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**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Stop Mining Around Residential Tucson (SMART) was created in 1973 in response to Continental Oil Co. (Conoco) staking mining claims on private property south of Tucson Mountain Park. Residents of Tucson came together to stop the drilling, filing lawsuits, creating petitions, and protesting. The Pima County Board of Supervisors eventually passed a resolution on June 5 urging Conoco to cease and desist. Later the Mayor and city council would urge the governor and state legislature on July 2 to pass legislation prohibiting the filing of mining claims within 6 miles of a city with a population over 100,000. In October of 1973, Senator Goldwater sent a representative to Tucson and Newsweek did a story about the situation and the legislation. SMART disbanded when Conoco abandoned claims on April 16, 1974.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This 1 box collection contains general information about Stop Mining Around Residential Tucson (SMART). Besides general information, legal documents related to the 1973 court case, land claims, additional legal documents, correspondence, newsletters, newspapers, phone lists, and other miscellaneous materials regarding the efforts to stop mining near Tucson Estates.

**SUBJECT TERMS:** Stop Mining Around Residential Tucson; Mining Claims; Pearce (Ariz.); Conoco Inc

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	General Information on SMART	1973-1974
	2	SMART Correspondence (various sources)	1973-1975
	3	Newspaper Clippings	June 1973- April 1974
	4	Newsletters, Notes, and Phone Lists	1973-1974
	5	1973 court case document, misc. handwritten notes	1973
	6	Bylaws of SMART, newsletters (not SMART), and misc notes	1973
	7	Claims and legal documents	1973-174
	8	Reference Titles: Mining Operations, copies of legislative digest, and "The Prospecting Issue"	1974