# EPA Records Schedules in Final Status

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# **Explanation of EPA Records Schedule Fields**

Field Name	Field Description	Examples
EPA Records Schedule	A unique identifier assigned to each schedule.	1001
Status	The status of the schedule ("final," "draft," or "development") and the last revision date.  A final schedule has been approved by EPA and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and authorizes the retention and disposition of the records.  A draft schedule has been approved by EPA and sent to NARA. It may not be used to retire records to offsite storage and does not authorize destruction.  A development schedule has not been approved by EPA or sent to NARA. It may not be used to retire records to offsite storage and does not authorize destruction.	Final, 10/15/2002
Title	Title of a group of related records covered by the schedule.	Safety and Health
Program	EPA organization(s) or programs that can use the schedule. "All Programs" means that any office or program may use this schedule.	Air
Applicability	EPA location(s) that can use the schedule. "Agency-wide" means the schedule can be used at any location.	Regions
Function	The code and title of an EPA business process. The numeric code is used in a file plan to organize records by function.	305 Public Affairs
NARA Disposal Authority	A number assigned by NARA for their tracking purposes. This number is also used when retiring records to a Federal Records Center.  If the schedule has not yet been submitted to NARA, "Pending" is used.	N1-412-94-4/1 DAA-0412-2013-0002-0001

Field Name	Field Description	Examples
Description	A description of the records, their content, types of information included, etc.	Records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.
Disposition Instructions	Disposition instructions identify whether records are disposable or permanent, and provide direction for when to close the records, how long to retain them, and their final disposition (destroy, transfer). Disposition instructions may be divided into two or more "Items" if retention needs vary.	Item a. Historically significant public affairs records  Permanent Close upon issuance or publication, or when superseded or inactive. Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.  Item b. Routine public affairs records  Disposable Close at end of activity or calendar year. Destroy 5 years after file closure.
Disposition Instructions for Electronic Information Systems	Electronic information systems may have separate disposition instructions for each component (e.g., software program, input, output, electronic data, documentation) of the system. If these items are not included in the disposition instructions, check the guidance section for additional information.	Permanent Transfer data annually to the National Archives as specified in 36 CFR 1228.270 or standards applicable at the time.
Guidance	Information that will assist in applying the schedule (e.g., alternate names of files, records that are excepted from coverage, related schedules).	Historically significant records – Includes records that meet one or more of the following criteria: established a precedent and resulted in a change in law, policy or procedure
Reasons for Disposition	This field tells NARA why EPA is recommending the disposition or the changes to a previously approved disposition. Why the records need to be kept, their value to the Agency, or other pertinent information is entered here. This	Records are required for enforcement and cost recovery support as mandated by statute and regulation.

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	field also includes information on the most recent changes made to the schedule.	
Custodians	This section identifies the holder(s) of the records. It includes the name of the program or region and sub-unit (office, division or branch), and the contact name and telephone.  If the records are maintained in multiple offices, it will read "Multiple units" only.	Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance  Contact: James Johnson  Telephone: 202-566-0000
Related Schedules	Relationships to other records are noted here. They can be in the same office or other offices, programs, etc. Examples of relationships might include input to another system or file, copies of reports submitted to (or received from) another office, or working papers that support a series of final reports.	EPA 1035, EPA 1036
Previous NARA Disposal Authority	Listed here are old schedule approval number(s), manual numbers, etc., previously applied to this item, that have been, or will be, superseded by this schedule.	NC1-412-85-24/2
Entry	This is the date the schedule was originally entered into the schedule system.	07/18/1991
EPA Approval	This is the date internal approval was completed. This date will not change unless the schedule is resubmitted to EPA programs due to major changes.	04/10/1992
NARA Approval	This is the date the Archivist of the United States signed the approved schedule. General Records Schedule (GRS) items show the date of the appropriate GRS.	05/15/1993

**Status:** Final, 04/30/2014

**Title:** Emissions Inventory System (EIS)

Program: Air

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-01-3

# **Description:**

The Emissions Inventory System (EIS) collects, stores, and distributes the National Emissions Inventory (NEI). It includes facility inventory data and criteria air pollutant and hazardous air pollutant emissions for point, nonpoint, mobile and event sources. The NEI is used for periodic assessment of emission trends, and is used for air quality modeling purposes. State, Local and Tribal emission inventories form the basis for the NEI, which also includes emissions data gathered from other sources. The public has access to emissions inventory data through a public Web site

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-01-3c

#### Permanent

• Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

Item e: (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Air Quality System (AQS) is scheduled as EPA 0496.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012 item a.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated guidance and contact information.

The following changes were made in the 12/31/2008 version:

• Revised the title and description of the schedule.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2008 version:

- Updated the name of the program office in disposition items a, c and e.
- Updated contact information.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item b.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed the disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised wording in disposition instructions for item d.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

On September 30, 2000, the AIRS Facility Subsystem (AFS) emissions inventory component was phased out and the NEI database serves as the single repository of emissions inventory data. Under N1-412-99-8, the National Archives approved emissions data from AFS as permanent. Replaces National Emissions Trends (NET) and National Toxics Inventory (NTI) databases.

Item f for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0496, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 03/16/2000

**EPA Approval:** 10/25/2000

**NARA Approval:** 03/14/2003

Status: Final, 07/31/2014

**Title:** Electronic Forms Systems

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 404 - Technology Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-02-7

# **Description:**

Electronic forms systems provide users with the capability to electronically create, route, track, and process a multitude of Agency-specific forms, as well as Government-wide standard forms. Includes WebForms and the external forms database. WebForms is designed to automate the core administrative functions of EPA. The external forms database is used to classify and track all external use forms to meet program and regulatory needs.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c(1)(a):** Electronic blank forms

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-7c(1)(a)

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or obsolete.

**Item c(1)(b):** Electronic completed forms

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-7c(1)(b)

- Disposable
- Delete after record copy captured in a recordkeeping system.

**Item c(2):** Forms database

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-7c(2)

Disposable

• Delete 6 months after completion of action.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Forms systems do not qualify as electronic recordkeeping systems. The record copy of forms must be printed and filed in the appropriate paper file or captured in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system (ECMS) after the last action is completed. Exception: The electronic leave forms submitted for approval via WebForms or similar electronic forms systems do not need to be printed or captured in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system (ECMS) and can be maintained electronically in the forms system according to the disposition instructions for schedule 1006, item b, with the exception of "mass approvals" which must be printed and filed or captured in the electronic recordkeeping system.

Forms development files are covered by schedule 1006, item b.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition, and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Revised guidance.

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2008 version:

- Revised the schedule title and description.
- Changed the title of disposition item c(2).
- Updated contact information.

#### **Custodians:**

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Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Collection

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 1006, EPA 1012

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 05/25/2000

**EPA Approval:** 02/08/2002

**NARA Approval:** 08/20/2002

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2015

Title: Nonrecords

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

**Function:** 0 - Nonrecord Materials

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• Not applicable

# **Description:**

Consists of nonrecord copies. Nonrecord materials are those Agency-owned informational materials that do not meet the statutory definition of records in 44 U.S.C. Section 3301 or that have been excluded from coverage by that definition.

Technical Reference Materials. Technical or general reference files which are maintained by individuals or program offices to enable the person or program office to perform its mission and which are kept only for reference. Collections may be on general environmental research topics or issues, the program mission, or management and administrative questions. Files or collections may consist of items such as technical publications, manuals, extra copies of issue papers, reports and studies originated by or for the program, information copies of studies and reports produced by other programs, journal articles, books, video tapes, photographs, vendor catalogs, electronic files, and other materials regardless of medium.

News Clippings. Clippings of news stories, which have no documentary or evidential value, from newspapers and other publications.

Convenience Copies. Extra copies of documents preserved only for convenience of reference. Includes information copies of correspondence, directives, and other documents on which no administrative or mission-related action is recorded or taken. Also includes copies other than the record copy where there is no recordkeeping requirement for multiple record copies.

Stocks of Forms, Publications, and Processed Documents. Extra copies of printed or processed materials for which complete record sets exist (such as current and superseded manuals, brochures, pamphlets, handbooks, posters, and maps) maintained inside or outside the office responsible for maintaining the record set.

Materials Not Appropriate for Preservation. Catalogs, trade journals, and other publications or documentary materials that are received from other government agencies, commercial firms, private institutions, or individuals and that require no action, are not part of a case on which action is taken, and are not essential to the business of the Agency or to the Agency's legal responsibilities.

Library or Museum Materials. Library or museum materials intended solely for reference or exhibit. Includes physical exhibits, artifacts, and other material objects lacking evidential value.

Working Papers and Drafts. Documents such as rough notes, calculations, or preliminary drafts which are assembled or created and used to prepare or analyze other documents and which meet all of the following criteria: (1) They were not circulated or made available to employees, other than the creator, for official purposes such as approval, comment, action, recommendation, follow up, or to communicate with Agency staff about Agency business; (2) They do not contain unique information, such as substantive annotations or comments included therein, that adds to a proper understanding of the Agency's formulation and execution of basic policies, decisions, actions, or responsibilities; (3) They are not needed for purposes of adequate and proper documentation of the decisionmaking process; and, (4) They are not described elsewhere under an Agency-wide or EPA organization-specific requirement to retain the documents for a specific period of time.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives. Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives and maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Nonrecord copy

- Disposable
- Close when obsolete, superseded or no longer needed for reference.
- Destroy immediately after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Determining record value - Consideration should be given to determining the record value of materials such as working papers, drafts, and notes which document an activity up to the point in time when those materials are created. Until a subsequent activity occurs which causes them to become superseded or obsolete, the materials could warrant record status and be appropriate for preservation. Designating materials as nonrecords in anticipation of their being superseded or obsolete, rather than at the point when they are actually superseded or obsolete, can be premature in some instances. When it is difficult to decide whether certain materials are records or nonrecords, they should be treated as records.

Records collected from abandoned sites (e.g., bankrupt companies, abandoned offices) by EPA as part of site investigations or other activities that are not necessary for the conduct of Agency

business and which have no informational value will be considered nonrecords. If regulated entities submit material, either accidentally or intentionally, that is not necessary for the conduct of Agency business, it will also be considered nonrecord material.

Access restrictions - Nonrecord materials should not contain any security classified or administratively controlled information.

Removal of nonrecords from the Agency - Nonrecord materials should not be removed from the Agency except with the Agency's approval.

Short-term documentary materials - Nonrecords, along with personal papers, and short-term records, comprise a broad category of materials that are not needed as part of the long-term documentation of Agency activities. Personal Papers are covered by EPA 0999. Examples of short-term records include transitory files such as suspense files and mailing list source records covered by schedule 1006, item d.

Convenience copies of records should be destroyed when the records are destroyed, or sooner if no longer needed for reference purposes.

Schedule change history - A number of program-specific reference files formerly listed individually have been incorporated into this general Agency-wide item. See Previous NARA Disposal Authority below for a list of superseded schedules. This schedule incorporates and replaces EPA 0733 - News Clippings. Copies of news clippings which have documentary or evidential value may be incorporated into other records series (e.g., Superfund site files), and are to be disposed of in accordance with the disposition instructions for the related series.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 07/31/2015 version:

 Added information about copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives to the Description.

The following change was made in the 02/28/2014 version:

• Updated cross references in guidance.

The following change was made in the 03/31/2008 version:

• Revised guidance to include records: (1) collected from abandoned sites and (2) submitted by regulated entities that are not necessary for the conduct of Agency business.

Nonrecord materials are identified in 44 U.S.C. Section 3301 and 36 CFR Section 1220.14. NARA guidance says: "Nonrecord materials should be destroyed when no longer needed for reference." NARA determined copies of news clippings are nonrecord materials as part of N1-412-96-2.

### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0999, EPA 1006

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-76-1/I/8, NC1-412-76-1/II/6, 7, 15, 16 and 19, NC1-412-76-1/III/27, NC1-412-76-4/17, NC1-412-76-7/15, NC1-412-76-8/24, NC1-421-76-9/33, NC1-412-76-15/5, NC1-412-77-1/28, NC1-412-77-5/16, NC1-412-78-2/6, NC1-412-78-3/8 and 13, NC1-412-82-7/24, NC1-412-83-5/7, NC1-412-85-4/9 and 11, NC1-412-85-6/31 and 45, NC1-412-85-12/9, NC1-412-85-17/20, NC1-412-85-18/6, 11, 12, 15, 20, NC1-412-85-19/6, NC1-412-85-20/9 and 13, NC1-412-85-22/16, NC1-412-85-23/8 and 13, NC1-412-85-24/16, N1-412-86-1/16, N1-412-86-3/24 and 27, N1-412-87-4/20, N1-412-87-5/7, N1-412-96-2

Entry: 03/25/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

NARA Approval: Not applicable

**Status:** Final, 04/30/2015

**Title:** Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS)

**Program:** Grants

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 205 - Federal Financial Assistance

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-33

### **Description:**

The Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) is an electronic system that automates grant and interagency processes. IGMS collects grant and fellowship application information, information supporting the decision to fund the grant or fellowship, commitment notice information, grant and fellowship award information, and grant reports. EPA collects the information in order to award grant funds or fellowships to applicants to accomplish research, develop or deliver training, or conduct other activities that will protect or improve public health or the environment. Grants and fellowships are awarded to state, local, tribal, educational, and nonprofit partners.

The following types of information are contained in the system: acquisition/assistance (e.g., funding vehicle, business partner); financial (e.g., obligation and commitments, funds management, program information; planning and performance information); and human assets (e.g., business and contact information).

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data - Superfund site-specific

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Grants Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-33c

- Disposable
- Destroy 30 years after grant closeout.

**Item d:** Electronic data - waste water construction and state revolving fund grants

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Grants Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-33d

- Disposable
- Destroy 20 years after grant closeout.

**Item e:** Electronic data - other than Superfund site-specific, waste water construction, and state revolving fund grants

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Grants Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-33e

- Disposable
- Destroy 10 years after grant closeout.

Item f: (Reserved)

Item g: (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Superfund site-specific grants and other program support agreements are scheduled as EPA 0001; waste water construction and state revolving fund grants as EPA 0232; and all other grants as EPA 0003. The Grants Information and Control System (GICS) is scheduled as EPA 0575.

Digital signatures are maintained for the same retention period as the related electronic data.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition, and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of input and reports, formerly item f, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later date.

System documentation - Supporting or system documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item g, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2015 version:

- Deleted items a, b, f and g which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated guidance and contact information.

The following change was made in the 11/07/2006 version:

• Renumbered items e-h as d-g.

The following changes were made in the 09/07/2006 version:

• Deleted item d for electronic data and supporting documentation for Tribal records.

IGMS provides an all-electronic process for grants from development of the grant guidance through the award and closeout. The system replaces the Grants Information and Control System (GICS), with the exception of the Office of Water's construction grants data. GICS was

previously appraised as N1-412-00-4. The system provides information to grant applicants, grantees, and the public. The proposed retention meets all audit and litigation documentation needs.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Grants Administration Division

Contact: William EtheridgeTelephone: 202-564-5353

### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0575, EPA 1003, EPA 1012, EPA 1036

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

**Entry:** 05/15/2000

**EPA Approval:** 11/13/2006

**NARA Approval:** 12/16/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Individual Non-Occupational Health Record Files

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/19

# **Description:**

Includes forms, correspondence, and other records, including summary records, documenting an individual employee's medical history, physical condition, and visits to government health facilities, for nonwork-related purposes.

Excludes: Records contained in the Employee Medical Folder (EMF) (EPA 0566).

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/19

- Disposable
- Destroy 6 years after date of last entry.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are

covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Employee medical folders are scheduled as EPA 0566. See EPA 0023 - Health Unit Control Files for logs or registers of visits to dispensaries, first aid rooms, and other types of health units.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 19.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0023, EPA 0566

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 01/06/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Health Unit Control Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/20

# **Description:**

Includes logs or registers reflecting daily number of visits to dispensaries, first aid rooms, and health units.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** If information is summarized on statistical report

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/20a

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 months after last entry.

**Item b:** If information is not summarized

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/20b

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after last entry.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the

electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Employee medical folders are scheduled as EPA 0566. See EPA 0016 for individual non-occupational health records.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 20.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0016, EPA 0566

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 01/06/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Handicapped Individuals Appointment Case Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/40

# **Description:**

Consists of case files containing position title and description; fully executed SF 171; medical examiner's report; a brief statement explaining accommodation of impairment; and other documents related to previous appointment, certification, and/or acceptance or refusal.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/40

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years following the date of approval or disapproval of each case.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 40.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

None

Entry: 01/06/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2015

**Title:** Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)

**Program:** Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-05-5

### **Description:**

The Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) is the core information management system supporting the enforcement and compliance operations of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). In addition, ICIS has replaced several older legacy programmatic systems, including the Permit Compliance System (PCS) which supported the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, and the Air Facility System (AFS) which supported the Clean Air Act (CAA) Stationary Source program. ICIS is used for tracking federal enforcement and compliance, CAA, and NPDES activities performed by the EPA headquarters, regional offices, states, and local agency offices. Selected information in ICIS is made available to the public through the Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) system. It also includes information on Tribal lands where enforcement activities may occur.

Data in the system includes detailed facility information and compliance activities such as compliance monitoring, compliance determination, deficiencies, incident descriptions, and enforcement descriptions. Incident descriptions include required notifications and citizen tips or complaints, enforcement actions, and reports. Enforcement descriptions include case initiations, settlement information, benefits, and follow-up activities resulting from the enforcement action. Additional information for the NPDES program includes: Permit data, Effluent Limits, and Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data. Additional information for the CAA program includes: Stack Tests, Title V Annual Compliance Certifications, Compliance Monitoring Strategy, and Alleged Violation Files. The NPDES and CAA information is entered by state and local agencies as well as by EPA. Data is entered by EPA headquarters and regional office attorneys and engineers from paper legal documents, the Case Conclusion Data Sheets, and inspection reports. Much of the information from state and local agencies is submitted electronically from external systems using standardized formats via the Exchange Network and EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX). ICIS also includes extensive reporting capabilities to

extract and display the desired information. Some regulated entites submit electronic data to ICIS via the EPA CDX on an as-needed basis according to their permit requirements.

Certain data within ICIS are made available to other EPA systems, including the Facility Registry System (FRS) and ECHO, which are scheduled separately.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Targeting and Data Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-5c

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives after each major version change, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

Item e: (Reserved)

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012 item a.

Site-specific enforcement actions are covered by schedule 1036; and the remainder of enforcement and compliance actions are covered by schedule 1044. CDX is covered by schedule 0097.

ICIS has replaced the Enforcement Docket System covered by schedule 0089, the Permit Compliance System (PCS), previously scheduled as 0419, and the Air Facility System (AFS) previously scheduled as 0743. It also replaces the enforcement and compliance components in the following systems:

- Schedule 0257 National RCRA Information System (RCRAInfo) (Replaced schedule 252 Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS))
- Schedule 0413 SDWIS/Operational Data System (SDWIS/ODS) (Formerly the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS))
- Schedule 0496 Air Quality System (AQS) (Formerly the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS))

FRS is covered by schedule 0096.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2015 version:

Revised description and guidance.

• Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2015 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated guidance and contact information.

The following change was made in the 11/30/2009 version:

• Revised the description.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2009 version:

- Added applicability statement to items a, c and e.
- Revised wording of disposition instructions for item a and b.
- Revised title of item e.
- Updated cross references.

NARA has determined that ICIS data has sufficient research value to warrant permanent retention.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Targeting and Data Division

Contact: Glendora SpinelliTelephone: 202-564-5042

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0089, EPA 0096, EPA 0097, EPA 0257, EPA 0413, EPA 0496, EPA 1012, EPA 1036, EPA 1044

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-08-10

Entry: 05/04/2001

**EPA Approval:** 11/01/2004

**NARA Approval:** 07/18/2005

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Annual Reports

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-2/1

# **Description:**

Consists of the report to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) describing FOIA requests received and handled by the Agency. The report must be completed within four months after the end of each fiscal year and is compiled from information submitted by headquarters and regional FOI offices. The report is addressed to the DOJ Office of Information and Privacy and also made available to the public through the EPA FOIA and DOJ Web sites. The report includes the number of requests received, the number, reason for denial and appeal determinations, confidential business information determinations, disciplinary actions, Agency rules and regulations, amount of fees collected and fee schedule, administrative costs, compliance with time limitations information, and court actions.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a(1): Record copy - Nonelectronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-2/1a(1)

- Permanent
- Close inactive records after report submission.
- Transfer to the National Archives 20 years after file closure.

Item a(2): Record copy - Electronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-2/1a(2)

- Permanent
- Close inactive records after report submission.

• Transfer to the National Archives 5 years after file closure, with any related documentation and external finding aids, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item a(3):** Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-2/1a(3)

- Disposable
- Close file upon transfer to the National Archives.
- Delete after electronic record copy is successfully transferred to the National Archives.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The FOI office in the Office of Environmental Information is responsible for maintaining the record copy according to disposition instructions. All other offices may destroy their copies when no longer needed.

FOIA requests files are scheduled as EPA 0030. See EPA 0031 for FOIA administrative files and reports, EPA 0032 for FOIA appeals, and EPA 0033 for FOIA control files. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking System is scheduled as EPA 0263.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

The following changes were made in the 02/29/2008 version:

- Divided item a into three subitems, a(1)-(3).
- Revised the titles of disposition items a(1)-(3).
- Revised the disposition instruction for item a(3).

The following items were deleted 08/14/2006:

- Item b All other copies was deleted as nonrecords.
- Item c Electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch

Contact: Larry GottesmanTelephone: 202-566-2162

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0030, EPA 0031, EPA 0032, EPA 0033, EPA 0263

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-95-7/4

**Entry:** 10/25/1994

**EPA Approval:** 09/18/2006

**NARA Approval:** 01/26/2007

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests Files

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

General Records Schedule 14/11

# **Description:**

Files created in response to requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), consisting of the original request, a copy of the reply thereto, and all related supporting files which may include the original file copy of requested record or copy thereof.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** Granting access to all the requested records

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of the records requested if filed herein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after date of reply.

Item a(2)(a): Non-existent records, inadequate description, or failure to pay reproduction fees, and request not appealed

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of the records requested if filed herein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/11a(2)(a)

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after date of reply.

**Item a(2)(b):** Non-existent records, inadequate description, or failure to pay reproduction fees, and request appealed

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of the records requested if filed herein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/11a(2)(b)

- Disposable
- See disposition instructions for EPA 032 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeals Files.

Item a(3)(a): Denials, full or partial, and request not appealed

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of the records requested if filed herein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/11a(3)(a)

- Disposable
- Destroy 6 years after date of reply.

Item a(3)(b): Denials, full or partial, and request appealed

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of the records requested if filed herein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/11a(3)(b)

- Disposable
- See disposition instructions for EPA 032 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeals Files.

**Item b:** Official file copy of requested records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/11b

- Disposable
- Dispose of in accordance with the approved Agency disposition instructions for the related records, or with the related FOIA request, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in

accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

FOIA Control Files are scheduled as EPA 0033 and the FOIA Administrative Files and Reports as EPA 0031. Headquarters and Regional Program offices (also called action offices) are responsible for maintaining the records covered in this schedule.

See EPA 0309 for public inquiries that are not formal FOIA requests, EPA 0263 for the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking System, and EPA 0029 for FOIA Annual Reports.

