Expanding the Historical Mineral Exploration Document and Spatial Data Collection at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources: The Polaris Joint Venture Exploration Collection The Polaris Joint Venture (PJV) was a large-scale five year-long exploration campaign that targeted high-grade Copper-Zinc prospects in the greenstone belts of Northern Minnesota during the early 1980's. Ernest K. Lehmann & Associates (ELA), in partnership with Getty and Billiton, completed airborne and ground geophysical surveys, geologic mapping, geochemical sampling, and 50 drill holes within a 13,000 square mile study area that stretched roughly from Bemidji to Ely. This collection contains approximately 2,000 PJV-related PDF documents encompassing more than 20,000 pages of exploration data.

