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## Guide to MS615 Get the Lead Out Coalition Records

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## **Biography or Historical Sketch**

Established on February 9, 2005, the Get the Lead Out Coalition worked to prevent the reopening of the American Smelting and Refining Company smelter (ASARCO) and publicized its threat to the environment and public health. The Coalition was comprised of members from various community organizations: Mothers Against ASARCO, Students Against ASARCO, Anapra, SAA, and UTEP. The Board of Directors included: Yvette Ramirez Ammerman, Juan Garza, Summer Luciano, Leon Kababie, Sean Crowley, Philip Del Rio, Mariana Chew, Jaqueline Barragan, Neysa Hardin, Senator Eliot Shapleigh, and Loretta Akers. In particular, the Get the Lead Out Coalition protested the renewal of ASARCO's air permit in the mid-2000s. Coalition members traveled to Austin and participated in several hearings before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The group also organized anti-ASARCO protests and publicity campaigns that often involved local political leaders in El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, and Sunland Park, New Mexico. Although ASARCO's air quality permit was approved by the TCEQ, the smelter closed down permanently in 2009 after filing for bankruptcy. The polluting smokestacks were torn down in 2013.

[Sources: Get the Lead Out Coalition records, MS 615; *El Paso Times*]

## **Series Description or Arrangement**

Records are minimally processed.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

The Get the Lead Out Coalition records date from 1989 to 2009, bulk 2005 – 2008. The records are minimally processed. Types of records include meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, flyers, programs, printed emails, petitions, publications, clippings and newspapers, printed online articles, agendas, legal documents, and other printed materials. These records document the Coalition's purpose, activities, and membership as well as contain some pro-ASARCO materials.

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See also:

ASARCO records, MS 585

Sydney Adams Collection, MS 550

Luz and Lorenzo Perales Smelertown photographs, MS 349

Eliot Shapleigh Texas legislative records, MS 583

Carol Eastman photographs of El Paso, Texas ASARCO smelter, PH080

## Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Doña Ana and El Paso Counties metals surveys and updates	2001 – 2005
1	2	Anti-ASARCO talking points, articles, Congressional Record	about 2005 – 2006
1	3	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), An Interim Order	March 13, 2006
1	4	Get the Lead Out, ASARCO in El Paso	2004
1	5	Observations on the ASARCO Hearing, Jim Kelly	July 2005
1	6	Student Outline: History of the Student Movement Against ASARCO	about 2006
1	7	Clippings, flyers, bumper stickers, sign, notes, emails	2000s
1	8	Sample letters, Students Against ASARCO and Get the Lead Out Coalition (GTLO)	about June 2005
1	9	Flyer, Get the Lead Out 'Say No to 10 More Years of ASARCO'	about 2005
1	10	John Cook for Mayor, ASARCO	June 12, 2005
1	11	Jim Kelly, emails	2005 – 2006
1	12	The Superfund Process	about 2000s
1	13	About ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry)	November 2001
1	14	Notes, clippings, emails, surveys, flyers, articles	about 2006
1	15	Notebook [flyers, receipts, correspondence, emails, notes]	2005 – 2007
1	16	The Best of Organizing Toolbox, Center for Health, Environment, and Justice	about 2000s
1	17	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) government documents, State of New Mexico Environment Department press release, pro-ASARCO fact sheet	2006 – 2007
1	18	Letters to TCEQ	July 16, 2007
1	19	Committee questions, articles, brochure on climate security	2007 – 2008
1	20	Senator Eliot Shapleigh letters to EPA	June 2008
1	21	Reply Brief of Protestant, The City of El Paso	December 27, 2005

