**RG 5A   
American Nuclear Society Collection   
1960s - 1980s (bulk 1975 - 1985)**

**FINDING AID AUTHOR**

Emma Rice

**ACQUISITION INFORMATION**

Donated in 2016 by Teresa Tritt, a former ANSsecretary. **PROCESSING INFORMATION**

Emma Rice process this collection in 2016.

**EXTENT:**  
Number of containers: 7Linear feet of shelf space: 2.92 (3 linear feet)

**ABSTRACT**This collection was donated by a former secretary, Teresa Tritt, of the American Nuclear Society, in Richland, WA. The collection consists of approximately 600 items, which include documents, photographs, films and other media pertaining to public awareness, education, and advocacy nuclear science and technology. The bulk of which are dated from the 1970s and 1980s.

**HISTORY**The American Nuclear Society (ANS) is a non-profit, international organization that works to provide public awareness and education on primarily nuclear science and technology as well as science and other power resources. The ANS was established in 1954 by a group of individuals who recognized the need to unify the professional activities within the various fields of nuclear science and technology, and saw a growing interest in utilizing, peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. The ANS has since developed a diverse membership of engineers, scientists, administrators, and educators representing various corporations, educational institutions, and government agencies.

The ANS is further divided in sections that serves smaller regional areas. The ANS - Eastern Washington Section is located in Richland, WA and serves Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and Northeastern Oregon. The Eastern Washington Section of the American Nuclear Society (EWS –ANS) also is comprised of numerous scientists, engineers, and other individuals focused on promoting nuclear science and supporting polices related to energy issues. In addition, the EWS –ANS have a public information committee, who do speaking engagements and provide information on nuclear energy topics to the public. The local ANS office was formerly referred to as “ANS – Richland Section” and at some point in the 1980(s) changed their official section title to “ANS – Eastern Washington Section”.

**COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT**This collection contains a broad range of items that relate to nuclear science and technology and public education. The dates for this collection roughly range from the 1960s to the 1980s, with the bulk of the material dated from 1975 to 1985. Most of the materials are printed, paper documents including but not limited to teaching guides, pamphlets, booklets, articles, copies of articles, bound books and booklets and a couple of maps. There are also films, audio-taped lectures, slides, transparencies and photos. There is a large amount of handout materials, like pamphlets and booklets, which are grouped into folders based on their topical or subject content along with 22 unique titles.

**ARRANGEMENT**This collection is arranged into three series. The series have been arranged in part on the basis an internal document produced by the ANS members that was found in the ANS collection and are in alphabetical order. The folder arrangements were largely created from the original organization in which they were received from the donor and expanded to accommodate other items in a similar arrangement to their provenance.

**Series 1: “ANS Documents” -** This series has two folders, one of which contains internal documents from ANS such as correspondence, agendas, reports, and directories. The other contains documents related to “Media Relations”, which contains mainly training and informational guides for public speaking and media relations.

**Series 2: “Public Information Material” -** This series contains eleven folders regarding prepared presentation, media, teaching guides, and handout materials covering various topics and subjects related to nuclear science and technology.

**Series 3: “Topical Resource Material” -** This series contains six folders regarding topics and subject related to energy science and technology, nuclear science and technology, alternative energy resources, and societal perceptions.

**SUBJECTS**

Alternative Energy Resources - Fusion  
Alternative Energy Resources - Geo-thermal  
Alternative Energy Resources - Solar  
Alternative Energy Resources – Wind  
Energy – Education  
Energy – Science  
Energy – Technology  
Environmental Issues  
Hanford  
Health  
Law – Initiatives  
Law – Regulations   
Nuclear – Energy  
Nuclear – Waste Management  
Nuclear – Safety  
Nuclear – Science  
Nuclear – Technology   
Proliferation   
Public Health   
Radiation  
Radiation – Exposure   
Radiation – Safety  
Reactors – PWR, BWR, Breeders  
  
 **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS**This collection is open and available for research use. Copyright restrictions apply.

**PREFERRED CITATION:**

The suggested citation for the collection is:

[Item Description]  
American Nuclear Society Collection, 1960s - 1980s   
Hanford History Project  
Washington State University Tri-Cities  
Richland, WA

**RELATED MATERIAL**

N/A

**LOCATION NOTE (HHP STAFF USE)**

**LANGUAGES**Materials are predominantly in English with the exception of one correspondent in German.