See EPA 1550 - Freedom of Information Act Manual for additional information on the Agency's FOIA policies and procedures.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Retention conforms to the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 11.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0029, EPA 0031, EPA 0032, EPA 0033, EPA 0263, EPA 0309

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-2/4, NC1-412-85-3/6, NC1-412-85-4/6, NC1-412-85-5/8, NC1-412-85-6/6, NC1-412-85-8/4, NC1-412-85-10/6, NC1-412-85-11/8, 10 and 11, NC1-412-85-12/7, NC1-412-85-13/6, NC1-412-85-14/6, NC1-412-85-15/10, NC1-412-85-16/6, NC1-412-85-19/14, NC1-412-85-16/6, NC1-412-85-16/6,

85-22/23, NC1-412-85-24/47, NC1-412-85-26/I/3, NC1-412-85-27/I/3, NC1-412-85-28/22, N1-412-86-1/6, N1-412-86-2/7, N1-412-86-3/6, N1-412-87-2/6, N1-412-87-4/6, N1-412-87-5/6

**Entry:** 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Administrative Files and Reports

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/15 (Item a)

• General Records Schedule 14/14 (Item b)

## **Description:**

Records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Excludes: annual reports to the Department of Justice at the departmental or Agency level scheduled as EPA 0029.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Administrative files

Includes notices, memoranda, routine correspondence, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/15

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item b:** Reports

Includes recurring reports and one-time information requirements relating to implementation of FOIA.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/14

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

FOIA Requests Files are scheduled as EPA 0030. See EPA 0032 for FOIA appeals and EPA 0033 for FOIA control files. EPA 0263 covers the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking System and EPA 0029 covers FOIA Annual Reports. See EPA 0309 for public inquiries that are not formal FOIA requests.

See EPA 1550 - Freedom of Information Act Manual for additional information on the Agency's FOIA policies and procedures.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Retention conforms to NARA General Records Schedule 14, items 14, 15 and 37.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0029, EPA 0030, EPA 0032, EPA 0033, EPA 0263, EPA 0309

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 08/01/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeals Files

**Program:** General Counsel

Applicability: Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/12

# **Description:**

Files created in responding to administrative appeals under the FOIA for release of information denied by the Agency, consisting of the appellant's letter, a copy of the reply thereto, and related supporting documents, which may include the official file copy of records under appeal or copy thereof.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Correspondence and supporting documents

Excludes the file copy of the records under appeal if filed herein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/12a

#### Disposable

• Destroy 6 years after the final determination by the Agency, or 6 years after the time at which a requester could file suit, or 3 years after final adjudication by the court, whichever is later.

## **Item b:** Records under appeal

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/12b

- Varies
- Dispose of in accordance with approved disposition instructions for the related record or with the related FOIA request, whichever is later.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

EPA 0030 covers FOIA Requests Files. See EPA 0033 for FOIA Control Files and EPA 0031 for FOIA Administrative Files and Reports. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking System is scheduled as EPA 0263 and FOIA Annual Reports as EPA 0029.

The official copy of the records requested should be disposed of in accordance with the approved Agency disposition instructions for that category of record, or with the related FOIA request, whichever is later.

See EPA 1550 - Freedom of Information Act Manual, Chapter 10, for additional information on FOIA appeals.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Retention conforms to the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 12.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0029, EPA 0030, EPA 0031, EPA 0033, EPA 0263

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-84-2/6c

**Entry:** 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Control Files

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/13

# **Description:**

Files maintained for control purposes in responding to requests, including registers and similar records listing date, nature, and purpose of request and name and address of requester.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Registers or listings

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/13a

- Disposable
- Destroy 6 years after date of last entry.

**Item b:** Other files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/13b

- Disposable
- Destroy 6 years after final action or after final adjudication by courts, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the

electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The retention applies only to the control records maintained by Headquarters and Regional FOIA Officers. Records maintained by other offices should be disposed of in accordance with disposition instructions for related records covered in EPA 0030 - FOIA Requests Files.

FOIA requests are covered in EPA 0030 and appeals are scheduled as EPA 0032, FOIA Annual Reports as EPA 0029, and FOIA Administrative Files and Reports as EPA 0031. See EPA 0263 for the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking System and EPA 0309 for public inquiries that are not formal FOIA requests.

See EPA 1550 - Freedom of Information Act Manual for additional information on the Agency's FOIA policies and procedures.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Retention conforms to NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 13.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0029, EPA 0030, EPA 0031, EPA 0032, EPA 0263, EPA 0309

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-11/9, N1-412-86-2/8

Entry: 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Financial Disclosure Reporting Files

**Program:** Ethics

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/2

# **Description:**

Includes financial disclosure reports submitted by individuals as required or authorized under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-521), as amended, and related records, including records of late filing fee payments or requests for public reporting waivers of late filing fees and responses; comment sheets by report reviewers and filer responses; filing extension requests and determinations; and copies of applications for public release of financial disclosure report.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** SF 278 reports and related records for individuals not subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate or elected

Includes Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports (SF 278) filed in accordance with Section 101(b) or (c) of the Act.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/2a(1)

### Disposable

• Destroy 1 year after nominee or candidate ceases to be under consideration for the position; except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation.

Item a(2): All other SF 278s and related records

Includes Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports (SF 278).

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/2a(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 years old; except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation.

**Item b(1):** OGE Form 450s and related records for individuals not subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate

Includes Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports (OGE Form 450) and Confidential Certificates of No New Interests (OGE Optional Form 450-A).

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/2b(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after nominee ceases to be under consideration for the position; except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation.

**Item b(2):** All other OGE Form 450s and OGE Optional Form 450-As and related records

Includes Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports (OGE Form 450) and Confidential Certificates of No New Interests (OGE Optional Form 450-A).

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/2b(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 years old; except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation.

**Item c(1):** Alternative or additional financial disclosure reports and related records for individuals not subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/2c(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after nominee ceases to be under consideration for the position; except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation.

Item c(2): All other alternative or additional financial disclosure reports and related records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/2c(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 years old; except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Public Financial Disclosure Reports (SF-278), covered by items a(1) and (2), are maintained by the Office of General Counsel (OGC). Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports (OGE Form 450) and Confidential Certificates of No New Interests (OGE Optional Form 450-A), covered by items b(1) and (2), are maintained by Deputy Ethics Officials.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to General Records Schedule 25, item 2.

Item d for electronic mail and word processing copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of General Counsel

Contact: Justina FughTelephone: 202-564-1786

## **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 11/10/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Alternate Worksite Records

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/42

# **Description:**

Includes records related to requests or applications to participate in an alternate worksite program, known at EPA as "Flexiplace." Also includes agreements between EPA and the employee; records relating to the safety of the worksite, the installation and use of equipment, hardware, and software, and the use of secure, classified information or data subject to the Privacy Act.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Approved requests or applications

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/42a

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after end of employee's participation in the program.

**Item b:** Unapproved requests

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/42b

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after request is rejected.

**Item c:** Alternative worksite program evaluations

Includes forms and other records generated by the agency or the participating employee.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/42c

- Disposable
- Destroy when 1 year old, or when no longer needed, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 42.

Item d for electronic mail and word processing copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 01/06/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 04/30/2015

**Title:** Clean Air Markets Division Business System (CAMDBS)

**Program:** Air

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-05-8

## **Description:**

The Clean Air Markets Division Business System (CAMDBS) is a set of interrelated systems operating against a single integrated database in the market-based emissions trading program, i.e., the Acid Rain Program and the SIP Call/126 program for ozone transport. It allows regulated entities to perform various reporting tasks directly online. CAMDBS streamlines certain business functions which were previously distributed redundantly in a variety of legacy systems. One of the main subsystems of CAMDBS is the Source Management System (SMS) which consolidates the numerous separate systems into a single inventory of related information. Other subsystems include: Allowance Management System (AMS); Emissions Collection and Monitoring Plan System (ECMPS), Compliance and Permit Tracking System (CPTS), and CAMD System Administration (CSA).

CAMDBS replaces the following paper forms: allowance transfer form, submission of forms identifying responsible parties, annual compliance forms, retired unit exemption forms and new unit exemption forms. It also replaces the following legacy systems: the Allowance Tracking System (ATS), the Emissions Tracking System (ETS), and the NOx Allowance Tracking System (NATS).

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data - source management data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-8c

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives annually, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

Item d: Electronic data - allowance tracking data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-8d

### Disposable

• At the end of each major version change, transfer current data sets to tape, along with tape specifications and send to NTSD. Delete 20 years after transfer.

Item e: Electronic data - emissions tracking data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-8e

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives annually, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

Item f: (Reserved)

**Item g:** (Reserved)

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Allowance Tracking System has been expanded to include nitrogen oxides (NOx) allowances issued under the NOx Budget Program, and for that program's use, it is called the NOx Allowance Tracking System (NATS).

Once a year, ETS summarized emissions data is transferred to the Emissions Inventory System (EIS) which is scheduled as EPA 0002.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input for the system, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item f, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, formerly item g, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item a for permanent data and item e for disposable data.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2015 version:

• Updated cross references in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 01/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, f, and g which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated guidance and contact information.

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2009 version:

- Revised wording of disposition instructions for items a, f and g.
- Revised title of disposition item g.

CAMDBS migrates two major legacy systems, the Allowance Tracking System (ATS) (N1-412-99-10/1) and the Emissions Tracking System (ETS) (N1-412-99-10/2) to a new, more open architecture permitting total electronic reporting. The retentions for the data in those two systems remain as previously approved.

# **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Clean Air Markets Division

Contact: Paula BranchTelephone: 202-343-9168

# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0002, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-99-10/1 and 2

**Entry:** 05/24/2004

**EPA Approval:** 04/11/2005

**NARA Approval:** 11/01/2005

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Purchase Card System

**Program:** Procurement

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 405 - Supply Chain Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-06-20

## **Description:**

The Purchase Card system is a relational database which serves as a central database for tracking purchases. The system expedites the acquisition of essential supplies and services and streamlines payment procedures. Input to the system is electronic data from the contractor bank or the EPA Intranet Purchase Card Cost Allocation System. Types of data includes accounting data associated with each purchase, payment processing, and obligation of funds. The system generates a variety of management reports.

The system links with the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) which is scheduled as EPA 0054.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-20a

## Disposable

• Keep for the length of time necessary to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period, then delete when superseded or obsolete.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-20b

- Disposable
- Delete when data has been entered into the database and verified.

**Item c:** Electronic data - except Superfund site-specific

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-20c

- Disposable
- Delete 10 years after final payment.

Item d: Electronic data - Superfund site-specific

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-20d

- Disposable
- Delete 30 years after final payment.

**Item e:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item f:** Supporting documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-20f

- Disposable
- Keep for the length of time necessary to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period, then delete when superseded or obsolete.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Cardholder recordkeeping requirements can be found in the EPA Contracts Management Manual, Section 13.3.

Purchase card records are covered by the Privacy Act System #GSA/GOVT-6.

Accountable Officers' Files are scheduled as EPA 0278. Cost recovery records for Superfund and Oil are covered by EPA 0024 and the Superfund Cost Recovery Package Imaging and On-Line System (SCORPIOS) is covered by EPA 0052.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

This is the primary system used to track simplified acquisitions and provides management with reports and an audit trail. The 30-year retention for Superfund site-specific data is consistent with other records related to cost recovery. The 10-year retention for other data is based on the recommendation of the Office of Inspector General to accommodate any potential civil false claims actions filed under 31 USC 3731.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Financial Services Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0024, EPA 0052, EPA 0054, EPA 0278

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 11/16/2004

**EPA Approval:** 03/09/2006

# **NARA Approval:** 06/10/2006

**Status:** Final, 01/31/2014

**Title:** System for Risk Management Plans (SRMP)

**Program:** Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-05-2

# **Description:**

The System for Risk Management Plans (SRMP) is a suite of electronic systems containing information relating to risk management plans submitted by facilities in accordance with the Clean Air Act, Section 112(r). Affected facilities are to develop risk management programs which will prevent and minimize consequences of accidental releases of certain hazardous chemicals that could harm public health and the environment.

Facilities submit risk management plans (RMPs) every five years, or more frequently per 40 CFR Part 68. RMPs consist of the submitter's registration; an executive summary providing a description of the submitter's activities as they relate to covered processes and program elements; graphics files that supplement required textual information; and data elements that address compliance with each of the rule elements.

RMPs are received at EPA's reporting center and additional, processing-related data are added to each. Parts of the RMPs are then made available via a public access system on the Internet. (After September 11, 2001, the site is temporarily unavailable; portions of RMPs are available to the public on request.) Complete RMPs are also available through a system for implementing agencies and other public local, federal and state officials, as required by the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security, and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (CSISSFRRA) and its rule.

The SRMP is comprised of the following components: RMP\*Submit enables facilities to input their RMPs and output them in a common, standard, non-proprietary format.

RC\*Submit is used by the reporting center for entering RMPs that are submitted in paper format.

RMP\*Process enables the reporting center to capture the RMPs (electronic and paper); check for completeness; store plans, graphics and reports prior to uploading to a database; add additional data (including a Facility ID); and print reports.

RMP\*Maintain stores the RMPs, graphics, error reports, and selected tracking information and allow for the preparation of notification letters.

RMP\*Info provides access by EPA and the public to non-sensitive RMP data, including the processing data added at the reporting center. As noted above, this system is temporarily unavailable on the Internet for security reasons.

RMP\*Review enables covered persons to analyze complete RMPs including the processing data added at the reporting center and audit and user-defined-field data that they enter. Non-covered persons can use RMP\*Review with the sensitive data omitted.

The RMPs as originally submitted to EPA, and records for carrying out the RMP program by the implementing agencies are scheduled separately.

Output and reports from the System are used by EPA, other federal agencies, states and local government officials, including emergency personnel; industry; academia; the media; and the public. EPA uses the data for risk assessment, compliance, emergency response, analysis of national trends in accident prevention and chemical process safety, vulnerability analysis, and related activities. Other federal agencies, as well as state and local governments, have turned to the data base for counterterrorism analysis and other activities.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2a

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or obsolete.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2b

- Disposable
- Delete when data have been entered into the SRMP and verified.

**Item c:** Electronic data (RMP\*Maintain) Executive Summary

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2c

- Permanent
- Close file every 15 years on June 20th, starting in 2014.
- Transfer the data to the National Archives after file closure, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

# Item d: (RMP\*Maintain) Data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2d

- Permanent
- Close file every 15 years on June 20th, starting in 2014.
- Transfer data to the National Archives after file closure, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

Item e: (RMP\*Maintain) Graphics

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2e

- Disposable
- Close file every 15 years on June 20th, starting in 2014.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item f:** (RMP\*Review) Audit and User-Defined Data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2f

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Delete 7 years after file closure.

**Item g:** All other data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2g

- Disposable
- Close file when superseded.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item h:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- File with related records. Follow instructions for related records or EPA 0175 Print Files, whichever has the longer retention.

**Item i:** System documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-2i

• Permanent

- Close file every 15 years on June 20th, starting in 2014.
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. This documentation is transferred along with the transfer of the electronic data (subitems c and d).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII), offsite consequence analysis (OCA)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

OSWER headquarters, through the reporting center, is responsible for the original, submitted RMPs and data in the central system (RC\*Submit, RMP\*Process, RMP\*Maintain, RMP\*Info) as well as the record copy of all software and software documentation, but the implementing agencies will manage the records they use for implementing the program, etc. The original RMPs, and the RMP implementation-related records managed by the implementing agencies are all covered by EPA 0044. By default, regions are the RMP implementing agencies.

States can choose to take delegation of this program, and if so, they become the implementing agency. If the state is the implementing agency, they are responsible for the program records. Records related to EPA oversight of the state program are covered in EPA 0203.

Data that has been transferred to NARA may be deleted annually at the end of the fiscal year, so that only the most recent 15 years of data are retained.

RMP software, software documentation, and lookup files, etc., delivered to EPA as a deliverable are also covered by EPA 0258, item b. Although they do not have to kept under this schedule, they do need to be kept temporarily as directed by EPA 0258b.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 01/31/2014 version:

• Revised function code.

The following change was made in the 11/30/2009 version:

• Revised title of disposition item i.

SRMP is a vehicle for facilities to submit RMPs to the implementing agency and also serves as a national repository of data on hazard assessments. Data will be available to the public through the EnviroFacts system (EPA 0098) on the EPA Internet site. The system is temporarily unavailable on the Internet for security reasons; however, the data are available on request. The system also supports EPA's regulatory and enforcement activities.

In 1997, a work group representing the RMP program's various stakeholders determined that the system should maintain RMPs on-line for 15 years. June 20th is the anniversary date for the first submission of RMPs in 1999.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Emergency Management

Contact: Margaret GerardinTelephone: 202-564-2491

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0044, EPA 0098, EPA 0175, EPA 0203, EPA 0258

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 03/17/1997

**EPA Approval:** 09/15/2004

**NARA Approval:** 02/09/2005

**Status:** Final, 03/31/2015

Title: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Files Related to Employee Relations

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/27

# **Description:**

Consists of alternative dispute resolution files related to workplace grievances and discrimination complaints. Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) is any procedure, conducted by a neutral third party, that is used to resolve issues in controversy, including, but not limited to, conciliation, facilitation, mediation, fact finding, minitrials, arbitration and use of ombuds. The records covered by this schedule relate to techniques and processes used in EPA's ADR program in resolving disputes with or between its own employees.

Includes general files containing general correspondence and copies of statutes, regulations, meeting minutes, reports, statistical tabulations, evaluations of the ADR program, and other records relating to EPA's overall ADR program.

Also includes case files documenting ADR proceedings. These files may include an agreement to use ADR, documentation of the settlement or discontinuance of the ADR case, parties' written evaluations of the process and/or the neutral third party mediator, and related correspondence.

Excludes: 1) Administrative grievance files, adverse action files; 2) Formal and informal equal employment opportunity proceedings, traditional EEO counseling or other records included in the EEO file when a person chooses to go directly to ADR, or private party claims or EEOC's involvement with federal sector claims of non-EEOC employees against other federal agencies; and 3) Use of ADR in matters affecting public health and the environment which are scheduled separately.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: General files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/27a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at end of calendar year.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### Item b: Case files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/27b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records after settlement is implemented or case is discontinued.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See schedule 0564 for administrative grievance, disciplinary and adverse action files; schedule 0541 for equal employment opportunity (EEO) records; and schedule 1025 for environmental ADR program case files.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 03/31/2015 version:

Revised guidance and cross references.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2009 version:

Revised schedule title.

- Revised exclusions in description.
- Updated guidance and cross references.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 27.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Multiple units

# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0541, EPA 0564, EPA 1025

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 01/06/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 10/31/2014

**Title:** Superfund Cost Recovery Package Imaging and On-Line System (SCORPIOS)

Program: Superfund

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 402 - Financial Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0001

## **Description:**

SCORPIOS (Superfund Cost Recovery Package Imaging and On-Line System) was formerly known as STARS (Superfund Transaction Automated Retrieval System) and SCRIPS (Superfund Cost Recovery Image Processing System). Through the use of image processing technology, SCORPIOS facilitates the storage and retrieval of all site-specific Superfund cost documentation. Input records include timesheets, travel vouchers, miscellaneous expenditures, contract invoices, IAG payments, and other supporting cost documentation. This application is used to generate the financial documentation for the cost recovery package.

SCORPIOS captures financial documentation images at Regional and field sites (i.e., Washington, Cincinnati, RTP) throughout the country. Initially, all those images were stored centrally at EPA's National Computer Center (NCC) data processing facility. The system has been decentralized into each of the Regions.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0001

- Disposable
- Close when information when superseded, has been transferred to other storage media, or is no longer necessary for the generation of cost recovery packages.
- Destroy or recycle electronic data and related indexes 1 year after closure.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition, and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Related records - Superfund site-specific records are covered by schedule 1036.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2014 version:

- Updated NARA disposal authority.
- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated disposition instructions.
- Revised guidance.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2010 version:

- Removed statement that items a, c and e were to be used only by the headquarters OCFO because there are older versions in the regional offices.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Item c conforms to GRS 6, item 1 per NARA's appraisal, as part of N1-412-94-3. Items a and e conform to GRS 20, items 10 and 11, respectively.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Technology Solutions

Contact: William AmperTelephone: 202-564-4987

#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 1036** 

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 05/14/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 10/00/2014

**Status:** Final, 04/30/2014

**Title:** Compass Financials (Compass)

Program: Financial Management

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 402 - Financial Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-94-2/6

# **Description:**

Compass Financials (Compass) is the replacement system for the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS).

Compass is comprised of several subsystems: Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Automated Disbursements, Budget Execution, Fixed Assets, General Ledger, Purchasing, Travel, External Reports, Project Cost Accounting, General Systems, System Administration, Barch Execution, BIRT Reporting, Momentum Asset Management (Maximo), and Payment Tracking System (PTS).

Compass interfaces with the following systems: Budget Formulation System, Bankcard Payment System, Contract Payment System, eBusiness System, EPA Acquisiton System, Fellowship Payment System, Integrated Grants Management System, GovTrip, Interagency Document Online Tracking System, Integrated Resource Management System, Maximo Property Management, PeoplePlus Payroll, Property Inventory Update, Small Payment Information, Tracking System and Web Based Ordering System. Compass Data Warehouse and Compass Business Objects Reporting are part of Compass Financials and supplement reporting capabilities of the core Compass financial system.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Technology Solutions at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-2/6c

## Disposable

Maintain individual records 6 years and 3 months after final payment, then delete when
no longer needed unless related to the Superfund program cost recovery efforts (see
Agency-wide Guidance).

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The predecessor system, the Integrated Financial Management System, is no longer active.

Records related to Superfund cost recovery are to be retained according to the disposition instructions for schedule 1036, item c.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2014 version:

- Added Payment Tracking System to the schedule description.
- Updated cross references in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2013 version:

- Revised the schedule title and description.
- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Revised guidance.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item b.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed the disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title and disposition instructions for item e.

Records must be kept for cost recovery and audit purposes.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Technology Solutions

Contact: Heidi GrossTelephone: 202-564-6270

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 1012, EPA 1036

# Previous NARA Disposal Authority:

**Entry:** 05/14/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 11/27/1996

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Contracts Management Systems

**Program:** Procurement

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 405 - Supply Chain Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-11

## **Description:**

The electronic contracts management systems, currently known as the EPA Acquisition System (EAS), provide comprehensive procurement and contract management life-cycle support from acquisition initiation through contract closeout. They interface with other EPA systems to successfully utilize their capabilities. The systems produce solicitations, contracts, contract modifications, work orders and tasking documents.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Acquisition Management is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-11a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## Item b: Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c(1):** Electronic data - except Superfund site-specific

The Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Acquisition Management is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-11c(1)

- Disposable
- Delete 6 years and 3 months after contract closeout.

**Item c(2):** (Reserved)

**Item c(3):** Electronic data - Superfund site-specific

The Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Acquisition Management is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-11c(3)

- Disposable
- Delete 30 years after contract closeout.

**Item d(1):** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item d(2):** System usage reports

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-11d(2)

- Disposable
- Delete when no longer needed.

Item e: Systems documentation

The Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Acquisition Management is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See EPA 0020 Superfund site-specific contract records and EPA 0202 for contracts for programs other than Superfund site-specific. The systems currently interface with the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS), scheduled as EPA 0054.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 09/30/2011 version:

• Updated the description.

The following change was made in the 03/31/2009 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item c(1) and deleted item c(2) to make them consistent with other contract management records.

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item e.
- Revised reasons for disposition.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of the schedule.
- Revised description.
- Revised applicability of disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised disposition instructions for items b and c.
- Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed the disposition instructions for item b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title and disposition instructions for item e.

