Guide to the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health (SCCOSH) and Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) Records MSS.2007.04.06

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Organizational History
The Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health (SCCOSH) grew from the efforts of three women's health and labor rights organizers - Robin Baker, Amanda Hawes, and Pat Lamborn - who had come to focus on the Silicon Valley's largely unrepresented working-class minorities in the late 1970s. The three met sometime in 1977 at the Pacific Studies Center in Mountain View, where a small group had been meeting intermittently to discuss occupational health. Not long after, Baker, Hawes, and Lamborn together applied for and received a workers training grant from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which they used to fund the Project on Health and Safety in Electronics (PHASE, 1978-1980).
During the three years covered by the initial federal grant, PHASE produced a series of occupational hazards fact sheets for electronics workers (See Series III). First introduced in 1979, the program also included a multilingual telephone consultation service for electronics workers. While not a program to organize workers, PHASE efforts to raise awareness of occupational hazards resulted in open conflict with many Silicon Valley electronics companies. In 1979 the three women established a sister group to PHASE, the Electronics Committee on Safety and Health (ECOSH), to undertake more direct worker organizing while PHASE remained focused on voluntary educational programming. SCCOSH became the overarching agency for these two groups, PHASE and ECOSH, formally established on July 19, 1979, with a five-member Governing Board of Robyn Baker, Amanda Hawes, Pat Lamborn, Mark Fee, and Andy Rowland. SCCOSH expanded its governing board to seven members in 1980, and again to nine members in 1981.
In April of 1979, PHASE employees began staffing an "Electronics Hazard" telephone hotline for workers concerned about chemicals encountered in the workplace. In addition to chemicals encountered in industrial occupations, SCCOSH outreach addressed potential health hazards for office laborers, including the combined psychological and physiological effects of working for long periods at video display terminals (VDTs, or computer monitors).
The Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) developed from a SCCOSH project into a wide-ranging, independent nonprofit organization. Ted Smith (1945-), attorney and activist founded the SVTC in 1982 in response to the suspicion that leaks at manufacturing sites for IBM and Fairchild Electronics were causing health issues in nearby Silicon Valley homes. The SVTC is a San José, California-based research and advocacy group that promotes safe environmental practices in the high tech industry. SVTC is composed of high tech workers, community members, law enforcement, emergency workers and
environmentalists. They aim to educate the masses on best practices for computer recycling and promote corporate social responsibility on subjects ranging from nanotechnology, solar, and consumer e-waste.

Smith is currently the Senior Strategist of SVTC, and is co-founder and coordinator of the International Campaign for Responsible Technology (ICRT), and international network committed to the development of sustainable and non-polluting technologies. He also serves as the steering committee chair of the Computer TakeBack Campaign, an organization focused on promoting life-cycle producer responsibility in high-tech electronics. He co-edited the book Challenging The Chip: Labor Rights and Environmental Justice in the Global Electronics Industry (2006). Smith has been recognized by the Dalai Lama for his environmental leadership. (See Series IX)

Glenna Matthews Oral History Collection, MSS 2010-05-11, San José State University Special Collections and Archives, http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt8k40382g/

Scope and Content of Collection

The Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health (SCCOSH) and Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) Records, 1946-2016, document the history of SCCOSH and SVTC. The Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health (SCCOSH) grew from the efforts of three women's health and labor rights organizers - Robin Baker, Amanda Hawes, and Pat Lamborn. SCCOSH organized various campaigns in the fields of worker's rights advocacy and occupational safety and health training, particularly within the region's electronics industries. At the group's outset, SCCOSH envisioned itself as representing three constituencies: local labor unions and labor councils, ill and injured workers, and community residents affected by wildfire industrial development of the Santa Clara Valley since the mid-1970s. The Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) developed from a SCCOSH project into a wide-ranging, independent nonprofit organization. Founded by Ted Smith (1945-), attorney and activist, in 1982 in response to the suspicion that leaks at manufacturing sites for IBM and Fairchild Electronics were causing health issues in nearby Silicon Valley homes. The SVTC is a San José, California-based research and advocacy group that promotes safe environmental practices in the high tech industry. The records consist of administrative files, correspondence, research, publications, official reports, newspaper clippings, photographs, notes, congressional testimony, and legislative material concerning these organizations and their mission to reduce toxins and hazardous waste in the Silicon Valley.