1	22	Correspondence, Senator Eliot Shapleigh and the EPA	June 6, 2008; June 19, 2008
1	23	Talking Points re: ALJs' recommendation on ASARCO air permit renewal	October 27, 2005
1	24	Letter from city attorney of Sunland Park to BECC with attachments [ASARCO history]	February 10, 2006
1	25	Flyers, notes, El Paso for Peace emails, El Paso City Council meeting minutes	2007
2	1	Correspondence from Representative Silvestre Reyes, Senator Eliot Shapleigh to government officials	2006 – 2007
2	2	Receipt, TCEQ correspondence, articles	2000 – 2008
2	3	Flyer, contact information for government officials, articles about ASARCO	about 2007
2	4	GTLO meeting notes	July 23, 2007
2	5	TCEQ letter with articles, ASARCO information	2003 – 2007
2	6	Joint Advisory Committee for the Improvement of Air Quality in the Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua/El Paso, Texas/Doña Ana County New Mexico Air Basin [agenda, letter to TCEQ]	May 2008
2	7	TCEQ order, ASARCO air quality permit [copy]	2008
2	8	GAO/TCEQ conference call meeting and participant list	August 1, 2007
2	9	Articles about ASARCO, water	2007 – 2008
2	10	Press advisory, emails	1998 – 2007
2	11	"Going for Broke: How a Copper Giant Plans to Make the Public Pay for its Toxic Mess," <i>Sierra Magazine</i>	May/June 2006
2	12	<i>The Community Cornerstone</i> , ASARCO newsletter	Fall 2006
2	13	Letter from Representative Reyes to Committee on Armed Services regarding ASARCO, notes on back [copy]	October 12, 2006
2	14	ASARCO, Executive Director Interim Report and Request for Extension	2006
2	15	Letters from Senator Shapleigh to EPA, TCEQ, Jaime Esparza	October 18, 2006

2	16	Jim Kelly, emails	2006, January 30, 2007
2	17	Product Characterization, Encycle/Texas, Inc.	June 3, 1997
2	18	Timeline, ASARCO El Paso/Rocky Mountain Arsenal Chronology	about 2007
2	19	Contact profile report, Bill Luthans U.S. EPA Region 6	May 14, 2001
2	20	SOAH Docket/TCEQ Docket, Request for Immediate Denial of the Application	2006
2	21	Flyer, <i>Is the Government Allowing ASARCO's Lead to Poison El Paso Children?</i> [United Steelworkers of America]	about 2004
2	22	Senator Shapleigh email to John Cook, letter to TCEQ's Glenn Shankle	May 2006
2	23	Department of Justice, press release regarding the government's agreement with ASARCO and Point Ruston	July 27, 2006
2	24	Clippings	2006
2	25	GTLO Board of Directors, notes and email	2005 – 2006
2	26	Juan Garza, letter from EPA, agenda – TCEQ meeting	2006
2	27	ASARCO articles	2006
2	28	Correspondence, Human Rights Commission of the State of Chihuahua; contact list, ASARCO report	December 5, 2005; January 27, 2006
2	29	David Edmonson email [notes on back]	October 24, 2005
2	30	GTLO meeting minutes	May 4, 2006
2	31	Bi-weekly progress report #5, El Paso County Metals Survey Superfund Site	October 19, 2005
3	1	Email from Senator Shapleigh to Jim Kelly, ASARCO FAQs	June 27, 2007
3	2	Articles, press release from the City of El Paso, flyer	about 1989 – 2007
3	3	<i>Labor Center News</i> [newsletter]	Spring 2006
3	4	Students Against ASARCO petition **RESTRICTED**	2000s
3	5	Articles, brochure	about 2006 – 2008
3	6	Letters from Senator Shapleigh to EPA Regional Administrator, articles, and settlement statement [sent to Jim	1998 – 2008