This schedule was previously approved by NARA as N1-412-94-2/7 for the Integrated Contracts Management System (ICMS). The disposition item for electronic data has been divided into three subitems and the retention is consistent with other related contract records.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Acquisition Management

Contact: Sylvia Danley-SmithTelephone: 202-564-4753

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0020, EPA 0054, EPA 0171, EPA 0202, EPA 0304

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-94-2/7

Entry: 05/14/1992

**EPA Approval:** 06/23/2009

**NARA Approval:** 08/07/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Environmental Review Tracking System (ERP/ERTS)

**Program:** Federal Activities

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-94-2/9

# **Description:**

The Environmental Review Tracking System is a central data repository for Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The system data, initially extracted from the EIS, tracks such information as the title of the EIS, date filed, and date review comments are due back to the Agency. The Council on Environmental Quality requires the Agency to maintain the system and publish weekly a notice of available EIS's in the Federal Register. Under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to review all EIS's and other designated Federal actions and to publish in the Federal Register any project determined to be environmentally unsatisfactory. The system is a relatively simple data entry and retrieval application.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Federal Activities, NEPA Compliance Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-2/9a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Federal Activities, NEPA Compliance Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-2/9c

- Disposable
- Close at end of fiscal year.
- Delete 3 years after file closure.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Federal Activities, NEPA Compliance Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

## **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) preparation files are scheduled as EPA 0134 and 309 review and comments files as EPA 0135.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item b.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed disposition instructions for items a, b, c and e.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Changed title and disposition instructions of item e.
- Updated contact information.

Records used to track high-level information regarding permanent EIS records are scheduled separately.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Federal Activities, NEPA Compliance Division

Contact: Pearl E. YoungTelephone: 202-564-1399

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0134, EPA 0135, EPA 0171, EPA 0304

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 05/21/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 11/27/1996

Status: Final, 01/31/2014

**Title:** Continuous Release Emergency Response Notification System (CR-ERNS)

Program: Superfund

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-94-3/11

## **Description:**

CR-ERNS is an information system that serves as the central depository for all continuous release information received by the EPA Regions. The national data base is housed at the Transportation Systems Center (TSC) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. CR-ERNS is currently installed in all ten EPA Regions. The system is specifically designed to help EPA Regional personnel manage continuous release information and establish priorities with respect to the review and evaluation of continuous release reports. The kinds of information collected include the source of the continuous release, the environmental medium affected, certain ecological and population density information, and a brief statement describing the basis for asserting that the release is continuous and stable in quantity and rate.

A key feature contained in each Regional system is a screening level risk assessment model, called the Priority Assessment Model (PAM). PAM assists Regional personnel in the evaluation of the long-term (i.e., chronic) threat posed by a continuous release. CR-ERNS supports the Emergency Response Program.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** CR-ERNS electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-3/11a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-54/5a

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0091 CERCLA 103 Notifications.

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-3/11c

- Permanent
- Transfer data to the National Archives in 1996, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Thereafter, transfer each major version change the year when the version is superseded or discontinued.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-3/11e

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives in 1996 as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

CR-ERNS is under the control of the Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (OERR) in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). OSWER/OERR staff are directly responsible for implementing the disposition according to series items a, c, and e.

All paper copies of initial input records, under item b, held or produced in EPA Regional Hazardous Waste Management offices should be dispositioned according to the instructions for EPA 0091 - CERCLA 103 Notifications. These Regional offices are also responsible for the disposition of all input and output systems according to the instructions in items b and d. All ad hoc output records held or produced in all appropriate offices should be handled according to disposition instructions outlined in series item d or, where appropriate, EPA 0175 - Print Files.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 01/31/2014 version:

• Revised the function code.

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2009 version:

- Revised wording of disposition instructions for items a and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Records must be kept to support litigation and regulatory activities. Hard copies of input records must be kept for the narrative element as well as certification purposes.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Regions 4/10 Accelerated Response Center

Contact: Lynn BeasleyTelephone: 703-603-9086

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0056, EPA 0060, EPA 0091, EPA 0175

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 05/30/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

# **NARA Approval:** 01/17/1996

Status: Final, 06/30/2014

**Title:** Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS)

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-7

# **Description:**

Includes laboratory information management systems used in EPA laboratories to receive, store and report data generated from laboratory analysis of environmental samples using scientific instruments. Data elements may include sample data, who took the sample and where, contents of the sample and what was asked to be analyzed, who analyzed the sample and when. Data is used to support EPA's environmental programs and often transferred to electronic information systems such as RadNet or similar systems.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-7c

- Disposable
- Delete when 3 years old or when no longer needed for the related project or activity, whichever is longer.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

**Guidance:** 

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Sampling data incorporated into other files (e.g., Superfund site files) or transferred to other databases (e.g., RadNet) are retained according to the disposition instructions for the records they support.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition, which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following systems listed by headquarters program or regional office:

#### Office of Air and Radiation

- Laboratory Data Management System (LDMS)
- Laboratory Network System (LNS)
- National Air and Radiation Environmental Lab (NAREL) Laboratory Information Management System (NAREL-LIMS)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Data Repository System (NCRFO DRS)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Environmental Radiation Ground Scanner (NCRFO ERGS)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Filter Weighing Laboratory (NCRFO FL)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Mobil ER Laboratory (NCRFO MERL)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Radon Calibration System (NCRFO RnCal)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Radon Canister System (NCRFO RCS)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Radon Laboratory System (NCRFO Radon Lab)
- National Center for Radiation Field Operations Working Levels (NCRFO WL)
- NVFEL Lab Data Management System (LDMS)
- Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) Laboratory Information Management System (ORIA LIMS)
- Radiation and Indoor Environments APEX Alpha System (R&IE APXA)
- Radiation and Indoor Environments APEX Gamma Systems (R&IE APXG)
- Radiation and Indoor Environments Liquid Scintillation Laboratory (R&IE LSL)

#### Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

• Lab Automation System (LBAU) (Sample Management System)

## Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

• Field Operations and Records Management System (FORMS II Lite)

## Region 1

- Labworks
- New England Samples Tracking System (NESTS)

# Region 2

Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

## Region 3

Relational Lab Information Management System (RLIMS)

## Region 4

- Element Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)
- Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

• Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

## Region 8

• Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

## Region 10

• Laboratory Management System (RX75)

Electronic information systems with long-term or permanent retention such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability System (CERCLIS), EPA 050, are scheduled separately. Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

Electronic records not requiring their own schedules or covered in one of the generic schedules above may be segments or phases of information systems covered by schedule 1012 Information and Technology Management.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 11/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for item c to include "to support the related project or activity."
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

LIMS was used as a tool to track samples and generate information filed in the related project or program file. The schedule was formerly approved by NARA as N1-412-94-2/11 for the Lab Automation System (LBAU) (Sample Management System) and has been expanded to include LIMS used throughout the Agency.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0063, EPA 0089, EPA 0090, EPA 0094, EPA 0096, EPA 0098, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-81-12/36, N1-412-94-2/11

Entry: 07/09/2008

**EPA Approval:** 04/23/2009

**NARA Approval:** 07/21/2009

**Status:** Final, 09/30/2015

Title: Electronic Models and Expert Systems

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-94-2/12

# **Description:**

Includes a broad range of PC-based computer models and expert systems used in the evaluation, scoring, or interpretation of information or data in support of the Agency's mission. Some systems are designed for use by the public, State programs, or others outside EPA as well as EPA staff. Models allow user to enter data concerning a specific event, case, site, chemical, pesticide, or other entity, and conduct analysis or evaluation, or develop estimates. Expert systems are used to guide users through a process and assist them in reaching a decision, complete an application or other process. There are no legal requirements to create or maintain these systems.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-2/12c

#### Disposable

• Keep individual records for at least 2 years after completion of action and then delete when no longer needed.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA― on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

System users should be sure to document results of analyses completely. Complete documentation may require results, input data used, search parameters, software used, or similar information to ensure a complete record suitable for litigation support, if necessary, is maintained.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input for the system is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

This schedule item includes, but is not limited to, the following systems, listed by headquarters program or regional office:

## Office of Administration and Resources Management

- Automated Procurement Documentation System (APDS)
- EPA ADP Procurement Expert (ADP-EXPERT)
- Headquarters Automated Grant Document System (HAGDS)
- Interagency Agreement Management System (IAMS)

#### Office of Air and Radiation

- Air Pollutants Exposure Model (APEX)
- Air Quality Regulatory Models (AQRM)
- AIRNow Real Time Air Quality System (AIRNow)
- Ann Arbor AP-42 Program (APGR)
- AQAD Unix/Linus Computer System (Unix/Linux)
- Atmospheric Dispersion of Radionuclides (AIRDOSE-EPA)
- Bouyant Line and Point Source Model (BLP)
- California Line Source Model with Queuing (traffic) and hot (spot) Concentrations (CAL3QHC)
- Clean Air Assessment Package (CAP88-PC)
- Climate Wise Emissions Tracking Software (CWETS)
- Climatological Dispersion Model (CDM2)
- Coatings Alternative Guide Expert System (CAGE)
- Complex Terrain Dispersion Model Plus Algorithms for Unstable Situations (CTDMPLUS)
- Complex Terrain Screening (CTSCREEN)
- COMPLEX1
- CRSTER
- Customer Identifier for Coalbed and Landfill Methane Outreach Program System (CICLOPs)
- Dense Gas Dispersion Model (DEGADS121)
- Diesel Emissions Quantification for Retrofits (DEQ)
- Diesel Retrofit Emissions Estimator (DREE)
- Dose and Risk Assessment Tabulation (DARTAB)
- EMAD UNIX/NT System Regional Scale Dispersion Model (EMAD)
- Emissions Modeling Framework (EMF)
- Empirical Kinetic Modeling Approach (EKMA)
- Energy Project Landfill Gas Utilization Software (E-PLUS)
- Factor Information Retrieval Data System (FIRE)
- AgSTAR FarmWare
- Fugitive Dust Model (FDM)
- Green Vehicle Guide (GVG)
- Gridded Model Information Support System (GMISS)
- High Level and Transuranic Radioactive Waste Repository Risk Model (REPRISK)
- High Level Radioactive Waste Risk Model (WESPDOSE2)
- Human Exposure Model (HEM)
- Industrial Source Complex 3 Model (ISC3)

- Kinetics Model and Ozone Isopleth Plotting Package (OZIPP)
- LONGZ
- Mapping Generator (MapGen)
- Maximum Individual Dose Model (MAXDOSE)
- MESOPUFFII
- Mobile Source Emissions Factors Model (MOBILE)
- Mobile Source Observation Database (MSOD)
- Monitoring Knowledge Base (MKB)
- Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES)
- Multiple Point Source Model with Terrain (MPTER)
- National Air Toxics Assessment Maps (NATA MAPS)
- National Allowance Data Base (NADB) and Supplemental Data File (SDF)
- National Mobile Inventory Model (NMIM)
- Network Flow and Contaminant Transport Model for Statistical and Deterministic Simulations Using Personal Computers (NEFTRANS)
- NONROAD
- Offshore and Coastal Dispersion Model (OCD)
- Personal Computer Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (PC-CEMS)
- Plume Visibility Model (PLUVUE2)
- Prediction of Radiological Effects Resulting from Shallow Trench Operation (PRESTO-EPA, PRESTO-EPA-CPG, PRESTO-EPA-POP)
- Probabilistic National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Exposure Model (pNEM)
- Radionuclide Dose Rate/Risk (RADRISK)
- RAM
- SCREEN3
- Sensitivity Analysis Model, MMSOILS (SAM)
- Shoreline Dispersion Model (SDM)
- SHORTZ
- TANKS Storage Tank Emission Estimation Software (TANKS)
- Total Risk Integrated Methodology (TRIM)
- Toxic Long and Short Term Models (TOXLT and TOXST)
- Toxics Screening Model (TSCREEN)
- Urban Airshed Model (UAM)
- Vehicle and Engine Emission Modeling Software (VEEmdl)
- Visibility Screening Model (VISCREEN)

## Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- Aurther D. Little Polymer Migration Exposure Model (AMEM)
- Aquatox
- Aqueous Hydrolysis Rate Program (HYDROWIN)
- Atmospheric Oxidation Program (AOPWIN)
- Cancer Expert System
- Consumer Occupational Model (COM)
- Dietary Exposure Evaluation Model (DEEM)

- Dietary Risk Evaluation System (DRES)
- Ecological Structure Activity Relationships (ECOSAR)
- Endangered Species Database/Reach Scan Link (ESDB/ReachScan Link)
- FLUSH
- Graphical Exposure Modeling Systems/PC Graphical Exposure Modeling Systems (GEMS/PCGEM)
- Green Chemistry Expert System (GCES)
- Log Octanol/Water Coefficient Program (LOGKOW)
- Melting Point, Boiling Point, Vapor Pressure Estimation Program (MPBPVP)
- Multi-Chamber Consumer Exposure Model (MCCEM)
- Personal Computer Graphical Exposure Modeling System (PCGEMS)
- Probabilistic Dilution Model (PDM3)
- ReachScan with Probabalistic Dilution Model and Endangered Species Database Link
- Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators (RiskScrnEI)
- Screening Exposure Assessment Software (SEAS)
- Toxics Release Inventory Air Modeling (TRIAIR)
- Toxics Release Inventory Water Modeling (TRIWATER)
- TRI Environmental Indicators (TRI-EI)
- Use Cluster Scoring System
- Wall Paint Exposure Assessment Model (WPEM)
- Worker Exposures from Textile Dyeing Operations (WETDO)
- Worker Inhalation Exposure and Vapor Generation from Transfer Operations and Open Surfaces (WIEVGTOOS)
- Worker Inhalation Exposure from Vapor Degreasing Operations (WIEVDO)

## Office of Chief Financial Officer

OCFO Reporting and Business Intelligence Tool (ORBIT)

#### Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- BEN/ABEL
- Individual Ability to Pay Model (INDIPAY)
- Municipal Ability to Pay Model (MUNIPAY)
- NEIC Light Detection and Ranging System (LIDAR)
- PROJECT Model (PROJECT)

#### Office of Environmental Information

- Architecture Repository and Tool (ART)
- EcoStat
- Envirofacts Master Chemical Integrator (EMCI)
- Enviromapper (EM)
- Seasonal Soil Compartment Model and Analytical Transient 1,2,3 Dimensional Model (SESOIL)
- Select Industrial Discharge System (SIDS)

- Toxic Release Inventory Made Easy (TRI-ME)
- Window to My Environment (WME)
- Window to My Environment/MetaCarta (WME/MC)

## Office of Research and Development

- Advanced Utility Simulation Model (AUSM)
- All Ages Lead Model (AALM)
- AREAL-RTP Regional Air Pollution Study (RAPS)
- AREAL-RTP Northeast Regional Oxidant Study (NEROS)
- Benchmark Dose Software (BMDS)
- Better Assessment Science Integrating Point and Nonpoint Source (BASINS)
- BioAssay (AQTOX)
- Coatings Alternative Guide Expert System (CAGE)
- Design Conditions Program (DESCON)
- Design Flow Program (DFLOW)
- Dioxin Exposure Initiative (DEI)
- Dynamic Hydrolic Model (DYNHYD)
- EMSL-Cinci Performance Evaluation System
- Enhanced Stream Quality Model (QUAL2E)
- Environmental Sampling Expert Systems Soil Metals (ESES-SM)
- EPANET
- Equilibrium Metal Speciation Model (MINTEQA2)
- EXEC/OP Program for Computer-Aided Synthesis of Wastewater Treatment Systems (EXEC/OP)
- Expert Systems for Location of Facilities in Wetlands (WET ENVIRO)
- Exposure Analysis Modeling Systems (EXAMS-II)
- Final Cover Advisory System (F-COVER)
- Flexible Membrane Liner Advisory Expert System (FLEX)
- Food and Gill Exchange of Toxic Substances (FGETS)
- GED PROBIT
- GED Probit Analysis Database (GED PAD)
- GED Spearman-Karber Analysis (GED SKA)
- GeneTox Manager (GTM)
- Geostatistics for Waste Management (GEOPACK)
- Geosynthetic Modeling System (GM)
- Green Cross Solar (GCSOLAR)
- Grid Based Mercury Model (GBMM)
- Hydrocarbon Spill Screening Model (HSSM)
- Hydrologic Evaluation of Landfill Performance Model (HELP MODEL)
- Hydrologic Simulation Program Fortran (HSPF)
- Industrial Combustion Emissions Model (ICE MODEL)
- Infiltration/Exfiltration Model (INFEXF)
- Leachate Collection Advisory Expert System (L-CES)
- Littoral Ecosystem Risk Assessment Model for Prediction of Risk of Chemical Stressors Entering the Aquatic Environment (LERAM)

- Metal Finishing Pollution Prevention Tool (MFP2T)
- Metal Speciation Equilibrium Model for Surface and Ground Water (MINTEQA2)
- Modeling Capture Zones of Ground-Water Wells Using Analytic Elements (CZAEM)
- Modular Semi-Analytical Model for the Delineation of Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA)
- Modular Three-Dimensional Transport Model (MT3D)
- Multimedia Exposure Assessment Model for Evaluating the Land Disposal of Hazardous Wastes (MULTIMED)
- Natural Attenuation Decision Support System (BIOPLUME III and BIOSCREEN)
- Numerical Codes for Delineating Wellhead Protection Areas in Agricultural Regions Based on the Assimilative Capacity Criterion (3DFEMWATER/3DLEWASTE)
- One-Dimensional Water and Chemical Movement in Unsaturated Soils (CHEMFLO)
- Parameter Estimation System for Aquifer Restoration Models (OASIS)
- Pesticide Assessment Tool for Rating Investigations of Transport (PATRIOT)
- Pesticide Root Zone Model (PRZM)
- Pesticides Analytical Transport Solution (PESTAN)
- PH Monitor and Reporter (PHR)
- Philip's Two-Term Model (PHILIP2T)
- Physiological Data Acquisitions and Storage System (PDAS)
- Premixed One-Dimensional Flame Code (PROF)
- Quantitative Structure Activity Relationships System (QSAR)
- Quantitative Tracer Analysis Software (QTRACER2)
- Radio Chemistry Programs for Radiation Calculations (RADIO CHEM)
- Regional Vulnerability Assessment (ReVa EDT)
- Regulatory and Investigative Treatment Zone Model (RITZ)
- Retention Curve Computer Code (RETC)
- Risk of Unsaturated/Saturated Transport and Transformation of Chemical Concentration (RUSTIC)
- Severity Categories Applied to Risk Estimation (SCATRE)
- Simulated Waste Access to Ground Water (SWAG)
- Soil Conservation Service Model (SCS)
- Soil Transport and Fate Database and Model Management System (STF)
- Soil Venting Model (SOILVENT)
- Spatial Analysis System (SAS)
- Species Response (ICE)
- Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation Models (SHEDS)
- Storm Water Management Model (SWMM4)
- Terrestrial Environmental Exposure Assessment Model (TEEAM)
- Three Dimensional Subsurface Flow, Fate and Transport of Microbes and Chemicals Model (3DFATMIC)
- Toxic Substances Research (HETC)
- Two Dimensional Contaminant Transport Under the Influence of Oxygen Limited Biodegradation in Ground Water (BIOPLUMEII)
- Two Dimensional Finite Element Program for Multiphase Flow and Multicomponent Transport (MOFAT)
- Two Dimensional Plumes in Uniform Ground Water Flow (PLUME2D)

- Two Dimensional Subsurface Flow, Fate and Transport of Microbes and Chemicals Model (2DFATMIC)
- Urban Wastewater Toxics Flow Model (TOXFLOW)
- Vadoze Zone Leaching Model (VLEACH)
- Vegetation Cover Advisory Expert System (VEGCOV)
- Waste Analysis Plan Review Advisor (WAPRA)
- Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program (WASP4)
- Water Supply Simulation Model (WSSM)
- Well Head Protection Area Delineation Model (WHPA)

#### Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

- Assessment Tool for the Evaluation of Risk (ASTER)
- Computer-Aided Data Review and Evaluation (CADRE)
- Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO)
- Contract Compliance System (CCS)
- Corrective Action Advisor 1/Texas (CAXSL)
- EPA's Composite Model for Landfills (EPACML)
- Grant Allocation Formula
- Hazard Ranking System Superscreen/Score (Superscreen)
- Hazard Ranking System Site Assessment Tools/Software (HRS)
- Hyperventilate (HYPERVENT)
- Industrial Waste Air Model (IWAIR)
- Industrial Waste Management Evaluation Model (IWEM)
- Mercury Emissions Model (MEM)
- National Corrective Action Prioritization System (NCAPS)
- National Perchlorate Detections Interactive Map (NPDIM)
- Preliminary Assessment Scoring System (PASCORE)
- Preliminary Ranking Evaluation Score (PRESCORE)
- Priority Assessment Model (PAM)
- Public Health Risk Evaluation Database (PHRED)
- ReduceIt
- REG-In-A-Box (REGBOX)
- RMP\*COMP
- Superfund Chemical Data Matrix (SCDM)
- Superfund Performance Evaluation Sample Web System (SPSWeb)
- Superfund Site Selection Support System (SSSSS)
- Texas Smart Maps Stopper Expert System
- The Priority Chemicals Query Tool (The PC QT)
- Waste Reduction Model (WARM)
- WebEOC Crisis Management (WebEOC)

#### Office of Water

- AskWaters
- Drinking Water Mapping Application (DWMA)

- Dynamic Toxics Wasteload Allocation Model (DYNTOX)
- Electronic National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitting Tool (eNPDES PT)
- Hydrologic and Water Quality System (HAWQS)
- Land Application/Distribution and Marketing Model for Terrestrial Pathways
- Landfill
- My WATERS Mapper (MWM)
- PRELIM
- Sludge Incineration Model
- Stormwater Survey Data Owner Developer CBI
- TOXIROUTE
- Water Geo Services (WGS)
- Watershed Assessment, Tracking and Environmental ResultS (WATERS)
- Watershed Central (WC)
- Watershed Plan Builder (WPB)
- What-If

• Water Radioactivity Software Developent Project (WRSDP)

# Region 2

- Coastal Profile Reporting System (CPRS)
- Environmental Justice Assessment Tool (EJ Tool)
- Latitude/Longitude Digitizing Program (DIGIT)
- Mapping Application for Emergency and Disaster Response in Region 2 (MAEDR)
- NEPAssist
- Region 2 ArcMap Template (R2ARCT)

## Region 3

- APD Priority Screening Tool (APDPst)
- Chesapeake Bay Office Time-Variable Chesapeake Bay Model (CBPO TVCBM)
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model (WSM)
- Comprehensive Environmental Toxicology Information System (CETIS)
- Data Integration and Analysis (DIANA)
- Demographic Mapper (Demog-map)
- Emergency Response Mapping Application (ERMA)
- HSPF Watershed Model (HSPFWM)
- I-95 Truckstop Evaluation Tool (I-95TET)
- Metals Automated Upload System (MAUS)
- Metals Data Acquisition System (METDAS)
- Metals Quality Control Program (METQC)
- MIRA/Decision Consequences Model (MIRA/DCM)
- National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment Screening Tool (NATA-Scrn)

- Sun Phenol Catox (SPC)
- Three Dimensional Time Variable Water Quality Model (3-DTVM)
- Underground Injection Control Tool (UICT)
- Water Wizard (H2OWiz)

- American Indian Lands Environmental Support Project (AILESP)
- GeoWaters

# Region 5

- Critical Ecosystems Assessment Model (CrEAM)
- Digital Watershed
- Ecosystem Assessment Tool (EA-Tool)
- Ecosystem Browser (ECOMAPPER)
- Environmental Data Management and Analysis Network (ED MAN System)
- Environmental Justice Map Objects Intranet Map Server Application (EJ MO IMS)
- Field Environmental Decision Support (FIELDS)
- Fully Integrated Location Decision Support System (FIELDS)
- Great Lakes Environmental Database (GLENDA)
- Groundwater Evaluation and Optimization System (GEOS)
- Identification of Economically, Environmentally Important Areas (EEIA)
- Indian Land Browser (ILB)
- Lake Access (Minneapolis) (Lake-MSP)
- Long Term Hydrologic Impact Analysis (LTHIA)
- Midwest Partnership for Watershed Management Decision Support Systems (MSDSS)
- Mississippi River Basin Tool (MrBst)
- Northeast Ohio EMPACT Project (NEOHEMPACTPROJ)
- Northeast Ohio MAGIC 2000 (NEOHMAGIC2000)
- SiteMapper
- Superfund Site Demographics (SFSITEDEMO)
- ToxCalc

# Region 6

• Carpool Locator (CARPOOL)

# Region 7

ToxCalc

## Region 8

• Permit Generator

• Dredged Material Tracking System (DMATS)

#### Region 10

- Bluesky Rapid Access Information System (Bluesky RAINS)
- Enforcement Rapid Access Information System (ERAINS)
- Northwest Air Quality with Aerometric Information Retrieval System Database/Charting (AIRS Extension)
- Rapid Access Information System (RAINS)

Electronic information systems with long-term or permanent retention such as schedule 0496 Air Quality System (AQS) are scheduled separately. Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0088 Bibliographic and Reference Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

Electronic records not requiring their own schedules or covered in one of the big bucket schedules above may be segments or phases of information systems covered by EPA 1012 Information and Technology Management.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 12/31/2014 version:

- Updated list of big bucket schedules in guidance.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 02/28/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated cross references in guidance.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2010 version:

• Revised name of Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances to Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item a.
- Revised disposition instructions for item b.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed the disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Revised title and disposition instructions of item e.

