Inventory for FOIA Request 2011-1613-F[2]

Records on EXXON Valdez Oil Spill

Extent
131 folders

Access
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Provenance
Official records of George Bush’s presidency and vice presidency are housed at the George Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By
Staff Archivists, January 2013. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content
The materials in FOIA 2011-1613-F[2] are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2011-1613-F[2] contains records related to the oil spill in the Prince William Sound area of Alaska caused by the grounding of the Exxon Valdez. These documents address the cleanup and recovery efforts, federal disaster relief options, courthouse hearings, and proposed legislation in response to the incident.
The Bush Presidential White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain letters primarily sent to President Bush by private citizens. Topics include cleanup of the oil spill, contingency plans for oil spills in general, pending oil spill liability and compensation legislation, proposals for handling the petroleum waste, and Exxon’s proposed compensation package. Replies to this correspondence are also included. In addition, many government forms are present that track the correspondence by logging in subjects, routing information, actions taken, and disposition. There are also some memos between staffers and between administration officials transmitting correspondence for replies. Also present are some copies of journal articles about the federal plan to clean up the oil spill.

The Bush Presidential WHORM Subject Files contain material essentially similar to that held in the Alphabetical Files. There is also a transcript of U.S. Coast Guard testimony before the House of Representatives on oil spill liability legislation.

The Bush Presidential Staff and Office Files also contain letters and the corresponding government forms. There are also numerous memos between administration officials detailing their observations of the cleanup area, background information about the spill, proposed date for President Bush’s visit to the area, oil pollution compensation legislation, assessment of damages to natural resources as determined by the natural resource trustees, federal disaster relief options, and state of the national energy supply following the incident. Staffer’s notes recording congressional votes on legislation and particulars of the case against Exxon are included in this collection. Several lists are present that detail key companies and personnel involved in the cleanup operation, vessels and equipment deployed, state oil spill liability, and compensation statutes. Numerous papers are present that cover a wide variety of topics: incident summary notes, duty officer’s log sheets, standards comparing strict liability versus simple negligence, global plan and media strategy to prevent and/or prepare for future incidents, Exxon’s plan to respond to the Valdez spill, testimony by an administration official before the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation, written testimony and oral statement by an Exxon vice president on the water and shoreline conditions in Prince William Sound, and an oil spill economic impact study. Of particular note is a memorandum of agreement among the state of Alaska, Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior and Department of Commerce outlining the coordination necessary to clean the oil spill. Unclassified Coast Guard cables detail site conditions, assistance deployment, duties, and recovery estimates for the Prince William Sound area during cleanup efforts. E-mails of media stories describing the grounding, recovery efforts, and court testimony are also present. Press briefings and releases detail President Bush’s directive to restore the area around Prince William Sound, cleanup updates, and Exxon’s commentary on the oil spill and its aftermath. There are many published materials in the collection including newspaper articles about the Valdez grounding, recovery efforts, environmental issues, effects on the citizens and their livelihoods, and proposed legislation as a result of the oil spill. There are also multiple publications from the American Petroleum Institute, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Federal Register, and National Response Team. Lastly, numerous maps illustrate the affected areas of Prince William Sound.

System of Arrangement
Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; and Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Alphabetical Files and WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level. 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.

The WHORM Subject File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a subject category. A complete listing of the subject categories including a detailed description of each category is available in our
research room and on our website at http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html.

Please note that a single asterisk "*" indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2011-1613-F[2].

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