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CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Center for Environmental Health Sciences (CEHS) is a multi-disciplinary research center operating within the Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The stated mission of the Center for Environmental Health Sciences is “to take a leadership role in facilitating and promoting research into the biological effects of exposure to environmental agents in order to understand, and predict, how such exposures affect human health.”¹

The Center for Environmental Health Sciences had its origins in the mid-1970s, when several faculty members of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science received grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to study food-borne environmental toxins. The Center for Environmental Health Sciences was transferred to the Whitaker College of Health Sciences on 1 July 1988, with Dr. William Thilly as its director.

Faculty involved in the Center in the years following its inception included Andrew Braun, William Busby, John Essigman, Renee Fitts, James Fox, Phoothone Keohavong, Lata Shirname-More, Steven Tannenbaum, William Thilly, Graham Walker, John Wishnok, Gerald Wogan, and Helmut Zarbl. In September 2001, Leona Sampson succeeded William Thilly as director of the Center for Environmental Health Sciences. The Center for Environmental Health Sciences is currently (as of 2006) organized into three research cores and three facilities cores. The three research cores are the Mutation and Cancer Research Core, the BioEngineering and Toxicology Research Core, and the Environmental Health and Systems Research Core. The three facilities cores are the Animal Model and Pathology Facilities Core, the Bioanalytical Facilities Core, and the Genomics and Bioinformatics Facilities Core. These divisions are overseen by an Administrative Core. The Center for Environmental Health Sciences also maintains a Community Outreach and Education Program (COEP), whose mission is “to inform children and adults about the impact of the environment on human health and to empower people to make wise choices about lifestyle and their relationship to the environment.”²

PROVENANCE NOTE

Folders 1 and 2 were transferred from the Center for Environmental Health Sciences to the Institute Archives in 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains annual reports for the Center for Environmental Health Sciences for the fiscal years 1995 and 1996. These reports detail the Center’s annual activities in the areas of community outreach, funding and grants, and research developments and findings.

¹ Center for Environmental Health Sciences Home Page, <http://cehs.mit.edu/index.html>.

² Community Outreach and Education Program Home Page, <http://cehs.mit.edu/outreachprograms.html>.

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