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Toxins
Groundwater Pollution
Semiconductor industry
Series I: SCCOSH, Activism 1976-2008

Series Scope and Content Summary

The contents in this series document the activism of the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Health (SCCOSH) through various campaigns in the fields of worker's rights advocacy and occupational safety and health training, particularly within the region's electronics industries. At the group's outset, SCCOSH envisioned itself as representing three constituencies: local labor unions and labor councils, ill and injured workers, and community residents who had been affected by the wildfire industrial development of the Santa Clara Valley since the mid-1970s. One of the group's earliest organizing efforts was a breast cancer screening program for workers working with the industrial solvent trichloroethylene (TCE), which led to the successful "Campaign to Ban TCE" in 1981 and 1982. The TCE campaign used two strategies, pressuring employers directly and litigating through state and federal regulatory agencies, both of which became common elements in later SCCOSH programs. Other formative SCCOSH projects include a telephone worker's consultation service, the Hazard Hotline, managed under the project banner of Electronics Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (ECOSH), and a legal consultation and political activism network, Injured Workers United (IWU), formed in 1983 for electronics workers disabled by chemical exposure.

The Campaign to End the Miscarriage of Justice (CEMJ) CEMJ was launched after the Semiconductor Industry Association and IBM released epidemiological studies finding that the likelihood of miscarriage increased after exposure to glycol ethers during the semiconductor production process. The CEMJ campaign was designed to pressure electronics manufacturers into eliminating certain widely used chemical solvents, including ethylene-based glycol ethers, which occupational health studies linked to increased miscarriages and other reproductive problems among workers.

Toxic Avengers Theater used drama productions to publicize the issues surrounding workplace safety and health. The Theater came about through the Worker Story Process, a model created by SCCOSH and designed to elicit the experiences of workers in order to create better solutions for health and safety in the workplace.

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Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains all the files on individual workplace hazards amassed by the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Health (SCCOSH). The primary focus of this series relates to chemical hazards, especially those chemicals used intensively by Silicon Valley computer and electronics plants. In the early years of the organization, SCCOSH leaders Robin Baker, Amanda Hawes, Pat Lamborn, and other staff members found themselves charged with gathering, as well as disseminating, information on many of the chemicals used in high-tech manufacturing, despite the limited existing toxicological or epidemiological research.

Arrangement
The original order of the materials in this series was maintained.

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Scope and Contents
The contents in this series describe the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Health (SCCOSH) organizational growth from its inception in 1978 to 2003 (bulk 1980-1990s). The middle years of the organization's history (1980s-1990s) are particularly well-documented. SCCOSH came into being as the unifying agency for two prior established women's health and labor rights campaigns, the Project on Health and Safety in Electronics (PHASE) and the Electronics Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (ECOSH), both of which continued in some form as programs under SCCOSH. The administrative files contained here document this growth through board meeting minutes, financial statements, and correspondence with other regional "COSH" groups around the country. Researchers interested in U.S. labor movements of the late twentieth century, particularly those involving issues of worker's health and labor justice will find this series useful.

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The original of the materials in this series was maintained.

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Scope and Contents
The contents in this series document the Campaign to End the Miscarriage of Justice (CEMJ) organized by the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Health (SCCOSH) and the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition (SVTC). The CEMJ pressured electronics manufacturers into eliminating certain widely used chemical solvents such as ethylene-based glycol ethers, which occupational health studies linked to increased miscarriages and other reproductive problems among workers. The collection consists of legal case files and VHS tapes recording depositions and legal hearings. The lawsuits represented include Cruz v. Wilson Safety Products (199?), Perez v. Varian Association & Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (1997), Carreon v. Skywest Technology (1989), Carreon v. Shugart Company (1989), and Romic v. OSHA (1998). Much of the CEMJ campaign focused on obtaining justice for Rodrigo Cruz, a former employee of Romic Environmental Technologies. Silicon Valley technology firms hired Romic to collect and haul toxic waste. The company had a long-term record as a violator of health and safety laws, and their employees were forced to use faulty equipment or faced being fired. Cruz was critically injured on the job as result of a defective protective mask that slowly suffocated him while working on a job site. The CEMJ and SCCOSH protested on his behalf through public demonstrations and together they formed the "Justice for Rodrigo Cruz Campaign." The collection of research files and the VHS tapes document the role of grassroots coalitions to support worker's rights and to force tech companies to comply with state and local environmental regulations, and specifically to end their contracts with Romic. The big firms associated with Romic included: Intel, Hewlitt Packard, Linear Tech, National Semiconductor, Seagate, NEC Electronics, and Boeing.

