhalter
President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Harriette,

Thank you for your courteous reply to my intemperate letter.

I do recognize the difficulties that you had in implementing what you had set out to do. However, in our case, we had offered to help with publicity and were not accepted. I do hope in the future that you will make room for the local league in this area.

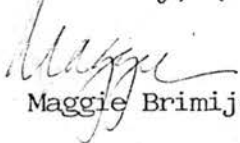
I do disagree that the League should have gone ahead with its plans once you actually succeeded in the goal - bringing information to the public - by maneuvering the Hazardous Waste Management into doing it. It is human nature to resist changing plans, however, in this case, the program should have been reevaluated, especially in view of the competitive relationship which seems to be developing between the League and the HWM board. It is a game that is hard to win and certainly deserves new strategy.

I recognize that producing our own materials is an ideal - however, it is what the League was built on. League studies have always used other materials as a basis for their conclusions. This film was not reviewed and built upon - it was simply set before the public with the League's name attached (in the eyes of the audience).

The subject is a very important one. I do hope that the state league is in process of planning a study and consensus that will be timely and specific enough to allow the state and the local leagues to testify in the hearings to be held on siting a hazardous waste facility. Perhaps my disappointment in the meeting would have been lessened if I felt that it was step 1 in a process which would yield a position for action. We certainly need to be present and accounted for when these hearings are held.

Good luck in the remaining presentations. I would not have written if I do not care about the League and there should always be room for disagreement inside our organization.

Sincerely,


Maggie Brimijoin



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102 • TELEPHONE (612) 224-5445

January 16, 1981

Maggie Brimijoin
1214 Sixth Street Southwest
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Maggie:

Thank you for your letter expressing your complaints about the Hazardous Waste meeting in Rochester last month. I do appreciate your taking the time to write to me. It is only by carefully assessing the past that we can learn and improve our planning for future events.

I have discussed your letter with Jeanne Crampton and other Board members. First, there is no question that we are involved in a duplication of effort with the Waste Management Board with regard to the Forums. Jeanne and Laura Solberg, our Project Director, are very unhappy about this. Our plans were laid long before theirs were announced. However, I'm sure you will agree the issue is important enough to justify at least two sets of opportunities for citizens to learn and speak out on the problem.

The purpose of our meetings is to provide basic educational material to citizens about the tremendous problem faced here in Minnesota. It is not our purpose to bring out "horror stories" but to show all sides to point out there are potential answers to the problem.

The Advisory Committee (its makeup reflected all facets of the community as required by conditions of the grant) agreed to the format of the meetings and the use of the slide show. If we had opted to produce our own show, it would have probably been much the same, but perhaps not as "commercial," as we lack expertise and dollars for those slicker productions.

If the audience in Rochester was composed primarily of Leaguers, I'm sure they didn't need the overview introductory type message of the show. But for a less informed audience, the show serves its intended purpose.

As far as your comments about publicity, we do apologize for any embarrassment you or the Rochester LWV suffered. Those problems were the result of inexperience on our part in coordinating at long range, and it seems some very important things were just plainly overlooked. I can only say we've learned and will not make the same mistakes again.

I am concerned about your comments regarding applying for grants and using information the LWV has not researched and produced itself. Truly that is the ideal, but I hope you take into consideration the realities of time and

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money constraints. We never planned to use this grant to fund our own research or production efforts.

It was and is our intention to provide a forum for all sides to present information so that citizens will have the facts on which to base their decisions.

I'm sorry you did not feel the "evening up to LWV standards." Since I was not there, I cannot comment on that point, but I can tell you that Jeanne, Laura, and Nancy agree, although attendance was low (a fact of life, I fear), the meeting was good due to excellent questions from the audience. They do thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Harriette Burkhalter
President
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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JAN 8 1981

1214 SW 6 Street
Rochester, Minnesota 55901
December 31. 1980

Harriette Burkhalter
President
Minnesota League of Women Voters
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Harriette,

I am writing to express my concern about the League's recent series of panel discussions on Hazardous Wastes and ask that you re-evaluate this type of citizen information effort in the future. My complaints fall into two categories: the nature of what you attempted to do and the way in which you did it.

First, the nature of your efforts were questionable since the Hazardous Waste Management Board which will be deciding the questions involved is in the middle of a similar public information campaign around the state. We were duplicating their efforts completely even down to using their film which quite frankly was commercial and self-serving and certainly not in the League's tradition of showing all sides to an issue. I felt that the League did provide an outstanding handout and that in Rochester our efforts should have been limited to making that handout available at the Waste Management Board's own hearing the following week.