System documentation must be kept to support litigation, cost recovery efforts, and mission-critical decisions and is covered by item e.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0088, EPA 0089, EPA 0090, EPA 0094, EPA 0096, EPA 0098, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 05/14/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 11/27/1996

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Reasonable Accommodation Request Records

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/24

# **Description:**

Contains information created and maintained while receiving, coordinating, reviewing, processing, approving, and reporting requests for reasonable accommodation from federal employees and applicants under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Executive Order 13164. A reasonable accommodation is a change in the work environment or in the way things are customarily done that would enable an individual with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities. The three categories of reasonable accommodation are:

Modification or adjustments to a job application process to permit an individual with a disability to be considered for a job, such as providing application forms in large print or Braille;

Modifications or adjustments necessary to enable a qualified individual with a disability to perform essential functions of the job, such as providing sign language interpreters; and

Modifications or adjustments that enable employees with disabilities to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment, such as removing physical barriers in an office or cafeteria.

This includes all requests for reasonable accommodation and/or assistive technology devices and services offered through the agency or the Computer/Electronic Accommodation Program (CAP) that are made by or on behalf of applicants, current or former employees. Also includes medical records, supporting notes and documentation, as well as procedures and records related to processing, deciding, implementing, and tracking requests for reasonable accommodation(s).

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: General files

Includes Agency-wide and departmental procedures for receiving, processing, and appealing requests for reasonable accommodation by employees and applicants. Files may include, but are not limited to, instructions, directives, notices, forms, timetables and guidelines for requesting, processing and approving requests and for appealing decisions for reasonable accommodation. Also includes records notifying the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the agency's collective bargaining representative(s) and the agency's EEO office of the agency's reasonable accommodation request and processing procedures as well as modifications to established procedures.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/24a

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after supercession or when no longer needed for reference whichever is later.

## **Item b:** Employee case files

Includes individual employee files that are created, received, and maintained by EEO reasonable accommodation or diversity/disability program or employee relations coordinators, immediate supervisors, CAP administrator, or HR specialists containing records of requests for reasonable accommodation and/or assistive technology devices and services through the agency or CAP that have been requested for or by an employee. This series also includes, but is not limited to, request approvals and denials, notice of procedures for informal dispute resolution or appeal processes, forms, correspondence, e-mails, records of oral conversations, medical documentation, and notes.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/24b

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after employee separation from the agency or all appeals are concluded whichever is later.

## **Item c:** Supplemental files

Includes records created, received, and maintained by EEO reasonable accommodation or diversity/disability program or employee relation coordinators, while advising on, implementing or appealing requests for or from an individual employee for reasonable accommodation. Some requests may involve HR matters, including but not limited to changes in duties, reassignments, leave usage, and performance issues. Files may include, but are not limited to, policy guidance, resource information about accommodation providers, forms, e-mails, notes.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/24c

#### Disposable

• Destroy 3 years after end of fiscal year in which accommodation is decided or all appeals are concluded, whichever is later.

#### **Item d:** Tracking system

Includes records and data created, received, and maintained for purposes of tracking agency compliance with Executive Order 13164 and EEOC guidance.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/24d

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after compliance report is filed or when no longer needed for reference.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Items b and c, employee case files and supplemental files are not part of an employee's Official Personnel File (OPF) or part of a supervisor's unofficial personnel file.

Medical information, when necessary to be obtained to process a reasonable accommodation request, must be kept confidential. The EPA Order and Procedures for Reasonable Accommodation require the national reasonable accommodation coordinator (NRAC) to maintain any and all medical information obtained by the Agency in connection with reasonable accommodation requests. Although local office reasonable accommodation coordinators (LORACs) may need access to medical information in order for them to process a request for reasonable accommodation, at the conclusion of the process all medical information is transferred to the NRAC to maintain. This means if someone other than the NRAC obtains confidential information during the reasonable accommodation process, it must be transferred to the NRAC in sealed confidential envelopes. The information is maintained in separate files and kept in locked cabinets in the NRAC's office.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms with NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 24.

Item e for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

# **Related Schedules:**

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

**Entry:** 07/22/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 07/00/2004

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Ethics Program Implementation, Interpretation, Counseling, and Development Files

**Program:** Ethics

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/1

# **Description:**

Includes records maintained by ethics program offices relating to the development, review, implementation, and interpretation of proposed or established executive branch standards of ethical conduct and other ethics regulations; conflict of interest and other ethics related statutes and Executive Orders; and any agency supplemental standards of ethical conduct and other agency ethics-related regulations and directives. Including:

Records documenting the review of proposed or established ethics-related statutes and regulations by ethics program officials, including copies of proposed legislation, comments, and all related records.

Determinations, including advice and counseling to individual employees, and supporting records.

Records relating to requests under agency supplemental standards of ethical conduct for prior approval of outside employment and activities.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Routine determinations and interpretations

Includes records such as determinations regarding attendance at widely-attended gatherings that appropriate agency ethics officials determine are related to the routine, non-precedential application of settled legal standards to common factual situations and are not interpretations of the conflict of interest statutes, 18 U.S.C. 202-209, and other ethics statutes the violation of which may result in criminal penalties or civil fines.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/1a

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old or when superseded or obsolete, whichever is later.

#### **Item b:** All other records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/1b

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 years old or when superseded or obsolete, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 25, item 1.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

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#### **Related Schedules:**

# Previous NARA Disposal Authority:

**Entry:** 08/11/2003

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Ethics Agreement Records

**Program:** Ethics

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/3

# **Description:**

Includes records documenting the review and issuance of ethics agreements used to remedy the appearance of potential or actual financial conflicts of interest, including:

- Records relating to the review and issuance of recusals (disqualifications), resignations, reassignments, and divestitures;
- Records relating to determinations, authorizations, and waivers under 5 CFR 2635.502 and 2635.503; and,
- Records relating to the review and issuance of waivers of disqualifications under 18 U.S.C. 208 (b)(1) and (b)(3).

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/3

#### Disposable

• Destroy 6 years after the waiver or other agreed-upon determination or action has been issued or undertaken or is no longer in effect, whichever is later.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 25, item 3.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

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#### **Related Schedules:**

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

Entry: 08/11/2003

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Referrals and Notifications of Violations of Criminal Conflict of Interest Statutes and

Other Potential Violations Files

**Program:** Ethics

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/4

# **Description:**

Includes referrals made to Inspectors General or the Department of Justice and notifications to Office of Government Ethics (OGE) concerning ethics violations or suspected violations. This item also covers related background materials, including copies of disciplinary and corrective actions and disposition documents such as declinations of prosecution.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/4

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are

covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 25, item 4.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

# **Related Schedules:**

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

Entry: 09/23/2003

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Non-Federally Funded Travel Files

**Program:** Ethics

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/5

## **Description:**

Includes copies of Semiannual Expense Reports for Non-Federally Funded Travel submitted to all Executive branch agencies to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) in accordance with guidance given at 31 U.S.C. Section 1353, as implemented by 41 CFR chapter 304 and the use of Standard Form (SF) 326 and SF 326A. Reports summarize payments made to the agency from non-federal sources for travel, subsistence, and related expenses of an employee who attends a meeting or similar function relating to official duties. Also includes statements, forms, and other records used to compile the reports.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Semiannual Expense Reports for Non-Federally Funded Travel

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/5a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at end of year.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Statements, forms, and other records

Includes records used to compile the Semiannual Expense Reports for Non-Federally Funded Travel.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/5b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records after submission of report to OGE.

• Destroy 1 year after file closure.

# **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Routine travel records are covered in EPA 0028. See EPA 0392 for international travel records maintained by the Office of International Affairs.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 25, item 5.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of General Counsel, Office of Deputy General Counsel

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0028, EPA 0392

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 08/11/2003

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Ethics Program Review Files

**Program:** Ethics

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/6

# **Description:**

Includes reports, correspondence, and other records relating to Office of Government Ethics (OGE) reviews of agency compliance with executive branch ethics laws and regulations in such areas as financial disclosure, education and training, and advice and counseling.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** OGE program review reports

Includes Agency 60-day response letters, and other follow-up records sent to OGE on the resolution of program deficiencies.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/6a

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 years old.

**Item b:** All other records

Includes notes and background materials produced during OGE program reviews.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/6b

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after the date of the OGE program review report or, if there are recommendations, one year after they are closed.

# **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 25, item 6.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

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#### **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 08/11/2003

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Annual Agency Ethics Program Questionnaire Files

**Program:** Ethics

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 25/7

# **Description:**

Includes questionnaires completed by ethics officials on an annual basis in compliance with Section 402(e)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, and associated records.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Questionnaires

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/7a

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after submission.

**Item b:** All other records

Includes all other records related to responses to annual Agency ethics program questionnaires.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 25/7b

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after submission of associated annual Agency ethics program questionnaire.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in

accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 25, item 7.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Multiple units

**Related Schedules:** 

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

Entry: 08/11/2003

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Correspondence Management System (CMS)

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 404 - Technology Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-37

# **Description:**

The Correspondence Management System (CMS) is an electronic document management system that captures, stores, routes, and tracks correspondence, responses, and supporting documents. The system is available for use Agency-wide. Documents are either scanned or keyed into the system and routed through the review and approval process. The system has predefined templates for responses and can import documents from other databases. After signature, the final signed document is scanned into the system.

All data from the predecessor system, National Correspondence Tracking and Information Management System (NCTIMS), was migrated to CMS in October 2004.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Administrator, Office of the Executive Secretariat at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-37a

- Disposable
- Delete when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic data throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Administrator, Office of the Executive Secretariat at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-37c

- Disposable
- Follow the disposition instructions in the applicable records schedule.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- File with related records and follow the instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Administrator, Office of the Executive Secretariat at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-37e

- Disposable
- Destroy or delete upon authorized deletion of the related records or upon the destruction
  of the output of the system if the output is needed to protect legal rights, whichever is
  later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

CMS is not a recordkeeping system. However, since it interfaces with EPA's electronic recordkeeping system (ECMS), retention is managed via ECMS and paper copies may be destroyed after they have been placed into CMS and checked for quality. Records placed into CMS and ECMS are covered by their specific records schedules and not this schedule. For example, controlled correspondence is covered by EPA 0141, and general correspondence is covered by EPA 0127.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 01/31/2011 version:

• Updated guidance.

The following changes were made in the 09/30/2010 version:

- Revised guidance to include statement about records schedules for records placed into CMS
- Updated contact information.

The following change was made in the 10/31/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item e.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised disposition instructions for items b and e.

CMS helps EPA meet several GPRA goals such as timely availability of information. Disposition of the data is based on the approved schedules related to the individual document created or entered into the system.

Item f for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted in 11/07/2006 version pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of the Administrator, Office of the Executive Secretariat

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0127, EPA 0141, EPA 0171

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 05/16/2006

**EPA Approval:** 01/08/2007

**NARA Approval:** 07/15/2008

**Status:** Final, 09/30/2015

Title: Bibliographic and Reference Systems

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-94-2/15

# **Description:**

Includes a broad range of primarily PC-based systems used to provide ready, user friendly, access to frequently used information. Information may be drawn from other Agency databases, commercially available databases, Agency records, publicly available sources, or a combination of sources. Also includes metadata repositories.

Information is brought together to simplify access and provide specialized support for specific information needs. In no case is the system (a) required by law, (b) necessary to administer a program, or (c) necessary to document program activity. If the information in the system is used for any of the activities a - c above, an information system (automated or manual) is maintained separately to satisfy those requirements. If the system is used as a finding aid to records, it is disposable under either an Agency approved schedule or NARA's General Records Schedules (GRS).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-2/15c

- Disposable
- Delete individual records 2 years after completion of action and when no longer needed.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

# **Item e:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA― on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following systems listed by headquarters program or regional office:

#### Office of the Administrator

- Cumulative Exposure Project Toxicity Database (CEPTdb)
- Office of Administrator Finance (AO Finance)
- Office of Environmental Education Materials and Resources Catalog (MRC-OEE)

- Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation (OPEI) Library
- Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation (OPEI) Working Paper Inventory
- Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Small Business Vendor Profile System (SBVPS)
- Program Evaluation Database (PgmEvaldb)
- Program Evaluation Library

# Office of Administration and Resources Management

- Electronic Course Catalogue System (E-CATS)
- EPA On-Line PC Help System (NDPD)
- Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection Database (HAZARD)
- INFOTERRA International Directory of Sources (INFOTERRA)
- National Environmental Publications Information System (NEPIS)
- OA-RTP Keyword-in-Context Index (KWIC/IBM)
- Solid Waste Publications Database

## Office of Air and Radiation

- Air Emissions from Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities for Hazardous Waste (TSDF)
- Airborne Particulate and Precipitation Data (ERD)
- Ann Arbor Certification Information and Fuel Economy Data Base (CIDB)
- Community Assessment Database (CADB)
- Emissions and Generation Resource Integrated Database (e-GRID)
- Emissions Certification Data Base (ECDB)
- ENERGY STAR Store Locator (E\*Store)
- Fuel Economy (LDSFE)
- Fuels Inspection Data Base (FUELDB)
- Heavy-Duty Engine Certification Data (HDECERT)
- Imports Data Base (IDBS)
- In-Use Technology Assessment (IUTA)
- Light-Duty Vehicle/Truck Certification (LDS)
- Motorcycle Certification Data (MOCERT)
- National Air Toxics Information Clearinghouse (NATICH)
- National Performance Audit Program (NPAP)
- Occupational Radiation Data Files
- Recall Data Base (RECALLDB)

## Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- Acute Oral Toxicity for Birds, Mice, Rats (ORALTOX)
- Carcinogen Interaction Hazard Assessment Databases and Softwares (CIHADS)
- Chemical Collection Library System (CCS)
- Chemical Hazard Information Profiles (CHIPS)
- Chemicals in Commerce Information System (CICIS)

- Confidential Chemicals Identification System (CCID)
- EPCRA Targeting System (ETS)
- Food and Feed Commodity Vocabulary
- Green Chemistry Literature Database
- Listing of Fish and Wildlife Advisories (LFWA) Database
- Microbial Information System (MICRO-IS)
- OPPT Chemical Directory System (CHEMD)
- PCB Activity Database System (PADS)
- PCB Transformer Registration Database (PCBTRdb)
- Pesticide Information Network (PIN)
- Pesticide Management Resource Guide (PMReG)
- Production/Exposure Profiles (PEPS)
- Reference File System (REFS)
- Substitute Hazard Profiles (Sub Haz Prof)
- Tolerance Index System (TIS)

#### Office of Chief Financial Officer

• Environmental Financing Information Network Database (EFIN)

# Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- Applicability Determination Index (ADI)
- Criminal Investigation Index (CII)
- Federal Facilities Inventory System (FFIS)
- Hazardous Waste Casefinder (HWC)
- National Asbestos Registry System (NARS)
- OCEFT/NEIC Master Tracking System
- Potentially Responsible Parties System (PRP)
- Sector Facility Indexing Project (SFIP)

#### Office of Environmental Information

- Environmental Dataset Gateway (EDG)
- EPA National Library Catalog (NLC)
- International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC)
- Locational Reference Tables (LRT)
- National Records Management Program (NRMP) Records Management Collection
- National Shapefile Repository (NShapeRep)
- Web Registry

## Office of Research and Development

- 1985 National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program Emission Inventory (NAPAP)
- A National Compendium of Freshwater Fish and Water Temperature Data (FISHTEMP)
- Acute and Chronic Toxicity Database (ACUTE)

- Alternative Treatment Technology Information Center (ATTIC)
- Aquatic Toxicity Information Retrieval (AQUIRE)
- Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System (CADDIS)
- CERI Publications (CERIPubs)
- Chemical Unit Record Estimates Database (CURE)
- Complex Terrain Field Studies Database (CTM)
- Consolidated Human Activity Database (CHAD)
- Criteria (or Critical) Reference Information Bank (CRIB)
- Criteria Reference Information Base Primary Interface (CRIBnotes)
- Database of Sources of Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the United States
- Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Studies (DMR-QA)
- Dose/Duration Toxicology Data Plotting System (D2PLOT)
- Drinking Water Treatability Database (TDB)
- Ecotoxicology Database (ECOTOX)
- EMSL-Las Vegas Library Book System (VBOK)
- EMSL-Las Vegas Library Inventory (VLIB)
- Environmental Fate Constants Information System (EFCIS)
- Enviro\$en\$e VendInfo (VendInfo)
- GED Laboratory Contributions (GED-LC)
- GED Library Holdings (GED LH)
- GED Library Reprints (GED LibR)
- GED NARA Disposition (GED NARA Disp)
- GENE-TOX Carcinogen Data Base (GENETOX)
- Genetic Activity Profile Data Base
- GTD Bioassay System and Database (GTDMIS)
- Human Exposure Database System (HEDS)
- Indoor Air Reference Bibliography (IARB)
- Lake Analysis Management System (LAMS)
- LMC Centralized Chemical Database (MED LMC)
- Models Knowledge Base
- Municipal Waste Combustion Ash Disposal Facilities Data Base (ASH DISPOS)
- National Compendium of Freshwater Fish and Water Temperature Data (FISHTEMP)
- National Utility Reference File (NURF)
- NRMRL Treatability Database
- PHYTOTOX Database
- Proximity of Waste Sites to Sensitive Environments (PROXIMITY)
- Risk Reduction Engineering Laboratory Computerized On-Line Information System (GREL-COLIS)
- SPECIATE
- Technical Assistance Database (TAD)
- Technical Information Plan (TIP)
- TERRETOX Database
- Toxicity Residue (MED ToxRes)
- Toxicologic Interaction Data Base (MIXTOX)
- Water Pollution Lab Performance Evaluation Studies (WP)

- Water Supply Laboratory Performance Evaluation Studies (WS)
- Wildlife Mercury Database (WMD)

# Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

- Aerial Photo Database
- Capacity Assurance Planning (CAP) 1989 Database (EPACAP)
- Case Study Database System (CSDS)
- Compendium of Environmental Testing Laboratories (CETL)
- Corrective Action Bibliographic Data Base (CORRECTIVE)
- Enforcement Case Support Expert Resources Inventory System (ERIS)
- Facilities and Company Tracking System (FACTS)
- Firm Facility Financial Data Base (F3DB)
- Hazardous Waste Collection Data Base (HWCD)
- Hazardous Waste Data Management System SAS (PSEUDO-HWD)
- Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR) Process/Waste Database (HWIRPWDB)
- NPL Characterization System
- NPL Information System
- NPL Technical Database
- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Directives System (OSWERDS)
- Pre-SARA Sites Data System (Pre-SARA)
- Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for RCRA Permittees
- Reportable Quantities Data Base (RQ DB)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action Statement of Basis Summaries (RCRASOB)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Online (RCRA Online)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Policy Compendium (RCRAPPC)
- Site Assessment Documentation Online (SAD)
- Superfund Publications Verity/ColdFusion Application (SFCFPUBS)
- Title III List of Lists (Title III List)
- Unit Cost Compendium (UCC)
- Vendor Field Analytical and Characterization Technologies System (VFACTS)
- Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT)
- Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention Resources Directory (WM-PPRD)

# Office of Water

- Adopt Your Watershed
- Agricultural Best Management Practices Database (AgBMP DB)
- Clean Lakes Program Management System (CLPMS)
- Contaminant Candidate List (CCL)
- Drinking Water Regulations and Health Advisories (DWR-HA)
- National Directory of Volunteer Monitoring Programs (ND-VMP)
- National Listing of Fish and Wildlife Advisories (LFWA)

- National Sewage Sludge Survey (NSSS)
- NPDES General Permits Table
- OGWDW Publications Inventory and Bibliography
- Sanitary Sewer Rulemaking (SSRule)
- State Revolving Fund (SRF) National Information Management System
- Summary of State and Federal Drinking Water Standards and Guidelines
- Surf Your Watershed (SYW)
- Water Contaminant Information Tool (WCIT)
- Watershed Tools Directory (WTD)
- Wetlands and Aquatic Species List
- Wetlands Data Base

## Region 1

- Research Library for RCRA Database (RLRCRA)
- Research Library for RCRA Foundation Grants Database (RLRCRA(2))

## Region 2

• Channel on EPA Geospatial Data Gateway (GDG)

# Region 3

- Access Database (Biological and environmental data for environmental assessments)
- Bay Atlas (BAYATLAS)
- CIMS Online Metadata Entry Tool (COMET)
- DataHub
- Facility Finder (FACFind)
- Five Year Plan (5YP)
- Mountaintop Mining Commentor Database (MMCD)
- MTBE
- National Priority List (NPL)
- National Priority List PAD (NPLPAD)
- PRP Search Activity Database (PRPSAD)
- Reference Manager Version 10
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information Access Reports (RIAR)
- RGI Database Reports (RDR)
- RICRIS Assistant (RICRISasst)
- Statistical Packages for Environmental Protection Agency Audits (SPEA)
- Superfund Documents on the Web (SFDOCS)
- Superfund Site Identifier System (SSIS)
- Tech Reference (TR)
- Underground Injection Control Inspection Prioritization Tool (UICIPT)
- Virtual 1650
- Water Protection Division Review State Data (WPDRS)
- Water Quality Status and Trends Viewer (WQSTV)

• Watershed Profiles (WATERSHED)

# Region 5

Great Lakes Information Network Data Access Clearinghouse (GLINDA-CLRHOUSE)

# Region 6

• Daily News Digest (DND)

## Region 7

- Delegations
- Geospatial Data System (GISDATA)
- National Priorities List Publication Assistance Database (NPL-PAD)
- New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration Policy and Guidance Database (NSR-PSD-Poldb)
- New Source Review Policy and Guidance Database (NSRPGD)
- Title V Database (TitleV)
- Title V Policy and Guidance Database (TitleVPGD)

# Region 8

• Delegations (Delegate)

## Region 9

- County Names and Species List (Species)
- Environmental Services Branch-Library System (ESB-LIB)
- Radioactive Material Licenses (RAM)
- Superfund Administrative Records (SuperfundAR)
- Superfund FACT Sheets (SuperfundFACT)
- Superfund Images (SuperfundFoto)
- Superfund Maps
- Superfund National Priorities List Public Assistance Database (SuperfundNPLP)
- Superfund Procedures (SuperfundProc)
- Superfund Record of Decision (SuperfundRD)
- Superfund Repository Information (SuperfundRI)
- Superfund Technical Documents (SuperfundTD)
- Sustainable Development (SDD)
- Title 6 Reference (Title6)
- Welcome to AIR! Intro's and Bio's (IntroAIR)

# Region 10

• Environmental Education and Information Clearinghouse (EEIC)

This schedule also covers metadata repositories, including locational metadata (e.g., latitude and longitude) used for geographic information systems (GIS). The systems that use the locational metadata and GIS functionality to support monitoring and assessment activities are covered by other schedules (e.g., EPA 0063).