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Scope and Contents
This series document the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition's (SVTC) role in the drafting and implementation of the Model Toxics Storage Ordinance for Santa Clara County. This ordinance was approved by the county Intergovernmental Council in May of 1983, and had been implemented in some form by fifteen municipalities in the region by 1984. This Santa Clara County Ordinances served as the blueprint for a statewide groundwater contamination legislation under State Assembly Bill AB 1362, which the state legislature adopted in the fall 1983. Ted Smith and other SVTC members led the drafting of the model ordinance and frequently participated in or spoke out at city hearings about its implementation. One controversial facet was a "right-to-know" provision requiring companies to disclose the location and contents of all potentially hazardous chemicals stored on their premises. An interrelated debate, well represented in this series, focused on the number of chemicals that should fall under the scope of the ordinance. The debate concerned whether the ordinance would apply to the full spectrum of chemicals listed as hazardous by the California Occupational Health and Safety Administration (CAL/OSHA). Between the years 1982-1983, the SVTC lobbied for similar chemical storage regulations at the state level in the form of California Assembly Bill 1362 (1985).

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This series is arranged chronologically.

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Series VI: SVTC, Groundwater Cleanup 1978-1997

Scope and Contents
This series documents the role of Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition (SVTC) and other South Bay area community activists in documenting, publicizing, and then attaining state and federal intervention for the contamination of local groundwater supplies by Silicon Valley area electronics manufacturers. Eventually nineteen sites polluted by faulty chemical storage had been declared Superfund cleanup sites under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). More leaking chemical tanks were discovered in 1983-1984, and SVTC continued to push for greater intervention by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and U.S. EPA, especially through the local forum provided by the South Bay Groundwater Contamination Task Force (SBGTCF). In 1985 Ted Smith testified before a California congressional investigation of groundwater contamination in the Valley. The full transcript of this investigation is located in box 11, folder 4 of this series.

Also included in this series are Smith's notes from the SBGTCF meetings from 1984 to 1990. In January of 1985, the California Department of Health Services (DOHS) released an epidemiological study of South San José near the contaminated public wells. This series includes draft copies of the DOHS report and correspondence between SVTC and various parties regarding its implications. Also included are records of SVTC and other Bay area environmental groups protesting the appointment of Gary Burke, then president of the Santa Clara County Manufacturing Group, to the RWQCB in 1993. This series illustrates how grassroots organizations came together to force industrial responsibility through city and state environmental regulations.

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Scope and Contents

The contents in this series describe the Silicon Valley Toxic Collation's (SVTC) part in developing a toxic gas model ordinance for Santa Clara County, which like the county's Model Hazardous Material Storage Ordinance (see Series IV) became a model for similar laws statewide and nationally. Beginning in 1985, SVTC activism came to focus increasingly on the dangers of gases used in Silicon Valley semiconductor (microelectronics) manufacturing, in part reflecting global anxieties raised by the disastrous Union Carbide plant explosion in Bhopal, India, in December of 1984. With the 1986 passage of California Assembly Bill 3777, requiring each county in the state to develop a toxic gas emergency plan, Ted Smith was appointed as a task force member for Santa Clara County alongside elected officials, city fire chiefs, and representatives of the area's electronics industry.

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Company Sites and Clean up Plans, Newspaper Clippings, Correspondence, SB14, Jeff Lake 1982-1992

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Series VIII: SVTC, Administrative Files 1982-2008

Scope and Contents
This series includes administrative files providing insight into the internal proceedings, external correspondence, personnel, fundraising, and organizing of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) as it developed from a SCCOSH project into a wide-ranging, independent nonprofit organization.

Included is a group of materials pertaining to a 1985 "High-Tech Organizer's Retreat" held in Redwood City, California, organized by Ted Smith, Amanda Hawes, and some twenty other labor, occupational health, and environmental organizers. The Integrated Circuit, a national coalition formed out of the retreat and resulted in the publication of the newsletter Around the Circuit. In early 1986, SVTC separated from SCCOSH and established itself as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with its own Board of Directors. SVTC’s funding in its early years came from The Public Welfare Foundation. Other grassroots groups, including San Francisco-based Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE) and the Citizen's Clearing House for Toxic Waste in New York, were influential and provided the SVTC with important fundraising advice.

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Series IX. SVTC, Founder Ted Smith 1981-2008

Scope and Contents

Ted Smith is the founder and former Executive Director of the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition. He currently serves as the Senior Strategist for SVTC. Smith is also the co-founder and Coordinator of the International Campaign for Responsible Technology (ICRT), an international network committed to working for the development of sustainable, non-polluting technologies. In addition, he is also the steering committee chair of the "Computer TakeBack Campaign", which is working to promote life-cycle producer responsibility within the high-tech electronics industry. He is co-editor of the book Challenging the Chip: Labor Rights and Environmental Justice in the Global Electronics Industry (2006). In 2001, Ted was recognized by the Dalai Lama for his environmental leadership.

