Extent

14 folders, approximately 749 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to Executive Order 12898 and 13045, which direct federal agencies to evaluate government programs and regulations that involve potential environmental, health or safety risks that may disproportionately affect minority and low-income populations, and children, respectively. The collection contains notes, memoranda, reports, correspondence, drafts of E.O. 12898, and related memos regarding proposed wording and implementation strategies.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2022-0370-F (Segment 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. A potential collection of interest is Clinton Presidential Library collection 2017-1092-F, Records Relating to the Council on Environmental Quality. Records responsive to this FOIA request include notes, memoranda, reports, and other correspondence within the federal government regarding E.O. 12898 and E.O 13045, as well as drafts of E.O. 12898 and related memos. These materials cover proposed wording, implementation strategies, and reports following implementation. Executive Order 12898 directs federal agencies to identify and address the environmental and health effects of actions taken by the federal government which may disproportionately affect minority and low-income populations. Agencies were required to develop strategies for implementing environmental justice and nondiscrimination policies in federal programs that affect the environment or human health, and to promote public participation and access to information. It was signed by President Clinton on February 11, 1994. Executive Order 13045 directs federal agencies to evaluate programs and regulations that involve potential environmental,

health or safety risks that may disproportionately affect children. These sources of risk to health or safety generally can include products or substances that children are likely to be exposed to, such as food products, water, soil, and other environmental factors.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas— Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

Access

This collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) and therefore

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton’s presidency are housed at the Clinton Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed by

Staff Archivist, 2024. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

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Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
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