Electronic information systems with long-term or permanent retention such as the Air Quality System (AQS) (EPA 0496) are scheduled separately. Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0062 Laboratory Information Management Systems
- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

Electronic records not requiring their own schedules or covered in one of the big bucket schedules above may be segments or phases of information systems covered by schedule 1012 Information and Technology Management.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 07/31/2015 version:

• Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following change was made in the 08/31/2014 version:

• Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated list of systems covered in guidance.
- Updated cross references in guidance.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2010 version:

• Revised name of Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances to Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item a.
- Revised disposition instructions for item b.
- Reorganized guidance.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Revised title and wording of disposition instructions for item e.

Conforms to GRS 20 and 23.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0062, EPA 0063, EPA 0089, EPA 0090, EPA 0094, EPA 0096, EPA 0098, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 09/23/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 11/27/1996

**Status:** Final, 09/30/2015

**Title:** Information Tracking Systems

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 23/8

# **Description:**

Consists of a broad range of paper and electronic systems used to track the processing of permits, applications, reports, approvals, and other actions relating to records that are disposable under NARA's General Records Schedules or an approved Agency records schedule.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 23/8

- Disposable
- Delete when 2 years old, or 2 years after the date of the last entry; whichever is applicable.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA― on the EPA records Internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

For electronic tracking systems, the disposition instructions in this schedule apply to the electronic data. The disposition instructions are to be applied when the system is no longer needed to conduct Agency business.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input for the system is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the longer retention period.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following electronic systems listed by headquarters program or regional office:

#### Office of the Administrator

- Administrative Courtroom Calendar (ACC)
- Administrative Enforcement Dockets
- CSO Database (CSO DB)
- DBE Docket Classification System
- Econ Forum Intranet
- Environmental Appeals Board Docket (EABD)
- Environmental Appeals Board Web Docket (EAB-DS)
- Environmental Appeals Board Tracking Systems
- EPA Case Tracking Systems
- NCEE Project Inventory and NCEE Project Inventory Library
- NCEE Regulatory Review Roles and NCEE Regulatory Review Roles Economic Analysis Review
- OCR Title VI Team Tracking System
- Office of Administrative Law Judge Cases (OALJ-Case)
- Office of Administrator Due Date Calendar (AO DDC)
- OPEI Econ Info, OPEI Econ Info Interviews, and OPEI Econ Info Job Applicant
- OPEI Economic Forum Intranet

- OPEI Environmental Economics Report Inventory
- OPEI Environmental Policy and Economics
- OPEI Regulatory Economic Analysis Inventory RIA
- Regional Hearing Clerk's Case Tracking System (RHCCTS)
- Regional Hearing Clerk Tracking System (RHCTS)
- Rule and Policy Information and Development System (RAPIDS)
- SAB Products
- SCOUT
- State Innovation Grants Database

#### Office of Administration and Resources Management

- ARCS Contract Tracking System (ACT)
- Audio Visual System (AUDIO)
- Change Management System (CMS)
- Conference Scheduling System (CONFERENCE)
- Critical Mail Tracking System (CMTS)
- Environmental Protection Agency Personnel Access and Security System (EPASS)
- EPA Parking Tracking System (EPA-PTS)
- Federal Information Processing Resources Procurement Tracking System (FIPRPTS)
- Master Inventory System (MAIS)
- NSCEP Publication Mailing List Database
- NSCEP Publication Ordering Database
- Peregrine Network Management System (PNMS)
- PM Photocopy Management System (PMS)
- Printing Tracking System (PTS)
- Program Office Interface (POI)
- Security Incidents System (SECINCID)
- Time Sharing Services Management System Online Registration System (TSSMS-ORS)

#### Office of Air and Radiation

- Air Quality Performance Tracking (AQPT)
- Air Significant Violators System (AIRSVL)
- Alternative Test Methods and Monitoring Database (ATMMD)
- Assembly Line Test (ALT-SEA)
- Automated Imports Tracking System (AITS)
- Best Workplaces for Commuters Customer Relationship Management System (BWC-CRM)
- Comments Database (Comments Db)
- Fees
- Integrated Strategic Tracking and Recruiting (iSTAR)
- Laboratory Computer System (LCS)
- Manufacturers Programs Branch Investigation Tracking System (MPBIT)
- MAPSWeb
- MPB Exemptions

- Ozone Depleting Substance Tracking System (ODSTS)
- Part 71 Tracking System (P71 TS)
- Radiation Information System for Cleanup Sites (RISCS)
- State Technology and Policy Option Query Tool (STPOQT)
- Survey Data (Radon)
- Thermoluminescent Dosimetry Instrument Control and Database Management System (TLD)
- Title V Operating Permits System (TOPS)
- Transportation Air Quality (TRAQ)

# Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- Chemical Review Management System (CRMS)
- Chemicals on Reporting Rules (CORR)
- Comprehensive Assessment Information Rule Database (CAIR)
- Data Call In System (DCI)
- Distributor File Database
- DOCLOG
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Database (EPPD)
- Federal Lead-Based Paint Program (FLPP) Database
- Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgement Statement System (FPAS)
- Integrated Hazard and Assessment Database (IHAD)
- Interagency Testing Committee Tracking System (ITS)
- JACKETS
- Management Information Tracking System (New Chemicals) (MITS)
- Master Testing List Database (MTL)
- MEGA
- Pesticide Indemnification (Administrative Claims) Tracking System
- Pesticide Registration Document Tracking System (PRDTS)
- Pesticide Registration Fee Response Database
- Pesticide Regulatory Activity Tracking (PRAT)
- P2 Grants Plus System
- Simple Maintenance of ARTS (SMART)
- TSCA 8(e) Initial Screening Database
- VeFOIA

#### Office of Chief Financial Officer

- Asbestos Receivable Tracking System (ARTS)
- Billing and Reimbursable Accounting Information Network System (BRAINS)
- Fellowship Payment System (FPS)
- Interagency Document Online Tracking System (IDOTS)
- Performance and Environmental Results System (PERS)
- Relocation Expense Management System (mLINQs, moveLINQ)
- Small Purchase Information Tracking System (SPITS)

## Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- Consent Decree Tracking System (CDETS)
- Enforcement Docket System (DOCKET)
- Enforcement Document Retrieval System (EDRS)
- Hazardous Waste Export System (HWES)
- Laboratory Integrity and Study Audit (LISA)
- Pesticide Registration Enforcement System (PRES)
- Supplemental Environmental Projects National Database (SEPs)
- Waste International Tracking System Net (WITSnet)

#### Office of Environmental Information

- American Recovery and Reinvestment EPA Recipient Submission Database (ARRA DB)
- Error Correction Tracking System (ECTS)
- Integrated Error Correction Process (IECP) Database
- National Records Management Program (NRMP) Email Records Training Database

#### Office of General Counsel

- Assistance Disputes (ADTRACS)
- Bid Protest Tracking System (BIDS)
- General Counsel Defense Docket System (DEFENSIVE)

## Office of Inspector General

- AutoAudit
- Inspector General Operations and Reporting System (IGOR)
- Suspension and Debarment System (SDS)

### Office of International and Tribal Affairs

- International Visitors Reporting System
- Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS)
- Tribal General Assistance Program Off-line (GAP Off-line)
- Tribal Program Management System (TPMS)

## Office of Research and Development

- ACT Barriers and Suggestions (ACTBnS)
- Animal Procurement Application (AP)
- AOS Funding (AOSF)
- Assembly Line Test (MPBALT)
- Athens Awards Database (AADB)
- Athens Facilities Help Desk (AFHD)
- Athens Facilities Work Orders (AFWO)

- Athens Purchase Order System (APOS)
- Budget and Expense Tracking System (BETS)
- Contract Administration and Tracking System (CATSys)
- Electronic Laboratory Animal Project Review Application (eLAPR)
- Environmental Science Connector (ESC)
- ERL-Duluth Travel Protection System (TPS)
- Facility Key Tracking System (KTRK)
- Facility Tracking System (FTS)
- Financial Commitment System (FCS)
- Freedom of Information Act Log (FOIA Log)
- Gas Acquisition System (GAS)
- Gas Cylinder Tracking System (GCT)
- GED ILL Requests (GED ILLR)
- GED Library Orders Database (GED LODB)
- GED Literature Search Requests (GED LSR)
- GED Receiving Reports (GED RR)
- GED Reservations
- GED Seawater Delivery System Data (GED SDSD)
- GED Seawater QA Monitoring (GED SQAM)
- GED Standard Toxicity Data (GED STD)
- GED Toxic Release Inventory (GED-TRI)
- GED Weather Data (GED WD)
- GED Wet Lab Data (GED WLD)
- Grants and Fellowship System 2000 (GFS-2000)
- Help Desk Software (GWI)
- Histology Database (MED-Histology)
- Integrated Resource Management System (IRM Sys)
- Inventory of Ecological Restoration Projects within the MAIA Region (MAIA Inventory)
- Laboratory Corrective Action Tracking System (LCATS)
- Management Reporting Information System (MRIS)
- MED Headquarters Action Response Tracking System (HARTS)
- National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory Bankcard Application (NHEERL BankCard)
- NCER Peer Review (NCER PR)
- NERL Purchase Card (NERL PC)
- NHEERL Web Tracking (NHEERL WG)
- Office of Science Policy Cooperative Research and Development Agreements Database (OSP CRADA)
- Office of Science Policy Regulatory Support (OSP Reg Support)
- Ongoing Research Summary Database for MED (MED-RSDB)
- ORD c.Support (c Support)
- ORMA Action Transmittal Log (ORMA ATL)
- ORMA Extramural Package Tracking System (ORMA EPTS)
- PC Waste (Sewer) System (PCWaste / Misc)
- Personnel System (Personnel Sys)
- Public Information Request Tracking System (PIRTS)

- Quality Assurance Information Management System (QAIMS)
- Quality Assurance Tracking System (QATS)
- Records Management Database (RMD)
- Regional Applied Research Effort Tracker (RARE Tracker)
- Regional Methods Tracker (RM Tracker)
- Research Tracking System (RTS)
- RTO Request for Support Services (RTO IT RSS)
- Task Information System (TIS)
- Task Order Data System (TODS)
- Warehouse Catalogue Online Ordering System (WARECAT)
- Warehouse Inventory Control (WIC)
- WebTracker Mach II
- Work Request System (MED-WRS2)
- Work Request Tracking System (WRTS)

## Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

- Admin Tracking System (Admin)
- Analytical Services Tracking System (ANSETS)
- Construction Completion Tracking System (CCTS)
- Contract Laboratory Program Support System (CLPSS)
- Core Continuity of Operations Program Assessment Tool (CCAT)
- Delisting Petition Tracking System (DPDMS)
- Drum Trak
- EPA OSC Websites (EPAOSC)
- EPCRA Trade Secret Data Management (TSDM)
- Health and Safety Program (HASP)
- Information Request Tracking System (IRTS)
- Institutional Controls Tracking System (ICTS)
- National Partnership for Environmental Priorities Tracking Database (NPEP Tracking)
- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Calendaring System (OSWER-CS)
- Orator
- OWPE Controlled Correspondence (OWPE CCIS)
- Personnel Tracking System (PTS)
- Records of Decision (RODS)
- Removal Cost Management System (RCMS 2000)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Confidential Business Information (CBI) System (RCRA CBI System)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Statistical Reporting System (RCRASRS)
- Response Action Contract Management Information System (RACMIS)
- Sample Tracking and Invoice Payment System (TIP)
- Scribe, NET
- Sediment Remedy Tracking Tool (SRTT)
- Site Listing and Post Construction Completion Tracking System (SLAPCCTS)
- State Authorization Tracking System (STATS)

- Superfund eFACTS (SeFACTS)
- Superfund NPL Assessment Program (SNAP)
- Superfund Project Request System (SUPRS)
- Superfund Records Management Database (SRMD)
- Superfund Redevelopment Database (SURE)
- Superfund Reports Information System (SRIS)
- Training Tracking Tool (Training)
- TrainX
- Underground Storage Tank Access (UST-ACCESS)
- User Technical Support Tracking System (UTSTS)

## Office of Water

- 301(h) Application Tracking System (301(H)INFO)
- Arsenic Occurrence Database (AOD)
- Assessment Total Maximum Daily Loads Tracking and Implementation System (ATTAINS)
- Class I Injection Well Data Base (C1-IWell)
- Clean Water Act Indian Set Aside Tracking (CWA-ISAT)
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund National Information Management System (CWNIMS)
- Drinking Water Research Information Network (DRINK)
- Electronic Notice of Intent Database (eNOI)
- Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (M-DBP) Research Tracking System (M-DBPTrk)
- National Aquatic Resource Surveys Information Management System (NARS IM)
- National Assessment and TMDL Tracking System (NATTS)
- National Estuary Program On-Line Reporting Tool (NEPORT)
- National Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Tracking System (NTTS)
- Office of Water Waters Intelligence (OW WI)
- Permit Management Oversight System (PMOS)
- Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Primacy and Rule Adoption Tracking (PWSS-PRAT)
- Section 319 Grants Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS)
- Special Appropriations Act Projects Tracking System (STAG Earmarks)
- State Revolving Fund Award List
- Total Maximum Daily Loads Tracking System (TMDL Tracking)
- Vessel Disposal Database (VDD)
- Water Alliances for Voluntary Efficiency Program (WAVE)
- Water Quality Standards Tracking Database (WQSTDB)

- Brownfields Tracking System (BTS)
- Checklist
- Chemical Emergency Preparedness (CAMEO)

- Chemical Inventory System (CHEMINV)
- Clean Air Act Federal Programs Database (MACT)
- Contracts Management Tracking System (CMTS)
- Desktop/Internet Request Tracking (DIRT)
- Enforcement Action Response System (EARS)
- Fellowship Application Review Database (FARD)
- GOV Reservation Tracking System (GOV)
- Health and Safety Tracking System (HSTRACK)
- Information Services Information System (ISIS)
- Laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (LabSOP)
- Manifest Tracking System (MANIFEST)
- Map Tracker (MAPTRACKER)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Tracking System (PERWIN)
- Quality Assurance Project Plan and Quality Management Plan Tracking System (QAPP)
- Regional Systems Inventory (RSI)
- Request for Assistance (RFA)
- Sched Tracking and Reg for Training (START)
- SF Records Center Project Tracking (SFRC)
- State Implementation Plan Tracking System (SIPS)
- Transit Subsidy System (TRANSIT)

- Executive Correspondence Control System (ECC)
- Facility Location Improvement Tracking System (LIT)
- Position Management System (PMR)
- Quality Assurance Tracking System
- Safe Drinking Water Information System/State Version (SDWIS/State)
- ScheduleR2
- Stockroom Management (STCMGT)
- Superfund Enforcement Support System (SESS)
- Superfund File Management System (SFR2FMS)
- Toxic Substances Section Controlled Correspondence Tracking System (CCTS)
- Transit Subsidy System (TSS)
- UST Enforcement Database

- Air Action Tracking System (AIRTRAX)
- Activtrak
- Air Protection Division File Summary System (APDFSS)
- Air Protection Division Outreach Tracking (APD OT)
- Amtrak Sample Tracking (AST)
- APD Financial Tracking System (AFTS)
- Arch Street Personal Computer Inventory (PCI)
- ARCS Contract Invoice Tracking (ACIT)

- Assigned Keys (AK)
- Automated Procurement Tracking System (PRTRACK)
- Brownfields Information System (BFIS)
- Brownfields Outreach Contacts (BOC)
- Call Tracking/Inventory (CTI)
- Case Status Tracking Databases (CSTD)
- Chesapeake Assistance Tracking (CATS)
- Chesapeake Bay Financial Tracking System (CBFTS)
- Chesapeake Bay Office Hardware and Software Inventory (CBPO HSI)
- Chesapeake Bay Program Office Contractor Tasks (CBPO CT)
- Citizen Complaints (CC)
- Complete Sample Delivery Group Files (CSF Database)
- Construction Grants Tracking (CGT)
- Correspondence Tracking System (CTS)
- Credit Card Log Database (CCLD)
- CRL Time/Travel/Training Accounting System (CTTTAS)
- CST Analytical Requests (APR)
- CST RAS/DAS Laboratory Assignments (CST LA)
- DAT
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Contractors (DBEC)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Grantees (DBEG)
- District of Columbia Drinking Water Grants Tracking (DCDWG)
- Document Review Inventory Forms (DRIF)
- Dun and Bradstreet Tracking System (DBTS)
- EJEC Inspection Tracking (EJECIT)
- Enforcement Pipeline (EP)
- Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Environmental Science Center Customer Service (ECS)
- Environmental Science Center FMSB Facility Budget (FMSBFB)
- Environmental Science Center Service Support (ESS)
- Environmental Services Assistance Team (ESAT) Deliverables Task Assignment System
- ESAT Tracking System (ETS)
- ESC Library Inventory/Circulation System
- eSignificant Notification of Imp Tasks (ESNITCH)
- Facility Compliance Tracking System (FCTS)
- Federal Record Center (FRC) Database
- Fedex Tracker (FT)
- General Dynamics Deliverables Task Assignment System
- Geospatial Information System Team Project Tracking (GIS TPT)
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Administrative System (HSCD)
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Awards Tracking (HAT)
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Equipment Loan Tracking (HELT)
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Freedom of Information Management Act Tracking System (HFOIA)
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Full Time Employee Tracking (HFTE)
- Health Safety System (HSS)

- High Priority Violators System (HPVS)
- Hotline Database (HD)
- HRMB Service Award (HSA)
- HRMB Training Log (HTL)
- Idea Bank for Support Environmental Projects (IBS)
- Interagency Agreement Tracking (IAGT)
- Laboratory Procurement Request and Sample Testing Assignment Tracking System
- Library Reference Requests (LRR)
- New Source Review Tracking System (NSR)
- OASYS
- Office of Analytical Services and Quality Assurance File Tracking System
- Office of Analytical Services and Quality Assurance Laboratory Equipment Inventory Tracking System
- Office of Analytical Services and Quality Assurance Sample Analytical Data Tracking System
- Office of Environmental Information Priorities (OEIP)
- Office of Regional Counsel File Room System (FRS)
- Permit Tracking (PT)
- Pesticide Information Database (PID)
- Pesticides and Asbestos Programs and Enforcement Branch Case Tracking System (PAPEB)
- Press Call Log (PCL)
- Press Release System (PRS)
- Pretreatment Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement System (PCME)
- PROMIUM ELEMENT Database
- Prospective Purchaser Agreement Tracking (PPAT)
- Public Water Supervision System (PWSS)
- Ouality Assurance Document Tracking System (OA Document Tra)
- RACS Contract (RC)
- Regional Enforcement Support Contractors (RESC)
- Regional Laboratory Information Management System (RLIMS)
- Regional Sample Control Center Database (RSCC)
- Request WP (RWP)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Action Instruments (CAIC)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act RC Document Tracking (RRDT)
- Retrieval/Refile Database
- SAP Grant Projects (SAPGT)
- Signal Database (SD)
- SPILLS
- State and Regional Training Database
- Superfund Five Year Reviews and Closeout Reports
- Superfund Oversight Billing Tracking (SOBTS)
- Superfund Record Center Document Tracking (SRCDT)
- Supply Tracking (ST)
- System Inventory (SI)
- Title V Tracking System (TITLEV)

- Total Maximum Daily Load Tracking (TMDLT)
- Total Maximum Daily Loads Handbook TC (TMDLH)
- Training Course Registration Tracking (TCRT)
- Transit Subsidy System (TSS)
- Travel Voucher Tracking (TRVL1164)
- UIC Field Inspector's Tracking System (UFITS)
- User Identification Tracking System (IDTS)
- Washington, D.C. Manhole Explosion Tracking (DCMannhole)
- Waste and Chemicals Management Division Caseload (WCMDC)
- Waste and Chemicals Management Division Financial Tracking System (WCFTS)
- Waste and Chemical Management Division Inspector Credentials (WIC)
- Water Enforcement (WE)
- Water Information Management System (WIMS)
- Water Protection Division File Room System (WPDFR)
- Water Protection Division Financial Tracking System (WPFTS)
- Well Information Management System (WIMS)
- Wetlands Enforcement Case Tracking (WECT)

- Administrative Officers Tracking Plan (ADW)
- Analytical Support Time Sheet Management
- Budget Tracking System
- Certified Mail Tracking (CTMAIL)
- Compliance Activity Tracking System (CATS)
- Conference Room Scheduler (CRSched)
- Contract Lab Program Support System (CLPSS)
- Data Management System (DMS)
- EAD Attorney Hours Tracking (HOURS)
- Equipment Tracking (EOP)
- ESAT Tracking System
- Facility Work Request Tracking (FACILITY)
- Field Employee Training System (FETS)
- Form SF50 Tracking (SF50trk)
- Freedom of Information Management Act Administrative Costs Tracking System (FACTS)
- GIS Project Tracking System (GPTS)
- Grant Payment History Tracking System (GRANTS)
- Information Center Equipment Scheduling System (INFOCEN)
- Manpower and Staff Tracking (MSTrk)
- Oversight Tracking System
- Payroll Transmittal Log (TX)
- Personnel Information Management System (PIMS)
- Pesticide Enforcement Tracking (PET)
- Phone Calling Card Tracking (PCTS)
- Procurement Tracking (PRT)

- PSD Log System (PSDL)
- Purchase Request Tracking System (PRTS)
- Records Series Tracking (RecSerTrk)
- Regional Mailing Labels (LABELS)
- Safety Tracking
- Superfund Cost Recovery (SF)
- Superfund Oversight Tracking (OVERSIGHT)
- Superfund Quick Records Management System (SQUIRM)
- Supply Ordering and Tracking (SUPPLY)
- Transmittal Memo Log (TML)
- Underground Storage Tank (USTE)
- Vehicle Reserve and Tracking (VEHICLE)
- Versatile Document Management System (VSSENT)
- Virus Log (VLOG)
- Wetlands Enforcement Tracking System
- Wetlands Permit Regulatory Tracking System
- Wireless Phone Tracking (WIRELESS)

- 303(d) List
- 404 Public Notice
- Air and Radiation Division Correspondence Tracking (ARDCORRE)
- Air and Radiation Division Significant Violators Tracking System (AIRSVL)
- ARCS PRkt Tracking (ARCS)
- Brownfields Proposal Management System (BPMS)
- CBI On-line Training
- Citizen Complaints Database
- Citizen Complaints for WECA
- Clean Air Act Confidential Business Information Database (CAA CBI DB)
- Coal Tracker
- Complaint Resolution System (CRSys)
- Congressional Information System (CIS)
- CSO SSO
- Drinking Water Enforcement Action Tracking System (EATS)
- Drinking Water Total Maximum Daily Load Tracking (DWTMDL)
- Electronic Air Permits Online (EPERMITS)
- Electronic Air Permits Online Global Warming (GLOBAL2)
- Enforcement Action Response System (EARS)
- Enforcement Tracking System (ETS)
- Field Services Section Lab Tracking (FSS Lab)
- Five Year Review Tracking (5yrReview)
- Freedom of Information Management Act Log (R5FOIA)
- GHG SEPs (GHG Mitigation Project Database)
- GLI Administrative Record
- Grants

