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Background on WPA Water Pollution Surveys

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Report on sources of pollution, Blackstone River Valley
1936 Sept.

Report on sources of pollution Hoosic River Valley
1936 Oct.

Report on sources of pollution: Housatonic River Valley, Massachusetts: WPA state planning projects, Housatonic Valley survey project #65-14-8070
1936 Sept.

Report on sources of pollution: Merrimack River Valley
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Report on sources of pollution: Nashua River Valley
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Report on sources of pollution: Ten Mile River Valley
1938 Jan.

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Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Provenance unrecorded.

Related Material

Reports for other river valleys (including the Deerfield, French, Millers, Quinebaug, Taunton, and Westfield Rivers) are available in the general library stacks.

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