Cushing Refining and Gasoline Company Collection

Refining and gasoline company. Correspondence (1927–1945) to and from other petroleum companies regarding orders and shipments of petroleum products, and from federal agencies concerning the rationing and price regulation of gasoline during World War II; pamphlets (1941–1943) from federal agencies concerning gasoline rationing and price controls during World War II; and additional business records (ca. 1935–1945) concerning Cushing’s production. Also included in this collection is a blueprint (n.d.) of an underground oil tank.

The Cushing Refining and Gasoline Company was important in the development of the petroleum industry in Oklahoma. With its company headquarters at Cushing, the refinery was involved in business dealings with other oil companies across the nation. When World War II began in Europe, the U.S. Government redefined its relationship with the oil industry. Private industry was intricately coordinated by the federal government through new rationing procedures and directives.

With the inclusive dates 1927-1945, this collection allows the study of changing relationship between refineries and the government in times of war. The collection roughly divided into sections. The first consists of Cushing's correspondence with the U.S. Government, along with some intermediary agencies that passed information between Cushing and the Government. Over half of his collection is various correspondence between Cushing and government agencies, such as the Petroleum Administration for War, the Office of Price Administration, the Petroleum Industry Committee (appointed by the Petroleum Coordinator for War), the Treasury Department and others. There are letters, telegrams, and pamphlets in this section. The second section deals with Cushing's correspondence with other private oil refineries, such as the Shell Oil Company. The third section contains Cushing's various business records of production and other material related to the petroleum industry (e.g., a tractor service manual and a blue print of an underground oil tank).

Box C-11: Correspondence with Government and Private Agencies: Part 1; Federal Legislation for Regulating the Petroleum Industry.

F-1 Correspondence with the Western Petroleum Refiners Association Contents:
Government policies-regulations concerning procedures, federal price schedules, and amendments supplementing price schedules. Dates: 10/23/41 - 4/10/42

F-2 Correspondence with the Western Petroleum Refiners Association continued.
Dates: 4/13/42 - 5/21/42
F-3 Correspondence with the Western Petroleum Refiners Association continued. Dates: 5/25/42 - 8/7/45

F-4 Correspondence with the Associated Industries of Oklahoma. Contents: federal regulations for oil refineries. Dates: 9/19/36 - 11/26/43

F-5 Correspondence with the Department of Interior.
   
   b) Letters deal with certain memorandums issued to Crushing Refinery and other petroleum companies, along with questionnaires estimating the aviation gasoline capacity. Dates: 8/1/40 - 2/9/42. * Note: The material in this file correlates with the items in F-4 (Box C-11) because the Office of Petroleum Coordinator is a part of the Department of the Interior.

F-6 Correspondence with the Office of Petroleum Coordinator of War. Contents: Telegrams indicating shipment transactions and petroleum directives: No. 57 (8/19/42) and amended directive No. 59 (12/16/42). Dates 7/2/41 - 1/31/43

F-7 Correspondence with the Treasury Department. Contents: Letters, telegrams dealing with Cushing's bids for shipments of petroleum to Treasury Department and with letters dealing with the stolen checks reported to the Treasury. Dates: 5/14/42 - 3/12/43. * Note: See F-5 (Box C-11) for report of this robbery and loss of checks, and F-13 (Box C-12), section g.

F-8 Correspondence with the Petroleum Administration for War. Contents: Includes telegrams which express shipments, letters, government papers expressing guidelines (in particular):
   a) Petroleum Distribution Order No. 18 (10/19/43); No 20 (5/18/44); No. 13 (7/25/44)
   
   b) Petroleum Directive No. 59 and its amendments No. 2, 6, 7, 8, and 10 (12/1/43); No. 65 (3/15/44)
   
   c) Petroleum Administration Order No. 1 (12/21/42); No. 15 and amendment No. 1 (7/27/44); No. 12 (7/14/45).
   
   d) Amendment No. 4 to Limitation Order 56 (9/29/42); L-123 (7/27/44).
   
   e) Conservation Order M-68-L; 3 copies (1/14/42). * Note: These three copies are not from the Petroleum Administration, instead from the Production Management Board.
f) Scheduling Order M-293 (5/2/44). Dates: 11/4/42 - 7/14/45. * Note: See also F-4 (this box) for other directives.

F-9 Correspondence with the Petroleum Administration for War. Contents: Includes telegrams of shipments, letters concerning regulations and shipments, government papers expressing guidelines (in particular):

a) Amendment No. 1 to Petroleum Administrative Order No. 12 (8/11/44); Supplementary Order No. 11 (8/26/44)

b) Pursuant to 1510.34a) of Petroleum Directive No. 59 (12/26/44). Dates: 8/1/44 - 12/28/44.