- Great Lake Committment Tracking
- Great Lakes Initiative (GLI) Toxicity Data Clearinghouse
- Great Lakes Project Tracking System (GLNPO PTD)
- GWDW Database
- Health and Safety Section Training
- Illinois Title V Air Permit Database (IL PERMT)
- Indiana Title V Air Permit Database (IN PERMT)
- Innovation Projects
- Master Metals Tracking (MMT)
- MaxiFlex 4/10
- Michigan Title V Air Permit Database (MI PERMT)
- Michigan Wetlands Prog P/N
- New State Implementation Plans (NEWSIPS)
- NPDES Admin Record
- Ohio EPA Title V Air Permit Database (OH-TVPERMIT)
- Oil Cost Document Tracking (OCDT)
- Program Management and Information Section Training Database (PMIS)
- PSR View Tracking (PSR)
- Record Center Tracking (RCT)
- Regional Methods Initiative Tracker (RMI Tracker)
- Safe Drinking Water Information System/State Version (SDWIS/State)
- Site Assign Tracking (SAT)
- Site Track Tracking (STT)
- Slick Tracking (SlickT)
- Superfund Billing Tracking System (BTS)
- Superfund Division Database Tracker (SFD DB Track)
- TMDL Tracking
- TMDL Updates
- Transit Subsidy Request
- Travel Comp Time-Off
- UIC Class V Database
- UIC Deep Well Data Management System
- UIC Deepwell Database
- Water Division Assessment Strategy (WD SOP Tracking System)
- Water Division Quality Assurance Tracking System (WDQA)
- Water Program Consolidated Database
- Water Quality Standards Tracking System (WQSTS)
- Watershed Implementation Tracking
- WD Current Activities
- WD Hot Issues/Significant Activity Reports
- Well Tracking System for Underground Injection Control Program (WTsys)
- Wetlands Enforcement Tracking
- Wisconsin Air Emissions (WIEMISS2)
- Wisconsin Title V Air Permit Database 2 (WISCON)
- WW Accountability Database
- WW Contract Deliverables

- Archival Procedure for Controlled Correspondence (ARCHIVE)
- Bank Card Log (BANKLOG)
- Branch Calendar Template (BCT)
- CAED Internal Application (CAEDINT)
- CAED Transparency, Openness, Communications and Accountability Repository (CAED TOCAR)
- Chemical Analysis Reporting System (CARS)
- Consolidated Credential Database (CCD)
- CONTROLS
- Enforcement Actions Tracking System (EATS)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act/Toxic Substance Control Act Tracking Systems (FFTS DB)
- FIFRA Notice of Arrival (eNOA)
- Grants Regional Image Processing System (GRIPS)
- HAZTRAKS
- HELPDESK
- HR Turnover Tracker Template (HRTTT)
- IT Training Reports (ITTR)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
- Personnel Property System (PPS)
- QTRAK
- Records Tracking System (RTS)
- Registrar
- Safe Drinking Water Information System/State Version (SDWIS/State)
- Secure
- Security Investigation Tracking System (SITS)
- SF-52 Tracking Template (SF52)
- SITREP Template (SITREP)
- State Legislative Sessions Template (SLST)
- Supply Inventory and Distribution Ordering System (SIDOS)
- TrackIT Help Desk Application (TRACKIT)

- Accomplishments Tracking System (ATS)
- ACT!
- Air Compliance Complaint Database (ACCD)
- Chemical Inventory System (CHiM-Vertere)
- Contact Media Tracking System (CMTS)
- Daily Flexible Schedule (DFS)
- Drycleaner Database (DryClndb)
- Human Resources Applications System (HR MDI 8)
- INFO Bank Card Request (INFO Bank Card)
- Inspection Targeting, Planning and Tracking Database (INSPTRA)

- Inspection Tracking System (ITS)
- Internal Copy Tracking System (ICTsys)
- Labor and Sample Tracking (LAST)
- Lead-Based Paint Compliance Database (LBP Compliance)
- Pesticide Enforcement Tracking System (PETS)
- Purchase Request (PR Tracking)
- Quality Assurance Training Tracking System (QATTS)
- Standard Operating Procedures Tracking System (SOPTS)
- Transit Subsidy
- Vertere CHiM (CHIMR7)
- Visual Help Desk (VHD)
- Web Air Permits

- Biosolids Database Management System (BDMS)
- Brownfields Database
- CHEMINV
- Colorado Private Pesticide Applicators System (CPPAS)
- Compliance Activity Tracking System (CATS)
- Conference Room Scheduler
- Consolidated Funding Process (CFP)
- Environmental Information Service Center Call Log (EISC Call Log)
- EPA Task Manager
- Federally Enforceable State Implementation Plans (AirSIPs)
- Geographic Information System (GIS2K1)
- Geographic Information System Continuity of Operations Data (COOP1)
- GIS Production Database
- HealthSafety
- Information Services Request (ISP Service)
- IpMonitor
- Laboratory Requests (LabReq)
- Lead-based Paint Tracking System (LbPTsys)
- Legal Enforcement Program Tracking System (LEPTRACK)
- Libby Server System (Libby)
- LogRhythm
- Physical Access Control System
- RCRA Enforcement Action Tracking System (REATS)
- Regional Hearing Clerk Tracking System (RHCTS)
- Safe Drinking Water Information System/State Version (SDWIS/State)
- Service Desk Management Tool
- START Training Application
- State and Regional Programs Branch State Authorization Tracking System (STATS)
- Superfund Site Identifer
- TempMon
- Title 5 Permit Tracking (Title5Permit)

- TMDL Document Tracker
- Underground Storage Tank (USTRAC (Permit)
- Versatile Enterprise
- Visual Help Desk (VHD)

- Air Division Indian Team (ADIT)
- Air Enforcement System (AES)
- Air Pollution Control District Comment Letter Database (APCD Comment)
- Electronic Permit Submittal System (EPSS)
- Enforcement Support Tracking System
- ERC Tracker (ERCTrk)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Enforcement (FIFRA)
- Graphics Requests (Graphics)
- Helpline Tracking System
- MACT Hammer on Notes 7 (MACT)
- Oil Spill Prevention (OilSpill)
- Permits Discussion Comb
- Permits Office (PermitOffice)
- Pesticide Applicator Certification (PAC)
- Pesticide Episode Reports (PER)
- Pesticide Issues (PestIssue)
- Private Actions, Public Good (PvtAction)
- Publication Request Tracking System (PRT)
- Quality Assurance Corrective Action (QACA)
- Removal Data
- Registrar Training Administration System (Registrar)
- Release Profiles (Release)
- Site Overview
- Stationary Source Tracking System (SSTsys)
- Stratospheric Ozone Protection (Ozone)
- Superfund Guidance Review (SuperfundGuid)
- Superfund R.C. Express LInk (SuperfundExpr)
- Title 5 Applications Tracker (Title5)
- Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Enforcement Database (TRIdb)
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Database (TSCA)

- Aquaculture Database (AQUA)
- Automated TDD Generator System (ATGS)
- Awards Tracking Worksheets (AWDTRK)
- Bankcard Log (BANKCARD)
- Bankcard Purchase Orders (BPO)
- Congressional Correspondence Tracking System (CCTS)

- Discharge Monitoring Report Tracking (DMR Tracking)
- Diver Tracking System (DTS)
- Enforcement Tracking System (ETS)
- Environmental Management System
- ESD Laboratory Service Request Tracking (ESD)
- Essential Help Desk (EHD)
- Federal Facilities Tracking System (FFTS)
- FOIA Tracking System (FTS)
- Grant Tracking System (GTS)
- Grants Tracking (R10 GRANTRAC)
- Help Desk Tracking System (HELP)
- Inventory Management System (IMS)
- Invoice Tracking System (ITS)
- Lab Purchasing (LabPurch)
- Library Circulation System (LCS)
- Maxiflex Region 10 (R10 Maxiflex)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Compliance and Enforcement Program (NCEP)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Compliance Unit Office Manager (NCU Office)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System File Track (NPDES)
- Noncompliance Hotline (Noncompldb)
- Office of Environmental Assistance Project Tracking (OEA Project)
- Outreach Calendar (OutreachCal)
- Personal Computer Support Task Tracking (PCSup)
- Project Tracking (PT)
- Regional Matter Tracking System (RMTS)
- Regional User Management System (RUM)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Reports (RCRA Report)
- Safe Drinking Water Information System/State Version (SDWIS/State)
- SF52 System (SF52)
- Superfund Document Tracking System (SFDS)
- Training Reservation System (TRS)
- Tribal Grants Tracking (IGAP)
- Web Help Desk
- Work Request Tracking
- Workplan Tracking (WPT)

Electronic information systems with long-term or permanent retention such as EPA 0496 Air Quality System (AQS) are scheduled separately. Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0062 Laboratory Information Management Systems
- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0088 Bibliographic and Reference Systems

- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Revised guidance.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2014 version:

- Updated cross references in guidance.
- Revised the list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 02/28/2014 version:

- Updated cross references in guidance.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following change was made in the 05/31/2010 version:

• Revised name of Office of International Affairs to Office of International and Tribal Affairs in guidance.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2010 version:

• Revised name of Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances to Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention in guidance.

Conforms to GRS 23, item 8.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0062, EPA 0063, EPA 0088, EPA 0090, EPA 0094, EPA 0096, EPA 0098, EPA 1012

# Previous NARA Disposal Authority:

**Entry:** 09/24/1992

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

# **EPA Records Schedule 0090**

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2015

**Title:** Administrative Support Databases

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

Varies

## **Description:**

Includes a broad range of primarily PC-based systems used to support administrative or housekeeping functions, containing information derived from paper copy records or from other electronic data systems disposable under NARA's General Records Schedules or an approved Agency records schedule. Examples of these databases include budget preparation, property management, program planning, spending, accounting, activity reporting, and resource allocation.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** (Reserved)

Item d: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- Follow the disposition instructions for the related records.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation

(DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Disposition instructions for the electronic data - Follow the disposition instructions for the related records. For example, if the electronic data is related to office staffing covered by schedule 1006, item b, use the disposition instructions for 1006b for the electronic data. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the longer retention period.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the longer retention period.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following systems listed by headquarters program or regional office:

### Office of the Administrator

- Administrator Gift Log (AGL)
- Administrator Invitation Requests (AIR)
- Administrator's Office Archive System (OA-Archive)
- ADP Certificates
- ADP Online Training System
- Anticipated Grants Awards Reporting System (AGARS)
- AO Community News

- Briefing Materials (BriefMat)
- CMS Information
- Communication Product Development and Approval Tracking System (PROTRAC)
- DA Mail Processing
- Document Index System (DIS)
- Environmental Appeals Board Calendar (EABC)
- Environmental Protection Agency Gifts Database (EPA Gifts)
- EPA HQ Press Releases
- EPA Press Office
- Equal Employment Opportunity Network (EEONET)
- FACA Committee Database
- HSSP Tracking
- Mail Processing
- MCAT Log (MCATL)
- Multimedia Requests
- National Correspondence Tracking Information Management System (NCTIMS)
- OCR Certificates (OCR Cert)
- OCR Training Modules (OCR TM)
- OEPI Information
- OEX Leave Calendar
- Office of Administrative Law Judges Check Log (OALJ CL)
- Office of Administrator Application Library (OAAL)
- Office of Administrator Cell and BlackBerry Database (AO CBD)
- Office of Administrator Check In (AO Check In)
- Office of Administrator Mentoring Program (AOMP)
- Office of Administrator Personnel Statistics (AOPS)
- Office of Administrator Purchase Card Requests (AOPCR)
- Office of Administrator Working Capital Fund Checker (AOWCF Checker)
- Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Leave Calendar (OCR LC)
- Office of Civil Rights Reporting System (OCRS)
- Office of Cooperative Environmental Management Leave Calendar (OCEM LC)
- Office of Executive Services (OES) Correspondence Tracking System (OCTS)
- Office of the Administrator Help System (OA Help)
- Office of the Administrator Mentoring Program (OA Mentor)
- Office of the Administrator (OA) Personnel System (OA Pers)
- Office of the Administrator PurchaseCard Requests System (OA Purch)
- Office of the Executive Services (OES) Leave Calendar
- OPA Communications Contacts
- OPA E-Clips
- OPA Leave Calendar
- OPA Phone Log
- OPA Training
- OPEI Directory
- OPEI Econ Info Grants Competition and Job Applicant
- OSBDU On-Line Training (OSDBU OLT)
- OSBDU Request Tracker

- Paperwork Reduction Act Management System (PRAMS)
- Personal Computer Tracker (PC Tracker)
- Public Liaison Contacts
- Records Schedules
- SAB Contacts
- SAB Online Training
- SAB People Database
- SAB Product Database
- SAB Room Reservations
- Visual Power Files Database (VPFD)

## Office of Administration and Resources Management

- AARP Cost Analysis and Tracking (AARP)
- Acquisition Training System (ATS)
- ADMINLAN Office Forms Facilitator and Perform Pro Administrative LAN
- ADP Budget Planning System (APS)
- ADP Budget Preparation System
- ADP Inventory System (ADPIS)
- Advanced Information System for Career Management (AISCM)
- Agency Asset Management System (AAMS)
- Applicant Tracking System (ATS)
- Audit Tracking System (AUDIT)
- Automated Clearing House Network (EPA-ACH)
- Automated Document Control Register (ADCR)
- Barcode Information System (BARCIS)
- Building Information Center System (BIC)
- Carpool System (CARPOOL)
- Circulation System (EPACIR)
- Combined Payroll Redistribution and Reporting System (CPARS)
- Conference Scheduler/Audio Visual System (CSS)
- Conflict of Interest National System (COINS)
- Contract Delivery Order Tracking System (CDOTS)
- Delivery Order Tracking System (DOTS)
- Dock Freight System (DFS)
- Environmental Priorities Initiative Tracking System (EPITS)
- EPA Child Care Database
- EPA RTP Locator System (FMSR)
- EZHIRE
- Facilities Alterations Tracking System (FATS)
- Foundation Information and Real Property Management System (FIRM)
- Grantee Compliance Activities Database
- Grants Administration Division Management Information System (GADMIS)
- Hotline Assistance Request System (IRMHELP)
- In-House Mailing Label Support System
- Interlibrary Loan Copywrite

- Inventory Tracking System (INVENT)
- IRM Budget System (IPS)
- IRM User Support Calls Tracking and Statistical Analysis System (IRMHELP)
- Labor Services Request Tracking System (LSRTS)
- Mail Distribution System (MDS)
- Mail Management System (MMS)
- Management Audit Tracking System (MATS)
- National Locator (LOCATOR)
- OA-Cinc (EMSAC) Library Circulation System (LCS)
- Performance Appraisal System (PAS)
- Performance Standards System
- Personal Property Accounting System (PPAS)
- PhotoCopy System (PCS)
- Project Officer Record System (PORS)
- Project Tracking System (PTS)
- Real Estate Database System (REDS)
- RUSCO Access Card Reader System
- Small Procurement Automated Tracking System (SPATS)
- Small Purchases Automated Management System (SPAMS)
- Superfund Cost Organization and Recovery System (SCORE \$)
- Supply Store System (SSS)
- Utilization Management (FMSD)

#### Office of Air and Radiation

- Contract Administration Assistance Tool (CAAT)
- National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory Facility Management System (NVFEL FMS)
- Registrar
- Selective Enforcement Audits (SEA)
- SmartWay Transport Information Management System (SmartWay CRM)
- SunWise Oracle-Cold Fusion Registration and Tracking System (SWORACF)
- Tracking Responses to Acid Rain Compliance Requirements Database (TRAC)

## Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Automated Information System (ASHAAIS)
- Chemical Hazard Data Availability Study
- Confidential Business Information Tracking System (CBITS)
- Document and Personnel Security System (DAPSS)
- Environmental Accounting Case Studies (EACSdb)
- Export Notification Tracking System (ENTS)
- Field and External Affairs Division Human Resources Database (FEAD HR DB)
- OPP Planning Support System (OPPAS)
- Voluntary Partnership Program

## Office of Chief Financial Officer

- Bankcard Allocation System (Bankcard)
- Cost Allocation
- EPA Electronic Time Sheet (ETS)
- Grant Payment Allocation System (GPAS)
- Management Audit Tracking System (MATS)

## Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- NEIC Library System
- Time Accounting System

#### Office of Environmental Information

- Continuity of Operations Program Telephone Tree Application (COOP TT)
- eBusiness (Working Capital Fund eBusiness Application)
- Electronic Capital Planning and Investment Control System (eCPIC)
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR)
- National Records Management Program File Plan Tool (Matrix)
- National Records Management Program Help Desk Tool
- National Records Management Program Schedule Tracker
- National Records Management Program SF135 Database
- OEI Calendar of Events (OEICALEN)
- Office of Environmental Information Human Resources Tracking Database (OHRTD)
- OTOP Management Information Management Center (OMIC)
- Remedy
- The OEI Transmittal Lotus Notes Database (OEI-TD)
- Time Sharing Services Management System (TSSMS)
- Xacta

#### Office of General Counsel

- Correspondence Management Tracking System (CMTS)
- Ethics Travel Database
- OGC Hiring and Recruitment System
- One Law Office (1LO)
- Workproduct Database

## Office of Inspector General

- Correspondence Control System (CCS)
- Identicard
- Inspector General Enterprise Management System (IGEMS)
- Investigation Tracking System (ITS)
- Knowledge and Skills Inventory System (KSIS)

- Prime Audit Tracking System (PATS)
- Superfund Audit Planning Data Retrieval System (SAPDRS)
- The Inspector General's Enterprise Resource (TIGER)
- Time and Attendance Approval Processing (TAAP)
- Travel Funds Tracking System (TFTS)

#### Office of International and Tribal Affairs

- Fast International Approval of Travel (FIAT)
- International Travel Reports by Organization and Country
- Passport Expiration Notification System (PENS)
- Tribal Document Control Registry (Tribal DCR)
- Tribal General Assistance Program On-Line (GAP On-Line)

## Office of Research and Development

- ADP Capital Equipment Inventory System (ADPCETS)
- AEERL-RTP Management Information System (IMIS)
- Animal Resources Information System (ARIS)
- Athens Chemical Inventory System (ACIS)
- Athens Financial Management System (AFMS)
- Athens Inhouse Property System (AIPS)
- Athens Personnel System (APS)
- Athens Telephone Inventory System (ATIS)
- Boilers and Chillers System (BandCS)
- Catalog of Response Tools (CoRT)
- Changes Clause Advisory System (CHANGESC)
- Chemical and Hazardous Waste Inventory System (CHEM)
- Chemical Inventory Management (CHIM)
- Continuity of Operations Programs Database (COOP Db)
- ERD Phone List (ERDP)
- ERL-Athens Lab Planning System (ALPS)
- ERL-CORV Financial Management (CVFM)
- ERL-CORV Library Circulation System (CVLB)
- ERL-CORV Personnel Management (CVPM)
- ERL-Duluth Personnel Information Projection System (PIPS)
- ERL-Gulf Breeze Financial Data Management (FMS)
- ERL-Gulf Breeze Laboratory Contributions Data Management System (CONTRIBS)
- ERL-Gulf Breeze Text Data Management (EPALIT)
- Expert Maintenance Management System (EMM)
- ExtraORDinary Practices (EORDP)
- Facility Management System (FMS)
- Full Time Equivalence (FTE)
- GB Facilities
- GED ADP Daily Time (GED ADPDT)
- GED ADP Maintenance System (GED ADP Maint)

- GED ADP Property (GED ADPProf)
- GED ADP Work Requests (GED ADPWR)
- GED Animal Use (GED AU)
- GED Authorized Visitor (GED AVis)
- GED Call Detail (CALLS)
- GED Call Detail (GED CD)
- GED Chiller Data Building 45 (Chiller Data 45)
- GED Diving Records (Diving Records)
- GED Employee Timesheet Database (GED ETD)
- GED Environmental Compliance Program (Compliance)
- GED Equipment Maintenance System (Equipment Maint)
- GED Facilities Daily Time (GED FDT)
- GED Facilities Work Requests (Facilities Work)
- GED Float Plans
- GED Frequently Asked Questions (GED FAQs)
- GED GFM (Doors)
- GED Human Resources Database (GED HRD)
- GED Interlibrary Loan Data (GED ILD)
- GED Laboratory Notebooks (GED LN)
- GED Lotus Notes Agency/Functions (GED LNAF)
- GED NADS Image Database (GED NADS ID)
- GED Non ADP Property (GED NonADProp)
- GED Phone
- GED Policies and Procedures (GED PP)
- GED Procurement Request Status (GED PRStatus)
- GED QA Project Plans (GED QAPP)
- GED Suggestion Box (GED SB)
- GED Travel Request (GED TR)
- GED Vendor Database (GED VDb)
- GED Visual Products Catalog (GED VPC)
- GED Warehouse Supplies (GED WS)
- GED Week at a Glance Newsletter (GED WGN)
- Gulf Breeze Task Sheet Information Management System (TASKSHEET)
- Health Effects Research Laboratory Management Information System (HERL MIS)
- History of Accountable Property (HAP)
- Identity Data Reconciliation Database (ID RDb)
- In-House Research Project (IHRP)
- Information Technology Competitive Sourcing Database (IT CSD)
- Integrated Accountability Management System (IAMS)
- Laboratory Management Information System (LMIS)
- Leave Database (MED-LDB)
- MED-Duluth Financial Management and Reporting System (FMRS)
- NCER Multipagers
- NCER Policies
- NCER Trip Reports (NCER TR)
- NCER Warehouse

- Office of Research and Development Address Book (ORD AB)
- Office of Research and Development All Hands Messages (ORD AHM)
- Office of Research and Development Awards Database (ORD AD)
- Office of Research and Development BioSketch (Biosketch)
- Office of Research and Development Equipment Justification System (OEJS)
- Office of Research and Development Focus for Environmental Education (OFEE)
- Office of Research and Development Helping Each Other (ORD HEO)
- Office of Research and Development Information Systems (ORDIS)
- Office of Research and Development/Office of Science Policy Work Products Database (ORD/OSP WPDB)
- Office of Science Policy Congressional Activity (OSP CA)
- Online Intranet Registration for Events/Classes (MED Event Reg)
- ORMA Transmittals
- PC Inventory (PCINV)
- Peer Review Panelist Information System (PRPIS)
- Performance Award System (PAS)
- Personal Property Accountability System (PPAS)
- Personnel Computer Inventory System (PCIS)
- Policies and Procedures Finder (PPFinder)
- Program Management System (PMS)
- Project Output Planning System (POPS)
- Purchase Order System (POS)
- Purchase Requisition Order (PRO)
- QUASAR
- Reference Manager (RM)
- Registration Action Development Process Training (RADPT)
- Relevancy Reviews (RR)
- Research Vessel Survey (MED-RVS)
- ROLODEX (ROLO)
- Software Inventory (SWINV)
- Staff Database (MED-SDB)
- Supply Inventory System (SUPPLY)
- Telephone Call Analysis System (TCAS)
- Training Data System (TDS)
- Training Resources Database (MED-TRDB)

## Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

- Assessment Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES)
- Beginning Year Plans (BYPs)
- Chemical Safety Audit (CSA)
- Compendium of Environmental Testing Laboratories (CETL)
- Management Information System/Routine Analytical Services (MIS/RAS)
- Management Information System/Special Analytical Services (MIS/SAS)
- Office of Solid Waste Administrative Services Team System (AST)
- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Policy Database

- OSWER Data Resource Directory (DRD)
- Policy Directive System (PDS)
- Site Spill Identifier (SPIL)
- Technical Assistance Grant Database (TAG)
- Workstation Inventory System (WIS)

#### Office of Water

- Information Collection Rule (ICR) Federal Database
- Office of Science and Technology Confidential Business Information (OST-CBI)
- Operator Training Program 104(g)(1) Database (OT-104g)