Secondly, you placed me and my League in the awkward position of inviting highly qualified people to react to a film you had not produced or even seen. You completely failed to provide adequate publicity and yet insisted on doing the publicity yourselves. In this town, nothing less than a 1/4 page will be seen even by people looking for the ad. The news release you wrote did not mention the names of the local participants which was the only newsworthy feature of that release and was sent too far in advance and got buried. What I know about handling the media I learned at a League workshop, so it was very surprising to see you fail to follow your own guidelines.

I recommend that you think twice about applying for grants to provide citizens with information which the League has not researched and produced itself and certainly has not evaluated. We looked as though we were hopping on a bandwagon. However, if you insist on doing something like this again, please ask the local league to preview the materials before they lay their reputations on the line to invite local participants and let them handle the publicity. After all, it is the local league whose name will be associated with your efforts and quite frankly, I am apologetic about having invited the panel members.. That evening was not up to League standards and I would hate to think that you would attempt something like this again without having heard from at least one upset member.

Sincerely,

Maggie Brimjoin
Maggie Brimjoin, Rochester League

American Public Health Association
1015 FIFTEENTH ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

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724 DUPONT CIRCLE BLDG., WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
1800 N. KENT ST., SUITE 806, ARLINGTON, VA 22209



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1730 M ST., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

National Wildlife Federation
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Technical Information Project
1346 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

JAN 21 1981

January 19, 1981

Ms. Patricia Lucas
555 Wabasha, Suite 212
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Ms. Lucas:

As a service to our Waste Alert! constituency, the national Waste Alert! coalition is beginning the production of occasional fact sheets which will take an in-depth look at certain timely issues and topics in the hazardous waste field. We want these fact sheets to be read and used--therefore, we will need topics that are of vital interest to people like yourself, who are at the forefront of the hazardous waste arena.

I would very much appreciate your ideas for topics and issues you would like to see covered in these fact sheets, preferably subjects you feel have been inadequately addressed or not addressed at all. Try to focus your ideas and narrow your topics to concepts that can be covered in a fact sheet of one to four pages in length.

I would like to hear from you by January 30; also, please let me know what you think of the first fact sheet! And thank you, in advance, for your time.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Millstone

Marilyn Millstone
Waste Alert! Project Director
for the Izaak Walton League of America

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SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

To: All Local Leagues
From; Jeanne Crampton and Nancy Grimsby, Natural Resources Co-chairs, LWVMN
Date: December 11, 1980

Attached you will find the Hazardous Waste "Fact Sheets" that were developed as handouts for our "Hazardous Waste: A Look Forward" forums being presented around the state. Also enclosed is an EPA publication on Hazardous Waste.

The Hennepin County Leagues of Women Voters will be issuing a publication in January on Solid Waste. We will be reviewing that, and we'll make it available to all Leagues if we feel it is of general interest.

Please call or write if you would like specific information or have questions:

Jeanne Crampton
4330 Wooddale Avenue South
St. Louis Park, MN 55424
(612) 926-8760

Nancy Grimsby
5932 Wooddale Avenue South
Edina, MN 55424
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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January 5, 1981

Beth Kier
League of Women Voters Education Fund
1730 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Beth:

I have enclosed an accounting of expenditures for the first \$500 advance from LWVMN's Waste Alert account.

I am writing to request a further advance of \$1,000.00 from the grant. The project is now in full swing, and bills and expenses are coming in rapidly.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Lucas
Project Treasurer

Laura Lee Solberg
Project Manager

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Enclosures

Waste Alert

		1	2	3	4	5
		Ch.	Expenses	Balance		
		No.				
1	Sept '80		Advance		500.00	
2			checks			
3	11/9 WA-1		Rockwell Post Bulletin	501	465	495.35
4	11/9 WA-2		Spring Valley Tribune	502	66.93	428.42
5	11/25 3		Laura Salberg	503	11.10	417.32
6	12/5 4		Donna Peterson	504	105.86	311.46
7	1/5 5		LWV MN	505	56.17	255.29
8	1/21 6		Marshall Independent	506	205.-	50.29
9	2/9		Deposit 5000.00		47.56	273
10	2/9 7		Anoka Co. Union Shipper	507		3002.73
11	2/9 8		Mary Buerge	508	39.30	2963.43
12	" 9		Laura Lee Salberg	509	8.00	2955.43
13	" 10		Jeanne K. Crampton	510	113.03	2842.40
14	" 11		Donna Peterson	511	74.50	2767.90
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1980-81 Waste ALERT! #992

418	Grant	422647
	Admissions	122850
5	Grant	77353
		<u>622850</u>

41	Staff Time	106626
	overhead	444
	Postage	177098
	Xeroxing	22152
	supplies	4230
	Staff Mileage	1125
	Printing	1840
	Publications	44918
	Volunteer expenses	14550
	Air fare	33308
		<u>170-</u>
		422647

57	Honoraria	200-
	postage	1773
	Speaker expenses	31147
	volunteer "	12267
	Staff	<u>12166</u>
		77353

	additional	
	Staff	7678
	overhead	32926
	food, coffee	<u>51147</u>
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September 18, 1980

Ms. Barbara Brereton
Staff Specialist, Solid Waste
League of Women Voters Education Fund
1730 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Brereton:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota has designated Patricia Lucas as project treasurer for our Waste Alert! project.