F-10 Correspondence with the Petroleum Administration for War. Contents: Telegrams of shipments and various letters concerning regulations and shipments. Dates: 1/3/45 - 4/30/45.

F-11 Correspondence with the Petroleum Administration for War. Contents: Telegrams of shipments and letters relative to this, government papers which express guidelines:

a) Petroleum Directive No. 81 (7/4/45)

b) Petroleum Administrative Order No. 15 (7/14/45); No. 23 (7/31/45). Dates: 5/1/45 - 8/27/45.

Box C-11A: Correspondence with Government Agencies: Part III; Federal Legislation for Regulating Petroleum Industry.

F-1 Correspondence with the Office of Price Administration. * Note: Some of the material found in this file corresponds with that of F-6 (Office of Petroleum Coordinator); these two offices are closely related.

a) *Gasoline Rationing Regulations* - Ration Order No. 5A, Title 32 - National Defense, a small regulatory pamphlet form OPA R-540, no date.

b) *Fuel Oil Rationing Industry Instructions*, a small, self-explanatory booklet, no date.

c) "Application for Mileage Rationing: Reconciliation Between Total Gasoline Disposals and Transfers Based on Coupons and other Evidence" Form No. OPA R-550 (Revised 10/5/42).

e) Found throughout folder: collection of letters giving a clearer picture of the relationship of Cushing to the Price Administration.

f) "Application for Fuel Oil (and Kerosene) Ration for Heat and Domestic Hot Water for Private Dwellings (Form OPA R-1100), 10/13/42.

g) "Revised Price Schedule No. 88 - Petroleum and Petroleum Products," self-explanatory. 10/16/42.

h) **Local Board Mileage Rationing Letter: Gasoline Rationing Guide Number One to Ration Order No. 56, 11/42.**


j) "Procedures Established by a New Definition of Gasoline," Industry Gasoline Rationing Bulletin, small pamphlet, based on Amendment No. 27 to Ration Order 5C.

k) "New Service Station Poster" with official rules that gasoline attendants must follow all over the country when selling fuel to consumers. * Note: Poster is located with oversized material of collection.

l) "Industry Gasoline Rationing Bulletin No. 10", self-explanatory bulletin, 1 pg., 3/25/43; No. 11, 4/15/43; No. 12, Amendment No. 47 to Ration Order 5C effective 5/12/43; No. 7, based on Ration Order 5C, "Class A-3' Coupon held Distributors," 3/8/43.

m) Amendment No. 13 to revised Price Schedule No. 88, Petroleum and Petroleum Products [see Section G for Price Schedule]. 5/12/42.

n) "Instructions for Licensed Distributors: Use of Reconciliation Statement Form OPA R-550-Mileage Rationing Program Gasoline," 11/42, self-explanatory, revised 10/5/42 [see Section C of this folder].

o) **Plan for Mileage Rationing Instructions to Gasoline Industry: Dealers, Intermediate Distributors, Licensed Distributors, R-539 (Revised 10/1/42).** This book concerns itself with explaining the instructions of the Mileage Rationing Regulations, 1/2/42.

OPA Form R-517, 1942. Dates: 12/30/41 - 8/3/45

F-2 Correspondence with the Petroleum Industry Committee.

*Note: Petroleum Industry Committee was appointed by Petroleum Coordinator - see F-6, Box C-11.*

Contents: Contains letters between Cushing and the Petroleum Industry Committee, petroleum industry studies, changes in Price Schedule No. 88, questionnaires on Cushing Refining industrial status.


c) "Amendment No. 1 to Price Schedule No. 88 - Petroleum and Petroleum Products," no date. *Note: For more information, see F-1, Sections G and M of Box C-11A.

d) Questionnaire on Cushing Refinery: Industrial Status, channeled through the Sub-Committee on Statistics (part of the P.I.C.). 11/18/41.


f) "Price Schedule No. 88: Petroleum and Petroleum Products," 2/4/42

g) Fuel Oil Production Questionnaire: sent to Cushing Refinery. Date: 5/14/42.

h) Particular letters between Cushing Refinery and Petroleum Industry Committee showing the true nature of relationship: letters found throughout P.I.C. files.

i) "Preliminary Draft of a Plan for Establishing Supply and Distribution Areas in District Two," deals with regulations, 11/5/43.

j) *Listing of Refineries, Lake, River, and Pipe Line Terminals Located in District Two,* self-explanatory, 2/22/43.

k) 'Secret Paper', "Trend of Gasoline Sales in P.A.W. District two as Reported by 60 marketers as of June 2, (1943)."
l) "Analysis of Estimated Residual Fuel Oil Production and Distribution, July 1943, for Cushing." Dates: 10/25/42 - 6/30/43.