		Kelly]	
3	7	Emails, receipts, SOAH Docket, sample letters, meeting agenda	2006
3	8	Articles about ASARCO by Melissa del Bosque	October 31, 2008
3	9	Transmittal to EPA from ASARCO, Bi-Weekly Progress Report	November 30, 2005
3	10	EPA to ASARCO, Unilateral Administrative Order re: El Paso County Survey Superfund Site	March 25, 2005
3	11	Correspondence, presentations, articles, emails, and other materials	2003 – 2009
3	12	Expenses and other notes [spiral notebook]	January – February 2009
3	13	Solar power, clipping	March 26, 2009
3	14	Estimation of Cost to Perform Cleanup of the ASARCO El Paso Smelter on Behalf of the TCEQ	February 2009
3	15	Clippings	2008
3	16	<i>A Day in the Sun</i> , program and planning materials	February 2009
3	17	<i>El Paso's Regional Air Quality and the Future of the ASARCO Smelter, A GTLO Community Report</i>	June 2007
3	18	GTLO contact list	about 2007
3	19	Dissertation IRB releases for Jim and Debbie Kelly	about 2007
3	20	<i>Postmarketer Training Manual</i>	about 2000s
3	21	Resolution of the El Paso County Medical Society, ASARCO	April 14, 2008
4	1	Correspondence, Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP to TCEQ with Applicant's Response to Protestants' Exceptions to Proposal for Decision	December 27, 2005
4	2	Letters to government officials requesting the denial of ASARCO's air permit	about 2000s
4	3	Debra Kelly, emails	2006
4	4	Emails, voter registration form, EPA/ASARCO meeting minutes, notes, flyer [UTEP Student Government Association rally]	2001 – 2006
4	5	Press release, emergency community meeting for Sunland Park, New Mexico	February 15, 2006
4	6	GTLO notes [notebook]	July 14, 2006
4	7	Senator Eliot Shapleigh	November 2007,



		correspondence and attachments, <i>ASARCO in El Paso</i> [publication]	2008
4	8	Scorched Earth- ASARCO and Broken Government, DVD and Curriculum Guide	February 24, 2008
4	9	EPA, TCEQ correspondence	2008
4	10	TCEQ, An Order concerning the application by ASARCO Incorporated for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 20345 and all related filings, including the Executive Director's Report and Schedule prepared pursuant to the Commission's Interim Order of March 10, 2006	2008
4	11	GTLO contact list	about 2006
4	12	<i>Rolling Stone</i> article, "The Dark Side of the Rio Grande: Tika Milan Reports on Asarco's Texas Refinery"	March 11, 2007
4	13	<i>The Community</i> , pro-ASARCO newsletter	Fall 2007
4	14	Executive Summary, Valuing the Paso Del Norte: Resident and Business Perspectives on the Value of the Environment Relative to Reopening the ASARCO Copper Smelter	about 2000s
4	15	ASARCO meeting agenda with notes	January 18, 2008
4	16	Brief of the Sierra Club and Aligned Parties in Opposition to the Renewal of ASARCO's Air Quality Permit No. 20345 [draft and email to Debra and Jim Kelly]	January 24, 2008, 2008
4	17	U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 9 <sup>th</sup> Motion of Debtors, ASARCO	January 15, 2008
4	18	TCEQ, order	February 20, 2008
4	19	José R. Rodríguez, County Attorney, press release, correspondence, and attachments	October 29, 2007
4	20	Jim Kelly, emails	2007
4	21	Articles, ASARCO	2006 – 2007
4	22	<i>Texas on the Brink: How Texas Ranks Among the 50 States</i> , Senator Eliot Shapleigh	January 2007
4	23	Financial records	2006, 2008
4	24	Meeting agenda, Senator Shapleigh and GTLO	March 16, 2007
4	25	El Paso Opposes TCEQ Executive	about 2007