Both Ms. Lucas and I are authorized to approve expense vouchers for the project.

Sincerely,

Laura Solberg
Project Director
Waste Alert!

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September 18, 1980

Ms. Barbara Brereton
Staff Specialist, Solid Waste
League of Women Voters Education Fund
1730 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Brereton:

We are ready to begin planning our Waste Alert! citizen education project.

At this time we request an advance of \$500 from our \$3,500 pass-through grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

Sincerely,

Laura Solberg
Project Director
Waste Alert!

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Laura

PROPOSED BUDGET

WASTE ALERT! Project
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
August 21, 1980

PROJECT: Five public meetings, held throughout the state, in targeted geographical areas

EXPENSES:

Project Manager's stipend	\$ 750
Facilities, supplies	250
Promotion/Publicity (10 local $\frac{1}{4}$ page ads or 5 ads and 2000 flyers)	800
Postage	150
Printing/supplies for synopsis of statute (handout instead of program)	82
Speakers honoraria/travel (\$50 x 5 mtgs.)	250
Planning committee meetings volunteer travel/expenses)	450
Volunteer expenses for 5 area meetings (3 to 4 people travel/lodging/meals)	900
Staff time (secretarial, accounting, publicity, material assembling; 24 hours @ 5.25; 20 hours @ 6.59)	258
Office overhead using federal formula $\$258/\$55,000 = .0046909 \times \$87,500$	410
TOTAL	4300

INCOME

EPA pass-through grant	\$ 3500
Project Manager stipend, LWVEF	750
To be raised	50
TOTAL	4300

(e.g. workshops, publication, grants)

Karen p. 1
compiled 12-29-80

Who: Karen Anderson

Project:

Date	Time spent	What (e.g. letters, press releases, flyers, program)	Xeroxing # of sides/copies	Postage	# Envelopes	Travel
7-10	1/2 hr.	letter draft review				
	1/2 - devel	to LWER - program				
7-14	1/2	program				
8-12	1 1/2	budget devel/pln.	1/3			
8-13	2 hrs.	budget " "		.15	1	
8-14	1 "	"				
9-3	1/2 hr.					
9-22	1 hr.	program				
10-1	1/2 "	"				
10-14/15	1/2 "					
10-23	1/2 "					
11-3	1/2 "					
11-11	1 "	devel.				
11-24-26	4 hours	news release, PSA, brochure consultation				
11-26	1 hr.	development				
12-15 to 18-	1/2 hr.	"				
2-3-81	1 hr.	evaluation (related)				

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EXPENSE VOUCHER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

(LWVEF department)

(name of grant)

(sponsoring state/local League)

All expenditures for projects using LWVEF funds MUST be recorded on LWVEF expense vouchers. Receipts or appropriate documentation are required for all expenditures of \$5.00 or more (except private auto). Attach them to the voucher. Check that date, item or service purchased, and amount are clearly shown on each receipt.

The person seeking reimbursement should complete the voucher, detach and keep yellow copy and forward the other four copies and attached receipts to the project manager or treasurer.

For more information see project manager, treasurer or accounting procedures guidelines.

ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
Travel		Grant manager's stipend	
Air, bus, train		Speaker's fees	
Private auto: _____ miles @ 17¢/mile		Telephone	
origin: _____		Bank charges	
destination: _____		Space rental	
Taxi or limousine		Printing	
Parking		Copying and mimeo	
Hotel		Postage	
Meals		Supplies	
Miscellaneous: _____		State/local League overhead	
Secretarial services		Other (specify) _____	
Other technical/professional services			
Personal contractual services			
Equipment rental (typewriter, boat, etc.)			
Research and study materials			
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	

Name and address of person seeking reimbursement:

Signature of requestee:

Date: _____

(for project manager or treasurer)

(for LWVEF use only)

Voucher # _____

Date paid: _____

Check # _____

Paid by: _____

Approved by state/local project manager or designee:

Approved by: _____

Signature _____

Account charged: _____

Title _____

Date: _____

Date paid: _____

Check one: _____ Direct payment to be made by LWVEF
 _____ Accounting for advance(s) to
 sponsoring League from LWVEF.

Check #: _____

Pd. By: _____

Balance of advance(s) remaining: _____