F-3 Correspondence with the Petroleum Industry Committee: Contains tank car reports of petroleum cars, letters between Cushing and the P.I.C., telegrams of the same nature, and certain surveys of petroleum industries.

a) Resume Prepared by a West Coast Refinery of its Experience in Attempting To Secure Maximum Utilization of Women Employees in the Refinery - sent by P.I.C. Cushing requested to send this out to other refineries for the reason that there was a great demand for women since most men were needed in the war, 7/19/43.

b) "Analysis of Estimated Residual Fuel Oil Production and Distribution" issues for August, 1943 and September, 1943; sent to Cushing so that the government would know of their economic situation.

c) 'Secret Paper', "Trend of Gasoline Sales in P.A.W. District Two as Reported by 61 Marketers for the Month of June, 1943," and also for the months of September 1943 and October 1943. Contains gasoline sales for this district. Date: 7/2/43 - 12/31/43.

F-4 Correspondence with the Petroleum Industry Committee.
Contents: Contains tank car reports of petroleum cars, certain surveys of petroleum industry, letters between Cushing refinery and P.I.C.

a) "Schedule of Petroleum Products Earmarked for Shipment from District Two Origins to District One during Month of February 1944," prepared by Cushing for P.I.C., also included is the schedule for April 1944.

b) "Analysis of Estimated Residual Fuel Oil Production and Distribution," issues for February 1944; March 1944; September 1944; April 1944; and July 1944. Dates: 1/1/44 - 8/31/45.

Box C-12 Business relations between Cushing and other private agencies in the forms of letters and telegrams, industry studies, government acts influencing the petroleum industry, and miscellaneous items of Cushing Refinery.

F-1 Wartime Government Legislation.
Contents: Contains regulatory acts which Cushing and other companies had to abide by.

a) "Industrial Recovery Act, Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.," Washington, D.C.; explanatory bulletin of the Administrations Effort to tackle unemployment, 7/21/33.
b) "Public-No. 692-74th Congress," purpose: "An act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes." Amendment Section II; a short discussion of the provisions of this act, 6/19/36.

c) Patman-Robinson Act.

2. "The Patman-Robinson Anti-Price Discrimination Act," an analysis by John C. Gall, Associate Counsel, National Association of Manufacturers, distributors; copyright-1936; given at a presentation at the National Institute for Commercial and Trades Executives, Northwestern University; description: a formal discussion of the problems that this act presents the business man with; 8/4/36.


4. "Watch Those Special Deals;" pamphlet discussing this act from Lubrication and Maintenance. 8/36.

5. Assorted, supplement news letters from Western Petroleum Refiners Association concerning Patman-Robinson Act.

d) "The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938: Interpretative Bulletin No. 6: Retail and Service Establishments: The Scope and Applicability of the Exemption Provided by Section 13(a) (2) of this Act:" by the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Office of the Administrator; pamphlet self-explanatory; Originally issued December 1938. Revised June 1941.

e) "Emergency Price Control Act of 1942 - Public Law 421" - explanatory pamphlet that spells out the provisions of this act; 1/30/42. Dates: 7/21/33 - 1/30/42.

F-2 Correspondence with the Shell Oil Company.
Contents: Includes business transactions between the two petroleum companies in the forms of letters, telegrams, and shipping notices. Dates: 1/8/42 - 8/11/42.

F-3 Correspondence with the Sacany Vacuum Oil Company.

F-4 Correspondence with the Sacany Vacuum Oil Company.

F-5 Correspondence with the Atlantic Refining Company.
Contents: Same description as in 3A. Dates: 1/13/43 - 11/24/44. * Note: See 6/22/43 describing P.A.W. No. 5 stopping fuel movement.

F-6 Correspondence with the Standard Oil Company of N.J.
Contents: Same description as in 3A. Dates: 3/19/43 - 1/31/44

F-7 Miscellaneous correspondence.
Contents: Brief correspondence between Cushing and other businesses.


b) Continental Oil Company. Dates: 4/24/44 - 5/2/44.


d) Certain letters Cushing sent out to various groups of people. Dates: 10/20/42 - 12/23/42.

e) "Digest of Mileage Rationing Plan Prepared for Gasoline Dealers," one issue, 10/20/42; another issue, 10/29/42, with two copies.

F-8 Correspondence with the Oklahoma Scrap Rubber Reserve Company (Loan Agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation).
Contents: Contains correspondence showing the coordination between private businesses and federal agencies in organizing a campaign for the acquisition of rubber.

a) Intermediary Components in the Private Sector
1. Agents: Muchlstein and Company, Lowenthal Company

2. Railroads and transportation: Katy R.R.; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company; Missouri-Kansas-Texas R.R.; Midwest Carriers of Oklahoma City

3. Private Corporations: Barego Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Midland Flour Company; Skelly Oil Company; Capital Compressed Steel Company of Oklahoma City; Western Petroleum Refiners Association

b) Intermediary Components in the Government Sector

F-9 Average Prices of Petroleum Products with Grades of Fuel Oil: Blackwell, Cushing Refineries.
Contents: 1928-29 sales records for Cushing Refining and Gasoline Company; 1927-28 tables showing Cushing and Blackwell Refinery's crude oil run to the stills.