#### Region 1

- EPRB Emergency Phone Book (EPRBPB)
- Online Visitor Registration Form (VREG-OL)
- Regional Case Conclusion Data Sheets (CCDS)
- Regional Phone Book (PHONE\_W)

## Region 2

- Emergency Contact Information System (ECIS)
- File Management System (FMS)
- Monthly Program Grants Reporting System (MGR)
- Regional Response Center (RRC)
- SmartRide
- Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP)
- Training Budget Tracking System (TBTS)

- Air Protection Division Communications Database (APD CD)
- Air Protection Division Contacts (APDC)
- Branch Accounting System (BAS)
- Centralized Phone Book (CPB)
- Electronic Calendar for IRMB
- Emergency Contacts Information System (ECIS)
- Environmental Science Center (ESC)
- Environmental Service Center Mail Codes Database (MCD)
- Environmental Service Center Personnel/Master Phone List (PPL)
- Environmental Service Center Roles Database (ERD)
- Events
- Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Flexiplace Lob (HFL)
- HRMB Courses (HRMBC)
- Imprest System (IMPREST)
- OCGR Hotline Summary Statistics (OHSS)

- Office of Analytical Services and Quality Assurance (OASQA) ACCT3
- Office of Analytical Services and Quality Assurance (OASQA) Time Sheets
- Office of Regional Counsel Monthly Report and Docket Database (MRDD)
- Press Call
- Projection
- Suggestions Tracking System (SUGGS)
- Welsh Road Cost Recovery Interviews (WRCR)

- Congressional Correspondence
- COOP Database
- EQuIS
- Fleet Reservation System
- Foot Prints
- Inmagic/DB Textworks (Office of Environmental Accountability)
- IT Project Tracking System
- Phone Book (PhnBook)
- Quality Assurance Tracking System
- Regional Confidential Business Information (CBI) Database
- Schedule Board/Activity Board
- SF 52 Tracking
- Software Library
- Subject Matter Locator (LOC4)

## Region 5

- CARS
- Versatile Enterprise
- Water Division Phone Tree (WDPhone)
- Water Resource Assignment Project System (WRAP)
- WD CBI Tracking
- WD File Room Checkout
- WD FY11 Travel Tracking
- WD FY12 Travel Tracking

- Advisory Database (ADVDB)
- Contract and Payment System (CAPS)
- Cost On-line Superfund Tracking System (COSTS)
- Direct Implementation Management System (DIMS)
- Emergency Contacts Database (EmerContact)
- Financial Management Report Generator (EZTREV)
- Flexible Schedule Database
- Generalized Meeting Tracking System (MEETS)

- Generalized Sequential Update (UPDATE)
- Grants Interactive Tracking System (GITS)
- Historical Interactive Travel System (HITS)
- Infirmary Activity Reporting (INFIRMARY)
- Lotus Notes Locator (LNLOC)
- Monthly Budget System (MBS)
- On-Line Superfund Cost Reporting (OSCR)
- Personnel Compensation and Benefits Projection System (PCBPRJ)
- Personnel Locator (LOCATOR)
- Public Information Contacts List (PIC)
- Reconcile All Personnel Payroll (RAPP)
- Regional Applicants Tracking System (RATS-PIMS)
- Regional Comparative Risk Project (RCRP)
- Roster Database (ROSTER)
- Safety Information Management System (SIMS-PIMS)
- Security Tracking System (STS)
- Status of Funds (SOF)
- Superfund Enforcement Tracking System (SETS)
- Training Information Management System (TIMS-PIMS)
- Travel Management System (TMS)
- Vendor Interactive Tracking System (VISTA)
- Weekly Activity Report Template (WAR)
- Year-to-date Computer Cost (YTD)

- Calendar
- Customer Service Resource Application (CSRA)
- Drivers License (DrivLicdb)
- FIFRA Establishment Neutral Scheme (FIFRA)
- FIFRA Neutral Inspection Selection System (FIFR)
- Learning/Needs Analysis Survey (Training Survey)
- Monthly Activity Reports (MAR)
- Nebraska Pesticide Certification Database (APPLICATOR)
- Nebraska Pesticide Dealers (PEST DEAL)
- Nebraska Pesticide Dealer Neutral Scheme (DEALERS)
- Office of Public Affairs Mailing (OPA-Mail)
- Phone List (Phone)
- Staff Emergency Information System (SEIS)
- Standard Operating Procedures System (SOPS)
- TOSCA Neutral Scheme (TSCA-PCB)

- 104(e) Response Database
- Accountability Database (ACdb)

- AO Budget
- Ecosystems Protection and Remediation Mail List (EPR Mail List)
- Electronic Forms (ELF)
- Health and Safety System (HSS)
- HR Tracker
- ID Works Visitor ID System
- Livescan IDENTIX 3000
- Medical Monitoring Program (MMP)
- Record of Communication (ROC)
- Resource Management System (RMS)
- Routable Forms (Forms)
- Staff Emergency Information System (SEIS)
- Tribal Assistance Program (TAP)

- Air Division Information (ADI)
- Class 5 Injection Wells Inventory System (IWIS)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Administrative Docket System (CERCLA)
- Environmental Impact Statement System (EIS)
- I.C. On-Line Registration (ICOR)
- Judy's SIP Test
- Legal Documents
- Lotus Notes Environmental Impact Statement System (NOTESEIS)
- NTEU Chapter 295 Database (NTEU)
- Office of Regional Counsel ACTS (ORC-ACTS)
- Office of Regional Counsel Millenium Guide (ORC-Millen)
- Office of Regional Counsel Resume Database (ORCResume)
- Operating Industries, Incorporated (OII)
- Personnel Compensation and Benefits and Full Time Equivalence System (PCB/FTE)
- Procurement Tracking System (PTS)
- Quality Assurance Management Section System (QAMS)
- Regional Account Support System (RSA System)
- Resources Management System (RMS)
- Schedule, Tracking and Registration for Training System (S.T.A.R.T.)
- Senior Environmental Employee Estimating and Tracking System (SEE/AARP)
- Travel Tracking System (TTS)

- Blanket Purchase Order Tracking (BPOT)
- Budget Worksheets (BugetSht)
- Budget Worksheets (MTF)
- Code Library (Code)
- Cost Allocation System (CAS)

- Emergency Contact Information (ECI)
- Environmental Education Clearinghouse (EECH)
- Finder
- News Media Databases by State (Newsdb)
- Performs
- Resource Reservation System (RRS)
- Search and Rescue Manager (SAR Manager)
- Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure System (SPCC)
- Weekly Staff Report

Electronic information systems with long-term or permanent retention such as CERCLIS (EPA 050) are scheduled separately. Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0062 Laboratory Information Management Systems
- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0088 Bibliographic and Reference Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Removed outdated NARA disposal authority and replaced with "Varies."
- Deleted items a-c and added item d.
- Revised guidance.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2014 version:

- Updated cross references in guidance.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2010 version:

- Revised name of Office of International Affairs to Office of International and Tribal Affairs in guidance.
- Revised name of Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances to Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention in guidance.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0062, EPA 0063, EPA 0088, EPA 0089, EPA 0094, EPA 0096, EPA 0098, EPA 1012

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-22/21, GRS 20/3b

**Entry:** 09/24/1992

EPA Approval: Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 08/00/1995

# **EPA Records Schedule 0094**

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2014

Title: Electronic Bulletin Boards

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-96-1/1

## **Description:**

Includes a broad range of systems used to provide ready, user-friendly access to frequently used information in a "public forum" format. Announcements and messages can be posted and read by any user. Information may be drawn from Agency databases, publicly available sources or a combination of sources. Also includes other types of on-line dialogue, including chat rooms, discussion forums, blogs, wikis, listservs, Lotus Notes Teamrooms and QuickPlace.

Information is brought together to simplify access and provide specialized support for specific information needs. Often used to distribute software programs, models, or text files.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/1c

- Disposable
- Delete when no longer needed.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

**Guidance:** 

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Substantive information which meets the definition of an Agency record and is disseminated via a bulletin board or other on-line system must be documented in an Agency recordkeeping system and retained in accordance with approved records schedules. If the bulletin board information is unique and not documented elsewhere, a separate records schedule is required.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input for the system is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following systems listed by headquarters or regional office:

Office of the Administrator

- Flow of the River
- Greenversations

- Lean Manufacturing
- Office of Homeland Security (OHS) Teamroom (OHS-TR)

## Office of Administration and Resources Management

• Office of Environmental Justice Bulletin Board System (OEJ BBS)

#### Office of Air and Radiation

- Control Technology Center (CTC)
- EPA Model Clearinghouse
- Management and Accountability Process System (MAPS)
- Technology Transfer Network (TTN)

#### Office of Environmental Information

- AMI/GEOSS Knowledge Management Environment (ASKME)
- Records Management QuickPlace

#### Office of General Counsel

• E-discovery QuickPlace

## Office of Research and Development

- Center for Exposure Assessment Modeling Electronic Bulletin Board System (CEAM BBS)
- Office of Research and Development Electronic Bulletin Board System (ORD BBS)

## Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

- Clean-Up Information Bulletin Board System (CLU-IN)
- RCRA Financial Assurance System (RCRA FAS)

## Office of Water

- EPA Decentralized Wastewater Management Web-Based Discussion Forum
- Fish Advisory Special Interest Group Located on Non-Point Source Bulletin Board
- Nonpoint Source (NPS) Electronic Bulletin Board
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Info (NPSInfo)

- Indicators/Outcomes
- ISB Team Room (ITR)
- Office of Watersheds Team Room (OW-TR)

• Water Protection Division Front Office Team Room (WPDFOT)

## Region 7

• Bulletin Board (Bulletin Boa)

## Region 9

• Air Toxics Team Database (ATTdb)

Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0088 Bibliographic and Reference Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

Electronic records not requiring their own schedules or covered in one of the big bucket schedules above may be segments or phases of information systems covered by schedule 1012 Information and Technology Management.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item a.
- Revised the description.
- Revised disposition instructions for item b.
- Reorganized guidance.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed the disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Revised the title and wording of the disposition instructions in item e.

Bulletin boards are used as a means to disseminate information captured in other places. Bulletin boards and Web sites with unique information are scheduled separately.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

 $EPA\ 0063,\ EPA\ 0088,\ EPA\ 0089,\ EPA\ 0090,\ EPA\ 0096,\ EPA\ 0098,\ EPA\ 1012$ 

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 02/17/1994

**EPA Approval:** 04/28/1995

**NARA Approval:** 01/20/1999

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Web Sites

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-8

## **Description:**

The EPA Web site is a resource providing information about EPA, providing services to the public or internal employees and contractors, and supporting the mission of Agency programs. The Web site is also used to distribute software programs, models, and textual, video, sound or image files.

This schedule covers records such as software used to maintain the site, the content on the site, site management documentation, and backend systems that are not covered by other schedules. It applies to the Internet, intranet, extranet and portals.

Web content records are covered by the applicable records schedules for the functions they support; e.g., Web pages related to Superfund remedial sites are covered by EPA 0014. If the Web content records are unique and not covered by existing schedules, they must be scheduled separately.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** System software and documentation

Includes software used for creating and maintaining the site.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-8a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Site management and operations

Includes reports, statistics, procedures and approvals.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-8b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at end of year.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Log files

Includes unprocessed log files, application logs, and similar files.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-8c

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 months old.

**Item d:** Web content - not unique

Includes markup language, code, textual and audiovisual files, contextual hyperlinks, and content from backend systems used to generate static or dynamic content on the site(s), as well as screen captures and site snapshots, when the record copy is captured elsewhere.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-8d

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded, obsolete, or no longer needed to conduct Agency business, whichever is later, but not longer than the retention of the record copy. See EPA 0008 -Nonrecords.

Item e: Web content - unique

Includes markup language, code, textual and audiovisual files, contextual hyperlinks, and content from backend systems used to generate static or dynamic content on the site(s), as well as screen captures and site snapshots, when the record copy is not captured elsewhere.

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule. If not covered by existing schedules, contact the National Records Management Program (NRMP) to develop a new one.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Web content records documenting EPA's operations, decisions, and actions that are needed to protect the legal and financial rights of the government and the public must be captured in a recordkeeping system and retained in accordance with the applicable records schedules. If the Web content records are unique and not covered by existing schedules, program offices must contact the NRMP to prepare a records schedule. Additional guidance on managing Web records is available at: (URL to be added).

Organizations need to pay particular attention to Web content with potential regulatory, enforcement or other legal impact, as well as events of historical significance (e.g., World Trade Center, Hurricane Katrina). For example, if an organization is offering guidance to the regulated community, it needs to retain a complete record in its recordkeeping system of what that guidance was, how long it was posted and URLs referenced by hyperlinks.

Changes to the Web content records, such as major additions or deletions that might affect decisions or actions by the public or regulated community are covered under item d or e. Documentation on minor editorial or non-substantive changes (e.g., correcting typographical errors) may not need to be kept, depending upon a risk analysis. More information on assessing records management risks associated with Web sites can be found in NARA's guidance at: http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/policy/managing-web-records.html.

This schedule also covers podcasts, streaming media, and other popular forms of transmission.

See EPA 0094 for electronic bulletin boards and other collaborative technologies such as blogs and wikis. Records related to policy on site management are covered by EPA 0007.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The proposed retention meets EPA's administrative needs. Unique Web content that meets the definition of a record and is not covered by an existing schedule will be scheduled separately.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0007, EPA 0094

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 10/29/1996

**EPA Approval:** 03/26/2007

**NARA Approval:** 09/10/2008

Status: Final, 12/31/2014

Title: Data Standards and Registry Services

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 404 - Technology Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-15

## **Description:**

Registries provide the ability to register, map and manage metadata and information important to the Agency and its partner systems. Registries may contain objects or data used within multiple systems such as common code sets, facility information, or substances. They may contain information about individual Agency systems or datasets or reusable software components and services that may be used in multiple systems. Registration of contents is the single unique concept that makes a registry a registry. Quality assurance is provided and stewards are assigned to maintain and manage specific contents. In all cases, registries serve as an organizing structure for the purpose of facilitating discovery of Agency information resources. The registries do not contain environmental data, but are collections or repositories of metadata that describe information to make the data more meaningful and easier to find.

Data standards are part of the EPA Enterprise Data Architecture. They are maintained with the EPA registries. Data standards are used to improve the quality of environmental data and also facilitate data integration.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-15c

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or obsolete.

Item d: (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

**Item f:** Data standards documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-15f

Disposable

• Delete when standards no longer in use in Agency and partner systems.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input for the system is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following systems listed by headquarters program office:

#### Office of Environmental Information

- Data Element Registry Services (DERS)
- Data Registry Services
- Data Standards Services
- EPA Linked Data Services (EPA-LDS)
- Facility Registry System (FRS)
- Registry of EPA Applications, Models and Databases (READ)
- Reusable Component Services
- Substance Registry Services
- System Inventory Services
- System of Registries (SoR)
- Terminology Services

## Office of Research and Development

• Environmental Information Management System (EIMS) and Science Inventory

Substance Registry Services was formerly called the Substance Registry System. The XML Registry is now a part of Reusable Component Services.

Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0088 Bibliographic and Reference Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0098 Data Marts and Data Warehouses

Electronic records not requiring their own schedules or covered in one of the big bucket schedules listed above may be segments or phases of information systems covered by schedule 1012 Information and Technology Management.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for item b.
- Added information and reorganized guidance.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Revised reference to EPA 0170 in disposition item b.
- Revised disposition instructions for item e.

This schedule was originally approved as N1-412-03-7 for the Environmental Data Registry (EDR). The schedule has been expanded to include all data registries, including FRS (EPA 079, previously approved as N1-412-03-16) and EIMS (EPA 469, previously approved as N1-412-04-9).

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0063, EPA 0088, EPA 0089, EPA 0090, EPA 0094, EPA 0098, EPA 1012

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-03-7, N1-412-03-16, N1-412-04-9

Entry: 06/18/2001

**EPA Approval:** 08/12/2008

**NARA Approval:** 05/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 05/31/2015

**Title:** Central Data Exchange (CDX)

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 404 - Technology Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-03-17

## **Description:**

The Central Data Exchange system serves as a single point for receiving compliance reports from industry and government partners and supports integrated cross-media reporting. This allows for the exchange of data electronically, including the establishment and management of a common registration process, a central archive of electronic transactions, and data exchange between external submitters and EPA program offices. CDX also has a role as a central point for the collection and entry of paper- and diskette-based data.

Some of the reports include risk management plans, toxic release inventory forms, air emissions inventories, discharge monitoring reports, pretreatment self monitoring reports, and RCRA biennial reports.

Includes the Customer Registration Subsystem (CRS) containing information on individuals who have registered and established accounts to access CDX.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** (Reserved)

Item b(1): (Reserved)

Item b(2): (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Environmental Information, Central Receiving Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-17c

### Disposable

• Keep individual records up to 3 years after completion of action, then delete when no longer needed.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

Item e: (Reserved)

**Item f:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The CDX is responsible for the receipt, authentication, archiving (of the transaction and audit trail), and the distribution to the appropriate EPA systems (e.g., Toxics Release Inventory). Once the data passes to the designated system, that data is the responsibility of the program office and the system's administrator.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b(1) and (2), is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Electronic signatures and verification data - Electronic signatures and verification data, formerly item f, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Other related schedules for the CROMERR process include the following:

- Test data, system logs, audit system logs, authentication/security logs, eAuthentication logs, public encryption keys as applicable Certificate Key Management, customer retention of inbound, node logs, NAAS logs, e-mail acknowledgements to submitters, electronic signature agreements, and data archives are covered by EPA 1012, item e.
- Outages and statistics are covered by schedule 1012, item c or d.

Examples of the types of systems included in the CDX are the Emissions Inventory System (EIS) covered by EPA 0002 and the Toxic Release Inventory System (TRI) covered by EPA 0153.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2015 version:

- Updated schedule description.
- Deleted items a, b(1) and (2), d, e and f which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated cross references in guidance.

The following change was made in the 01/31/2009 version:

• Revised guidance and cross references.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item b(1).

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed the disposition instructions for items a and b(1).
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c, e and f.
- Revised title and disposition instructions for item e.

This system will help meet the requirements of the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) mandating agencies be prepared to allow electronic reporting. Disposition for all items meet program needs, and disposition for item f conforms to General Records Schedule 20, item 1c.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Central Receiving Branch

- Contact:
- Telephone:

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 1012

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 11/23/2001

**EPA Approval:** 08/26/2003

**NARA Approval:** 03/24/2004

**Status:** Final, 09/30/2014

Title: Data Marts and Data Warehouses

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 404 - Technology Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-09-8

## **Description:**

Includes data marts and warehouses that are repositories of data copied or downloaded from other information systems at specific intervals. They provide easy access and facilitate analysis and reporting, regardless of the data's source. They may contain data from databases as well as geographic information allowing data to be mapped.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-8c

#### Disposable

 Delete data when superseded by next scheduled update or when system is discontinued or obsolete.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records

schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The offices responsible for the individual systems from which the data marts and warehouses are retrieved are responsible for the disposition of their data under their specific schedules.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input for the system is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

This schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following systems listed by headquarters program or regional office:

Office of Administration and Resources Management

• OARM Data Marts (ODM)

Office of Air and Radiation

- Air Quality System Data Mart (AQS Data Mart/AQSMart)
- AIRQuest Data Warehouse (AIRQuest)

#### Office of Chief Financial Officer

- Administrative Data Mart (ADAM)
- Administrative Data Warehouse (ADW)

#### Office of Environmental Information

Envirofacts

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

- Cleanups in My Community (CIMC)
- Katrina Air Quality System (Katrina AQS)
- Katrina Enviromapper (Katrina EM)
- Katrina STORET)
- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Performance Assessment Tool (PAT)

Electronic information systems with long-term or permanent retention such as schedule 0496 Air Quality System (AQS) are scheduled separately. Other disposable systems not requiring specific schedules have been categorized into this schedule or one of the other "generic" or "big bucket" schedules:

- EPA 0063 Electronic Models and Expert Systems
- EPA 0088 Bibliographic and Reference Systems
- EPA 0089 Information Tracking Systems
- EPA 0090 Administrative Support Databases
- EPA 0094 Electronic Bulletin Boards
- EPA 0096 Data Standards and Registry Services

Electronic records not requiring their own schedules or covered in one of the big bucket schedules above may be segments or phases of information systems covered by schedule 1012 Information and Technology Management.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Deleted cross reference to schedule 0179 which is covered by schedule 1012, item e.
- Updated cross references.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2009 version:

- Revised title of disposition item e.
- Revised list of systems covered in guidance.

The following change was made in the 02/28/2009 version:

- Revised the schedule title.
- Revised the disposition instructions for item b.

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2008 version:

- Revised the schedule title and description.
- Expanded applicability to all programs.
- Revised guidance and reasons for disposition.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item b.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item a.
- Changed the disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title and disposition instructions for item e.

This schedule was originally approved for Envirofacts as N1-412-00-1. It has been expanded to cover data marts and warehouses in all program and regional offices.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0063, EPA 0088, EPA 0089, EPA 0090, EPA 0094, EPA 0096, EPA 1012

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-00-1

Entry: 08/09/1995

**EPA Approval:** 04/17/2009

**NARA Approval:** 07/21/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Appointee Clearance and Vetting Files

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-62/1

## **Description:**

Files consist of records resulting from liaison with the White House to evaluate the suitability of individuals for non-career positions. The files include correspondence, applications for employment, resumes, background information about individuals, financial disclosure forms, security clearances, notifications of personnel action, White House clearance checklists, and other documentation relating to the selection, clearance, and appointment of political appointees.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Appointees

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/1a

#### Disposable

• Destroy at the end of the Presidential administration during which the individual is hired, except for any original material appropriate for filing in OPFs, which should be placed in those files.

## **Item b:** Non-appointees

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/1b

#### Disposable

- Close inactive records on termination of consideration.
- Destroy 1 year after closure but not later than the end of the Presidential administration during which the individual is considered.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Correspondence related to offering appointments to potential employees is scheduled as EPA 0557.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item c for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Human Capital Management Division

- Contact:
- Telephone:

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0557

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-99-14/2

**Entry:** 12/07/1995

**EPA Approval:** 06/15/2007

**NARA Approval:** 03/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Employee Performance File System

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/23

## **Description:**

Contains documents related to employee performance for non-SES appointees (as defined in 5 USC 4301(2)) and SES appointees (as defined in 5 USC 3132a(2)).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** Appraisals of unacceptable performance - Non-SES appointees

Includes appraisals where a notice of proposed demotion or removal is issued but not effected and all related documents.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23a(1)

#### Disposable

• Destroy after the employee completes 1 year of acceptable performance from the date of the written advance notice of proposed removal or reduction-in-grade notice.

Item a(2): Superseded performance records - Non-SES appointees

Includes records superseded through an administrative, judicial, or quasi-judicial procedure.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23a(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded.

Item a(3)(a): Latest rating of record 3 years or less - Non-SES appointees

Includes performance-related records pertaining to a former employee, including performance plan upon which it is based and any summary rating.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23a(3)(a)

- Disposable
- Place records on left side of the OPF and forward to gaining federal agency upon transfer or to NPRC if employee leaves federal service (see EPA 553). If EPA retrieves an OPF from NPRC, these documents are to be retained according to item a(3)(b).

Item a(3)(b): All other performance plans and ratings - Non-SES appointees

Includes performance-related records pertaining to a former employee.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23a(3)(b)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 4 years old.

Item a(4): All other summary performance appraisal records - Non-SES appointees

Includes performance appraisals and job elements and standards upon which they are based.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23a(4)

- Disposable
- Destroy 4 years after date of appraisal.

**Item a(5):** Supporting documents - Non-SES appointees

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23a(5)

- Disposable
- Destroy 4 years after date of appraisal.