Ted Smith maintained a strong awareness of other political arenas in which workers and communities were disputing industrial pollution, whether locally throughout California, in other states, or at the level of federal regulatory agencies. From 1984 onward, acting as Executive Director of SVTC, Smith spoke to hundreds of environmental and community activist groups in the Bay Area, around the state, and increasingly internationally. Included in this series are news clippings from computer, electronics, and semiconductor industry trade periodicals. This series also contains Ted's correspondence with government officials like Congressman Norman Mineta and Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, as well as members of the media and other concerned parties. Also well-documented is Smith's preparation for a 1985 public debate moderated by California Senator Allen Cranston, in which Smith was pitted against electronics industry representative Leo Kline, then director of the Industry Clean Water Task Force.

Arrangement

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The contents in this series describe the successful campaign by the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition (SVTC) and other local organizers to end the burning of waste rocket fuel in the Coyote Foothills southeast of San José. The company incinerating the fuel, United Technologies Corporation (UTC), manufactured rockets for commercial and military applications, with one of its largest contracts in the mid-1980s coming from the United States Air Force for production of the Minuteman missile. UTC first established a research & development division in the Coyote region in the late 1950s, and it began using open pits to burn excess rocket fuel in the late 1970s. Alongside SVTC, those local groups active in protesting UTC's open-bit burning in the late 1980s included the Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association, the South Bay Greens, the San José State University Environmental Resource Center, and The UTC Conversion Project, which was housed in the San José Peace Center.

The UTC Conversion Project, an umbrella group of sorts, was focused not only on eliminating the open-pit burning, but on the larger objective of pressuring the UTC Coyote facility to transition to “non-military, non-toxic” products. In 1989, the Conversion Project authored and circulated a petition to the U.S. E.P.A, requested the pit areas be declared a Superfund federal cleanup site.

The specific role that SVTC played in the UTC Conversion Project includes a long script of arguments presented by Ted Smith to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) on October 11, 1990. Researchers will also find letters from residents of the Coyote Creek Neighborhood to BAAQMD Chairperson Paul Cooper after the UTC pits were closed in 1992, and a more detailed account of the UTC case, including notes from what appear to be UTC Conversion Project meetings as well as a full transcript of an October, 1990, BAAQMD hearing at which Ted Smith served as a witness for the public.

Series X: SVTC, United Technologies Corporation 1984-1995

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.
Series XI. SVTC, Toxics Coordinating Project 1985-1990

Scope and Contents
The contents in this series describe the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition's (SVTC) organizational ties to the Toxics Coordinating Project (TCP), a network of California-based environmental, occupational health, and community activist groups established in Sacramento in 1985. SVTC was an early participant in the TCP, joining representatives of the Bay Area Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (a larger group including SCCOSH as a member), Citizens for a Better Environment, Environmental Defense Fund, California League of Conservation Voters, California Labor Federation, and the AFL-CIO.

Both Ted Smith (SVTC) and Amanda Hawes (SCCOSH) attended the TCP's First Annual Toxics Organizing Conference, held in November of 1986 in Sacramento. Starting in the spring of 1986, the TCP produced a newsletter Toxics Watchdog. While the TCP primarily served as a clearinghouse for information between activists, it also undertook its own campaigns. For example, a statewide "Toxic Use Reduction" program in the late 1980s set out to reduce potentially harmful synthetic chemicals at the point of their production and consumption, rather than simply through a safe, or safer disposal.

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Series XII. SVTC, AB 2948--Tanner Bill 1986-1991

Scope and Contents
The contents in this series describe Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition's (SVTC) role in developing a hazardous waste management plan for Santa Clara County under the provisions of California Assembly Bill 2948, which passed in 1986. AB 2948 is also known as the "Tanner Bill", named after the chief sponsor Assemblywoman Sally Tanner. The Tanner Bill implemented countywide planning as the overarching strategy for managing hazardous waste throughout California. Included in this series is Smith's notebook from the Advisory Committee meetings, which also contains miscellaneous letters and reports exchanged between committee members.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.
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Series XIII. SVTC, Stanford University/Biotechnology Activism 1987-1991