F-10 Petroleum Production

a) Federal and Local Specifications for Diesel Fuel and Petroleum Products:
   1. WPRA (Western Petroleum Refiners Association) No. 1 Diesel Fuel Specifications; on a small card; adopted 4/27/37 at 25th annual Western Petroleum Refiners Association Meeting.


   3. Other assorted specifications sheets.

b) Evaluations and studies concerning petroleum production and consumption.
   1. Military Requirements vs. Civilian Consumption All Gasoline Districts I, II, III; produced by the Petroleum Administration for War; 7 pages with charts and supplementary study; 8/1/43.

   2. Motor Gasoline Survey; source not available; from last half of 1941 to first half of 1943.

   3. Crude Oil Analysis of Slaughter Field, Texas, Hickley County; no date or other information available.

   4. Petroleum Production information on present and estimated schedules of Area 5: light products, supply-demand (Barrels Per Day); no date or any other information available.

   5. Petroleum Evaluation for Cushing; 4/6/42.


8. Regular Leaded Gasoline Evaluation; 12/24/43.

F-11 Conversion Tables and Blueprints for certain petroleum facilities.
   a) Tables of freight cost per gallon
   b) Outage table for standard 8,000 gallon tank
   c) Ganging table
   d) Specifications
   e) Bulk Storage Plant

F-12 Petroleum News Related Agencies
   a) "Platt's Oilgram": A daily independent reporting service on oil news issued simultaneously from Tulsa, New York, Cleveland; published by the W.C. Platt Company; 7 separate newsletters dating from 7/17/42 - 12/29/42.
   b) "Fuel Oil Education Memoranda," focusing on Fuel Oil Rationing; Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, and 13.
   c) South Dakota Independent Oil Men's Association; articles relative to petroleum industry in some way; Bulletin 7/27/42.
   d) "Library Bulletin of Abstracts" from the Universal Oil Products Company, Chicago Research Laboratories; Vol. X, No. 45 (11/6/35) and Vol. X, No. 46 (11/13/35); these articles are related to the petroleum industry.

F-13 Miscellaneous Items Connected to Rationing
   Contents: Rationing policies and procedures, related correspondences, and actual rationing coupons.
   a) Correspondence with Gasoline Rationing Branch of Washington, D.C., and two other letters on the subject mentioned.
   b) Actual ration coupons for Cushing Refinery; from Village of Tyler, Lincoln Country, Minnesota.
   c) New Mileage Rationing Program for Passenger Vehicles - effective 12/1/42, addressed to Phillip's Tire and Supply, 2 pages giving detailed description.
   e) Half Sheet of paper titled "X' Cards for Congressmen." Explains the 'misinterpretation that opponents had to the Congress' easy access to ration coupons.

F-14 Miscellaneous Items: General
Contents: Items representing certain aspects of the petroleum industry and of Cushing Company.

a) McCormick-Deering Diesel Tractor Model WD-40, manufactured by International Harvester Company, service instruction manual with fold-out diagram of tractor and blueprint for petroleum accessories

b) Midway Pipeline Company - West Texas - Southeast New Mexico Gathering Systems, a booklet written by Frank E. Richardson for the petroleum potential assessment for this area.

1. Letter from Hatcher to Independent Refineries concerning the meeting he was organizing to introduce his booklet, 5/17/47

2. Acknowledgement from Cushing telling Hatcher that Cushing would be there at the meeting in Wichita, 5/21/47.

c) Annual Summary of Injuries in the Petroleum Industry for 1942 by American Petroleum Institute, Department of Accident Prevention, 7/43

d) Unidentifiable notes.

e) Miscellaneous correspondence dealing with various business transactions.

f) "Instructions and precautions before attempting to execute and bond," a legal paper with an unidentifiable source.

g) "A Report on Burglary at Cushing Refinery and Gasoline Company Warehouse, on 5/10/42 between 4:40 p.m. - 8:30 p.m."

1. Letters concerning check that was stolen in burglary. * Note: See also correspondence with Treasury Department, F-7 Box C-11 for more information on stolen checks.

2. Affidavit of a release for a check stolen

Outsized Materials:
Poster: "Official Notice to Gasoline Consumers" - describes rationing regulations for consumers - located in outsize box number 1, Folder 2.

Maps:
1. Map of District 2 showing the Central and Upper Middle-West: "District Two Supply and Distribution Areas, Gasoline, Kerosene, Distillates," Map Collection 7, Map 95, Drawer 8598.