		Director's Request for an Extension of ASARCO's Air Quality Permit Application	
4	26	Notebook with flyers and agenda	March 2007
4	27	GTLO [receipts, clippings, folder Annie's list, agendas, notes, lead booklet]	2005 – 2006
4	28	Notebook [TCEQ orders, flyers, emails]	2005 – 2007
5	1	Notebook [agenda, minutes, ANAPRA, CD, EPA reports, and other items], 1 of 4	2005
5	2	Notebook [agenda, SOAH docket, Prospector, and other items], 2 of 4	2005
5	3	Notebook [SOAH docket, ASARCO air permit], 3 of 4	2005
5	4	Notebook [letter to editor – Jim Kelly, flyers, and other items], 4 of 4	2005
5	5	Notebook [flyers, clippings, newspapers, agendas, brochures, Students Against ASARCO], 1 of 3	2004 – 2008
5	6	Notebook [clippings, newspapers, notes, goals list; oversize newspapers moved to oversize box], 2 of 3	2004 – 2008
5	7	Notebook [meeting agenda, liability policy, ANAPRA article, emails, reports, flyers, Students Against ASARCO], 3 of 3	2004 – 2008
5	8	Spiral notebook [notes about meetings]	about 2006 – 2007
5	9	Loose material from blue five-star notebook [correspondence, ACORN, Senator Shapleigh, TCEQ, press release, contact lists]	about 2006 – 2007
6	1	Notebook [GTLO meeting notes]	about 2006 – 2007
6	2	Loose material from composition notebook [GTLO response to TCEQ Executive Director's comments]	July 28, 2007
6	3	Loose material from composition notebook [GTLO meeting agenda, Face Against ASARCO, Governor Perry, proposed activities]	about 2006 – 2007
6	4	Loose material from composition notebook [emails, Governor Perry correspondence, meeting minutes, air	about 2006 – 2007

		quality reports]	
6	5	Pro-ASARCO	2002, 2004 – 2005
6	6	Faces Against ASARCO, GTLO flyers	September 23, 2007; about 2007
6	7	GTLO [press release, article on El Paso health officials, flyer]	2005
6	8	Flyers, <i>Residential Offsite Lead Concentration Contours, ASARCO, El Paso, Texas</i>	May 17, 2001
6	9	<i>The Seattle Times</i> , “ASARCO Cleanup Sites”	August 25, 2002
6	10	Petitions **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	about 2005
6	11	Clippings	December 7, 2007; January 29, 2008; about 2007 – 2008
6	12	Contact information for government officials, sample letter, emails	June 2007
6	13	Petitions **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	about 2004
6	14	El Paso County Democratic Party, Hall of Fame Banquet	December 2, 2007
6	15	Correspondence and reports [EPA, Senator Shapleigh’s “A Day in the Sun” event, articles, Chief’s Summit]	2008 – 2009; February 3 – 5, 2009
6	16	DVDs, CNN special <i>Scorched Earth, ASARCO – El Paso, Texas</i>	2008
6	17	<i>ASARCO in El Paso</i> , Senator Eliot Shapleigh	November 2007, September 2008
6	18	Articles about threats against residents of Lomas del Poleo	October 13, 2008; January 16, 2009
7	1	Petition and example forms **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	July 27, 2000s?
7	2	GTLO sign-in sheets for Austin trip **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	about 2007
7	3	Petition, examples and flyers, letter to business owners	March 29, 2004
7	4	GTLO petitions, vol. 2-4 **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	about 2005
7	5	TCEQ, ASARCO, SOAH Docket, TCEQ Docket [sent to Jim Kelly from Senator Shapleigh]	2005
7	6	Contact information for people and businesses **RESTRICTED – No	about 2005

		Photocopying**	
7	7	Petitions and press release **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	April 20, 2007; June 15, 2007; about 2007
7	8	Petitions**RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	2004 – 2005
7	9	Petitions **RESTRICTED – No Photocopying**	about 2005
7	10	GTLO sign-in sheets	2007 – 2008
8	o/s	Newspapers [ <i>El Paso Times, The Prospector, El Paso, Inc., The New York Times, Rio Grande Sierran</i> ]	2000s
8	o/s	GTLO protest sign	about 2005