Scope and Contents
The contents in this series describe the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition's (SVTC) dispute with Stanford University over issues related to the university's research agenda and its handling of hazardous materials, most notably a waste incinerator located in the University Medical Center. In August of 1987, SVTC appealed the permit given by the Santa Clara County Planning Commission to a new biomedical research facility on the Stanford campus, located on Serra Street off West Campus Drive. Among SVTC's motivations, the group listed Stanford's past negligence with hazardous materials, the implications for community health of new biomedical practices like genetic engineering, and the lack of a medical monitoring program for researchers and other building staff. Stanford President Donald Kennedy publicly denounced these concerns, yet agreed to delay the construction project until a full environmental review was completed. In December of 1987, an additional source of controversy opened up when a senior engineer in Stanford's Department of Health and Safety resigned, alleging longstanding health issues created by the treatment of hazardous waste at the University Medical Center. Facing negative publicity from SVTC and other community groups, combined with these internal allegations from its DOHS, Stanford conceded to a University-wide special health and safety review, which they eventually completed in the fall of 1988. The review led Stanford to create two new administrative positions: Director of Environmental Health and Safety and a Laboratory Safety Officer.

Over the three years in which Stanford and SVTC disputed these issues, Ted Smith collected detailed notes on the emerging biotechnologies like genetic engineering and their potential consequence for public health and the environment. Researching this subject and making it a part of SVTC activism brought Smith into contact with a variety of groups around the country voicing similar concerns. In January of 1989, SVTC was one of several Bay Area organizations sponsoring a two-day conference on "Creating a Public Interest in Biotechnology in California," at which the renowned environmentalist and critic of genetic engineering, Jeremy Rifkin appeared as the keynote speaker. In the early 1990s, Smith served on the steering committee of the California Biotechnology Action Council (CALBAC), based in Sacramento. Along with a record of Smith's participation in the Action Council, this series includes many newspaper clippings describing tensions between Stanford officials, Palo Alto community associations, and environmentalist groups headquartered within the Bay Area.

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Series XIV. SVTC, Earth Day 1987-1993

Scope and Contents
The contents in this series describe efforts made in the late 1980s and early 1990s by the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition (SVTC) and other Bay area environmental groups to eliminate chlorofluorocarbons, or "CFCs," from household products and manufacturing processes in use in the region. The International Earth Day celebrations of 1989 and 1990 served as a focal point for these efforts.

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This series is arranged chronologically.

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Series XV. Press 1976-2011

Scope and Contents

This series consists of newspaper and magazine articles concerning the Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition (SVTC) and the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Health (SCCOSH), and environmental issues involving Silicon Valley companies. Many of the articles cover fines, civil complaints, and federal prosecution of companies based on findings by hazardous waste inspectors. News coverage of the legal case against Silicon Valley chip board manufacturer Ztron is featured. Ztron was found guilty of pumping hazardous waste directly into the sewer system. Other stories include the controversial storage practices of Lorentz Barrel and Drum Company, a drum recycling operation that was storing over 300 barrels of hazardous waste within a few blocks of the San José State University Athletics Facility; efforts to hold Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. accountable for their role in the chemical contamination of local drinking water wells; how toxins from semiconductor companies affect employee and community health; and the growing problem of e-waste.

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Series XV. SVTC History 1981-2008

Scope and Contents

This series consists of materials related to the history of SVTC. Some of the items in this series include brochures and announcements related to fundraising events and benefits; flyers, booklets, graphics, and other publications created by both SVTC and outside organizations; a binder of board member paperwork; information on long-term strategic planning; campaigns and projects initiated by SVTC as well as other organizations; papers related to toxics legislation and regulation in Santa Clara County; and a timeline of the history of SVTC.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.
Series XVII. SVTC: ETBC/CTBC 1995-2010

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This series contains records of two organizations coordinated by SVTC: the Electronics TakeBack Coalition and the Computer TakeBack Campaign. Both organizations revolve around the recycling and proper disposition of computers, cell phones, televisions, and other electronic products. One of the goals of both ETBC and CTBC is to establish and promote more robust EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) policies, some of which they accomplished by targeting specific companies and pushing for them to establish e-waste recycling policies.

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Scope and Contents
This series contains research materials relating to SCCOSH and SVTC's mission to reduce toxins and hazardous waste in Santa Clara County. Subjects (among others) include the use and reduction of brominated flame retardants in computers, appliances, and household goods; advocating for immigrant worker rights when dealing with exposure to workplace toxins; reproductive hazards in the semiconductor industry; groundwater cleanup caused by high tech pollution; and the use of prison labor in toxic e-waste recycling.

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