**Item b(1):** Superseded performance records - SES appointees

Includes records superseded through an administrative, judicial, or quasi-judicial procedure.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23b(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded.

Item b(2)(a): Latest rating of record that is less than 5 years old - SES appointees

Includes performance-related records pertaining to a former SES appointee, including performance plan upon which it is based, and any summary rating.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23b(2)(a)

- Disposable
- Place records on left side of the OPF and forward to gaining federal agency upon transfer or to NPRC if employee leaves federal service (see EPA 553). If EPA retrieves an OPF from NPRC, these documents are to be retained according to item b(2)(b).

Item b(2)(b): All other performance ratings and plans - SES appointees

Includes performance-related records pertaining to a former SES appointee.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23b(2)(b)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 5 years old.

**Item b(3):** All other performance appraisals - SES appointees

Includes job elements and standards (job expectations) upon which they are based, excluding those for SES appointees serving on a Presidential appointment (5 CFR 214).

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23b(3)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after date of appraisal.

**Item b(4):** Supporting documents - SES appointees

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/23b(4)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after date of appraisal.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Performance appraisals from the performance appraisal and recognition system (PARS) are covered by this schedule until the employee leaves the Agency. See the Guide to Personnel Recordkeeping for guidance.

Performance rating appeals are covered under EPA 0563. See EPA 0553 for official personnel folders (OPF) for civilians and EPA 0554 for Public Health Service Corps commissioned personnel.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms with NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 23.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0553, EPA 0554, EPA 0563

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 11/26/1997

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Privacy Act Requests Files

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

General Records Schedule 14/21

## **Description:**

Files created in response to requests from individuals to gain access to their records or to any information in the records pertaining to them, as provided for under 5 U.S.C. 552a(d)(l) and responses. Files contain original request, copy of reply and all related supporting documents, which may include the official file copy of records requested or copy thereof.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** Granting access to all the requested records

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of records requested if filed therein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/21a(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after date of reply.

**Item a(2)(a):** Requests not appealed - Requests for nonexistent records; to requesters who provide inadequate descriptions, and to those who fail to pay Agency reproduction fees

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of records requested if filed therein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/21a(2)(a)

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after date of reply.

**Item a(2)(b):** Requests appealed - Requests for nonexistent records; to requesters who provide inadequate descriptions, and to those who fail to pay agency reproduction fees

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of records requested if filed therein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/21a(2)(b)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for related records (EPA 115).

Item a(3)(a): Requests not appealed - Denying access to all or part of the records requested

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of records requested if filed therein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/21a(3)(a)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after date of reply.

Item a(3)(b): Requests appealed - Denying access to all or part of the records requested

Includes correspondence and supporting documents, excluding the official file copy of records requested if filed therein.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/21a(3)(b)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for related records (EPA 0115).

**Item b:** Record copy of requested records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/21b

- Varies
- Follow instructions for related records or with the Privacy Act request, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the

electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

These records are usually maintained by the System Manager (as defined in the Privacy Act Manual 2190) or in the files maintained by the System Manager's unit.

Retain records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Privacy Act according to EPA 0113 for Privacy Act administrative files and reports. Privacy Act amendment case files are scheduled as EPA 0115, Privacy Act accounting of disclosure files as EPA 0116, and Privacy Act control files as EPA 0117.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 21.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0113, EPA 0115, EPA 0116, EPA 0117

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-2/3

Entry: 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Privacy Act Administrative Files and Reports

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/26 (Item a)

• General Records Schedule 14/25 (Item b)

## **Description:**

Records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Privacy Act.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Administrative files

Includes notices, memoranda, routine correspondence, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/26

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item b:** Reports

Includes recurring reports and one-time information, including biennial reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the report on new systems at all levels.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/25

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Privacy Act Request Files are scheduled as EPA 0112 and Amendment Case Files as EPA 0115. See EPA 0116 for Privacy Act Accounting of Disclosure Files and 0117 for Privacy Act Control Files.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Retention conforms to NARA General Records Schedule 14, items 25 and 26.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0112, EPA 0115, EPA 0116, EPA 0117

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-3/16

Entry: 08/01/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Privacy Act Amendment Case Files

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/22

## **Description:**

Files relating to an individual's request to amend a record pertaining to that individual as provided for under 5 U.S.C. 552a(d)(2), to the individual's request for a review of EPA's refusal of the individual's request to amend a record as provided for under 5 U.S.C. 552a (d)(3), and to any civil action brought by the individual against EPA as provided under 5 U.S.C. 552a(g).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Requests to amend agreed to by EPA

Includes individual's requests to amend, copies of replies thereto, and related materials.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/22a

#### Disposable

• Dispose of in accordance with the approved disposition instructions for the related subject individual's record or 4 years after agency's agreement to amend, whichever is later.

**Item b:** Requests to amend refused by EPA

Includes individual's request to amend to review refusal to amend, copies of replies thereto, statement of disagreement, justification for refusal to amend a record, and related materials.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/22b

#### Disposable

• Dispose of in accordance with the approved disposition instructions for the related subject individual's record or 4 years after final determination by agency, or 3 years after final adjudication by courts, whichever is later.

**Item c:** Appealed requests to amend

Includes all files created in responding to appeals under the Privacy Act for refusal to amend a record.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/22c

- Disposable
- Dispose of in accordance with the approved disposition instructions for related subject individual's record or 3 years after final adjudication by courts, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

These records are usually maintained by the System Manager (as defined in the Privacy Act Manual 2190) or in the files maintained by the System Manager's unit. Records for cases that are appealed may be maintained by the Privacy Act Officer.

Privacy Act Requests Files are covered in EPA 0112. Dispose of records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Privacy Act in accordance with EPA 0113, Privacy Act Administrative Files and Reports. Privacy Act Accounting of Disclosure Files are scheduled as EPA 0116 and Privacy Act Control Files as EPA 0117.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 22.

Item d for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0112, EPA 0113, EPA 0116, EPA 0117

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-2/4

Entry: 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Privacy Act Accounting of Disclosure Files

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/23

## **Description:**

Includes files maintained under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(c) for an accurate accounting of the date, nature and purpose of each disclosure of a record to any person or to another agency, including forms showing the subject individual's name, requestor's name and address, purpose and date of disclosure and proof of subject individual's consent when applicable.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/23

#### Disposable

 Dispose of in accordance with the approved disposition instructions for the related subject individual's records or 5 years after the disclosure for which the accountability was made, whichever is later.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various

components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

These records are usually maintained by the System Manager (as defined in the Privacy Act Manual 2190) or in the files maintained by the System Manager's unit. Copies of records for cases that are appealed may be maintained by the Privacy Act Officer.

Dispose of records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Privacy Act in accordance with EPA 0113, Privacy Act Administrative Files and Reports. Privacy Act Request Files are scheduled as EPA 0112, Privacy Act Amendment Case Files as EPA 0115, and Privacy Act Control Files as EPA 0117.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 23.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0112, EPA 0113, EPA 0115, EPA 0117

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-2/5

Entry: 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Privacy Act Control Files

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 14/24

## **Description:**

Files maintained for control purposes in responding to requests, including logs, registers and similar records maintained for control purposes in responding to records listing date, nature of request and name and address of requestor

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Registers or listings

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/24a

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after date of last entry.

**Item b:** Other files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 14/24b

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after final action by the agency or final adjudication by courts, whichever is later.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in

electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

These records are usually maintained by the FOIA Operations staff or in the files maintained by the System Manager's unit. Records for cases that are appealed may be maintained by the Privacy Act Officer.

Dispose of records relating to the general Agency implementation of the Privacy Act in accordance with EPA 0113, Privacy Act Administrative Files and Reports. Privacy Act Requests Files are scheduled as EPA 0112, Privacy Act Amendment Case Files as EPA 0115, and Privacy Act Accounting of Disclosure Files as EPA 0116.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to the NARA General Records Schedule 14, item 24.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0112, EPA 0113, EPA 0115, EPA 0116

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-2/6

Entry: 08/19/1991

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Child Care Tuition Assistance Program Records

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-62/2

# **Description:**

Includes records documenting EPA's child care assistance program. Public Law 107-67, Section 630, permits federal agencies to assist lower income federal employees with child care tuition costs. The program is managed by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Human Resources, and the application process is administered by Federal Employee Education and Assistance (FEEA). FEEA also administers the Child Care Tuition Assistance Program application process for other participating federal agencies. The program was developed in partnership with a number of stakeholders, e.g., the American Federal of Government Employees (AFGE). Types of documents include agreements with EPA and unions and other entities, applications with pay statements and income tax returns, eligibility forms, child care provider forms, correspondence, and other related documents.

Excludes: EPA Child Care Database (EPA 0090).

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Agreements

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/2a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records upon expiration or termination of agreement.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Other documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/2b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at end of year.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM) is responsible for program oversight and for ensuring the disposition instructions are followed. Contract records are covered in EPA 0202. The EPA Child Care Database is covered by EPA 0090.

Specific legal citations include:

- Public Law 107-67, Section 603, 40 U.S.C. Sec. 490b
- 5 CFR Part 792 Subpart B
- EPA Privacy Act System #49

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item c for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted 08/15/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Human Resources

Contact: Cheryl BentleyTelephone: 202-564-0244

# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0090, EPA 0202

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-04-1

**Entry:** 08/01/2002

**EPA Approval:** 06/15/2007

**NARA Approval:** 03/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 05/31/2014

**Title:** Supervisors' Personnel Files and Duplicate OPF Documentation

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/18

# **Description:**

Records consist of correspondence, forms, and other records relating to positions, authorizations, pending actions, position descriptions, requests for personnel action, training, and records on individual employees duplicated in or not appropriate for the OPF.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Supervisors' personnel files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/18a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records when employee separates from EPA, is reassigned within EPA, or transfers to another agency.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

**Item b:** Duplicate documentation

Includes other copies of documents duplicated in OPFs, not provided for elsewhere.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/18b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at the end of the month.
- Destroy 6 months after file closure.

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Superseded or obsolete documents in the supervisors' personnel files may be destroyed when no longer needed.

Official record copies of files covered by item b are maintained by the Agency's personnel office which should be retained as specified in NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 1. Other copies may be sent to the employee, payroll, and a copy retained in personnel. Time and attendance records are scheduled as EPA 0276.

Supervisory records maintained on student volunteer workers are to be disposed of in accordance with item a.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes was made in the 05/31/2014 version:

- Revised file closure wording for item a.
- Revised wording in guidance related to copies of files covered by item b.

The following change was made in the 01/31/2013 version:

• Revised file closure wording for item a to include when employee separates or transfers "from EPA."

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 18.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies was deleted 08/16/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Multiple units

# **Related Schedules:**

GRS 1/1

EPA 0276

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-2/11

**Entry:** 08/19/1991

EPA Approval: Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 404 - Technology Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-06-24

# **Description:**

The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is a government-wide Web-based portal system providing the public with electronic access to the entire regulatory docket, including rules, supporting documents and public comments, as well as other materials being made available for public review and comment.

FDMS allows the public access to proposed and final rules, other agency actions listed in the Federal Register, and the ability to submit comments on proposed regulations and any other materials exposed to the public, including other comments received. Documents published in the Federal Register are sent to FDMS the same day they are published, and then routed to the agency sponsoring the publication. Agencies that have implemented FDMS into their business processes then create a docket for the publication and can receive comments directly from the public on the publication or on any other supporting materials they have posted. Comments received in paper by the agency are scanned and processed through the system by the partner agency. Federal Register publications for agencies that have not yet implemented FDMS will be posted in FDMS, but until the agency has implemented FDMS they are unable to include additional supporting materials, and they are unable to receive comments through FDMS. Instead, comments received are transmitted to the agency in an e-mail from the managing contractor of FDMS. The FDMS application is hosted and managed by EPA, however, each agency is responsible for its content and has a number of configuration options.

FDMS is capable of electronically receiving and maintaining images and text documents in support of regulatory development related to a federal agency's proposed rules and other agency actions are made available for public review and comment. Each agency owns and manages its data in the system and controls internal access and workflow. The data and images maintained in the docket management module will be for the purposes of public access only for a prescribed length of time. Therefore, the official record is the responsibility of the participating agency. It is the responsibility of the participating agency to ensure they retain and disposition (including

transfer of permanent records to the National Archives) all record copies of information captured in FDMS according to their approved records schedules.

It is anticipated that the system will also have an eToolbox module to assist with the development, review, and publication of federal regulations and analysis of public comments. Examples of these tools include electronic reading rooms, workflow tools to facilitate or enhance the drafting of a rule, data mining tools, and dashboard to display the real-time performance of the process.

An additional component is being developed for FDMS to provide for the management of electronic records. Once implemented, FDMS will provide participating agencies with functionality that meets the Department of Defense Electronic Records Management Software Application Design Criteria Standard (DoD 5015.2-STD) and can serve as a component of their overall records management program.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-24a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Electronic data for participating agency records

This item is to be used only by the Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-24b

- Disposable
- Destroy in accordance with each participating agency's approved records schedules.

**Item c:** E-mail identification and verification data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-24c

Disposable

• Destroy after verification.

# Item d: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

EPA's Dockets are scheduled as EPA 0150.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Changed schedule applicability to Headquarters.
- Added applicability for all disposition items.
- Revised title and disposition instructions for item d.

EPA is the overall managing partner for this system. Participating federal agencies own and manage their own data. EPA retains and disposes of all data in accordance with each

participating agency's approved records schedule. EPA's Dockets schedule was approved as N1-412-04-4.

# **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Collection, Collection Strategies Division

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0150, EPA 0304

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 09/06/2005

**EPA Approval:** 06/05/2006

**NARA Approval:** 03/05/2007

**Status:** Final, 02/28/2015

**Title:** TRI Processing System (TRIPS)

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-10-1 (Items a, c, d and f)

• DAA-GRS-2013-0001-0001 (Item b)

# **Description:**

The TRI Processing System (TRIPS) was established under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and expanded by the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990. The inventory contains information on toxic chemical releases and other waste management activities reported annually by certain covered industry groups as well as federal facilities. Data include chemical identity, amount of on-site users, releases and off-site transfers, including publicly-owned treatment works (POTWs), on-site treatment, and minimization/prevention actions. Also contains data collected via EPA Form 9350-1, Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form, trade secret claims made by submitters, and submissions received in both paper and electronic format. Output and reports are used by citizens and community organizations, national organizations, businesses, and educational institutions, as well as EPA EPA uses the data for a wide variety of activities, including targeting environmental problems, compliance and enforcement, and risk assessment.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Input - Electronic submissions with electronic signatures, electronic data extracted from paper submissions, and magnetic media submissions.

This includes, but is not limited to, TRI-MEweb, Central Data Exchange (CDX), and floppy, 3.5", and compact disks. The Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, TRI Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-10-1a

- Disposable
- Close after information is entered into the electronic system and verified.

• Delete when 5 years old.

**Item b:** Input - Paper submissions

The Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, TRI Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-GRS-2013-0001-0001

- Disposable
- Close after information is entered into the electronic system and verified.
- Destroy after file closure.

**Item c:** Trade secret claims

The Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, TRI Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-10-1c

- Permanent
- Close every 5 years.
- Transfer to the National Archives when most recent record is 15 years old, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. If any claims are submitted in electronic form, produce a paper copy to serve as the record copy and delete the electronic copy when no longer needed.

**Item d:** Trade secret claims - Tracking system (Automated Ledger Function (ALF))

The Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, TRI Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-10-1d

- Disposable
- Delete when obsolete or no longer needed.

**Item e:** (Reserved)

**Item f:** TRIPS electronic data

The Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, TRI Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-10-1f

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives annually, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

Item g: (Reserved)

**Item h:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program, formerly item e - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program will be covered by EPA 1012, Information and Technology Management, which is in development.

Output and reports, formerly item g - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later disposition dates.

System documentation, formerly item h - System documentation consisting of file specifications for relational tables, code books, record layouts, and other records necessary to describe the data transferred to the National Archives is permanent and is covered by EPA 0304, item a(2) and GRS 20/11a(2) which provide directions to follow the disposition instructions for the electronic

data. System documentation consisting of those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data while in operation at EPA is disposable and is covered by EPA 0125, item b(1) and GRS 24/3b(1).

The Chemical Update System (CUS) is scheduled as EPA 0273. See EPA 0088 - Bibliographic and Reference Systems for the EPCRA Targeting System (ETS), and EPA 0371 for TSCA Chemical Inventory File.

Specific legal citations include:

- SARA Title III Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986, Section 313, 42 U.S.C. 11023
- Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 13101 et seq.
- 40 CFR Part 372

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 02/28/2015 version:

• Updated GRS disposal authority for item b due to revision of NARA's General Records Schedule, transmittal 23.

The following changes were made in the 12/31/2012 version:

- Revised the disposition instructions for item b.
- Deleted items e for electronic software program, g for output and reports, and h for system documentation and added them to guidance.

The following changes were made in the 09/30/2009 version:

- Added file closure instructions to item a.
- Revised retention for items a and b to 5 years.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of schedule and disposition items e, f, g and h.
- Revised wording of disposition item a.
- Added wording about applicability for disposition items a-f and h.
- Updated contact information.

The 5-year retention for submissions has been changed to be consistent with the federal statute of limitations, 28 U.S.C. 2462. The retention for the data in the TRI electronic system has not changed.

Item i for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted 08/16/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Analysis and Access, TRI Program Division

Contact: Shane KnipschildTelephone: 202-564-6189

# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0088, EPA 0273, EPA 0371

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-88-3/19, N1-412-95-7/3, N1-412-04-11

**Entry:** 01/05/1993

**EPA Approval:** 10/05/2009

**NARA Approval:** 01/11/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Fuel Reporting System (DCFuels)

**Program:** Air

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-09-4

# **Description:**

The Fuel Reporting System (DCFuels) includes compliance data related to gasoline, diesel fuel and a variety of fuels and fuel additives. The data are collected from refiners, importers, independent laboratories, and fuel and fuel additive manufacturers. DCFuels includes two types of data: (1) Fuel and Fuel Additive Registration (DCFFARS) for registration of companies and products; and (2) Reformulated Gasoline and Anti-Dumping Database (RFG/AD) for compliance reporting.

DCFFARS data supports the registration of fuels and fuel additive products prior to their introduction into commerce and provides information which protects the public from motor fuel/additives which may produce environmental harm.

RFG/AD collects data for a variety of activities including averaging, banking and trading programs, quarterly and annual compliance demonstration, and product quality parameters from a variety of submitters. Reporting programs under RFG/AD include: Reformulated Gasoline and Anti-Dumping, Tier 2 Gasoline Sulfur, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel, MSAT Gasoline Toxics, RFS, and MSAT-2 Gasoline Benzene. The compliance information provides a picture of fuel production and characteristics useful in developing air pollution control strategies and is used to pursue alleged civil and criminal violations.

Submissions are currently in paper and electronic; electronic submissions are done through EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) which is scheduled separately (EPA 0097).

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Air and Radiation, Transportation and Regional Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-4a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c:** Electronic data - registration

The Office of Air and Radiation, Transportation and Regional Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-4c

- Disposable
- Delete when no longer needed to ensure compliance.

Item d: Electronic data - compliance reporting

The Office of Air and Radiation, Transportation and Regional Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-4d

- Disposable
- Delete 10 years after submission year.

Item e: Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with the related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item f:** System documentation

The Office of Air and Radiation, Transportation and Regional Program Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow the instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See EPA 0097 for CDX.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 01/31/2009 version:

• Revised minor wording and added cross reference in description.

The following change was made in the 07/31/2008 version:

Revised description.

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2008 version:

- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised disposition instructions for items b, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

DCFuels supports EPA's efforts to register fuel and fuel additives and ensure compliance with regulations. The retention meets program needs.

# **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Transportation and Regional Program Division

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0097, EPA 0170, EPA 0171, EPA 0304

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 10/25/2007

**EPA Approval:** 01/29/2009

**NARA Approval:** 06/15/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Underground Injection Control Databases

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Regions

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-06-31

# **Description:**

The Underground Injection Control (UIC) program works with state, local, and tribal governments to oversee underground injection of waste in order to prevent contamination of drinking water resources. The Underground Injection Control (UIC) databases maintained by the regional program offices contain detailed information on well operators, administrative orders, permits and individual wells for all wells where EPA is the permitting authority. They track compliance schedules and inspections and include reports, some correspondence, inventory, and sampling and analytical data. They may also include notices of noncompliance that do not necessarily result in enforcement actions and compliance orders. They track both permitted and "rule-authorized" wells. Rule-authorized wells were grandfathered in at the start of the UIC program, and operators with rule-authorized wells are required to adhere to standards similar to those for permitted wells.

Input for the databases comes from a variety of sources, including inventory forms submitted by operators when the program first started in the 1980s; permit applications; well test data; compliance inspections; enforcement actions; and monitoring report data. Information is extracted from source documents and keyed in manually.

Output includes reports on development of administrative orders; well inventory counts; workload reports; listings of permit applications received year to date, and similar reports.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-31a

Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout their authorized retention period.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-31c

- Permanent
- Close at each major version change.
- Transfer to the National Archives after file closure, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-31e

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

UIC permits are covered in EPA 0205. See EPA 0207 for enforcement action files and EPA 0211 for compliance files. The Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Summary System maintained by headquarters is covered in EPA 0432. RCRA land disposal records are covered in EPA 0478 for RCRA generators, transporters, and TSD facilities and EPA 0206 for RCRA corrective actions.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2009 version:

- Revised wording in disposition instructions for items a, b and d.
- Revised title of disposition item e.
- Updated cross references.

EPA regional offices maintain separate databases containing detailed information on wells including well operators, ownership, nature and type of wells, operating status, and permits. Implementation varies from region to region. Some information from these regional systems is extracted and sent to EPA headquarters for the UIC Program Summary System, scheduled as N1-412-95-4/4 (EPA series 0432).

Regional systems may include facility information from tribal lands. In the EPA regional office in Chicago, for example, a tribal code is entered to designate which reservation the well is located within.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0205, EPA 0207, EPA 0211, EPA 0432, EPA 0478

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 09/05/1994

**EPA Approval:** 07/27/2006

**NARA Approval:** 02/01/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** High Production Volume Information System (HPVIS)

**Program:** Toxic Substances

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-19

# **Description:**

The High Production Volume Information System (HPVIS) provides access to health and environmental effect information obtained through the HPV Challenge Program, which "challenges" companies to make data on chemicals produced or imported into the United States in quantities of one million pounds or more per year publicly available. The system allows users to search for summary information, test plans, and new data on high production volume chemicals as they are developed.

Test data is voluntarily submitted to EPA by chemical manufacturers and trade associations. HPVIS submissions contain data on up to 50 endpoints organized into four disciplines: physical/chemical properties (e.g., melting point, vapor pressure); environmental fate and pathways (e.g., biodegradation, stability in soil); ecotoxicity (e.g., fish toxicity, toxicity to aquatic plants); and, mammalian health effects (e.g., reproductive toxicity, developmental toxicity). HPVIS data is available on EPA's Internet site and users may search by either chemical name or CAS number. HPVIS also contains HPV Chemical Hazard Characterizations prepared during EPA's ongoing review of the health and environmental effects data, as well as Risk-Based Prioritization documents prepared from EPA's examination of hazard and exposure information.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-19a

- Disposable
- Delete when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-19c

- Permanent
- Transfer data in 2011 and every 5 years thereafter to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

# **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-19e

### Permanent

• Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. This documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 03/31/2011 version:

• Changed the disposition of the electronic data (item c) and system documentation (item e) to permanent.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0304

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 05/06/2009

**EPA Approval:** 09/16/2009

**NARA Approval:** 03/29/2011

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET)

**Program:** Air

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-17

# **Description:**

The Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) is a national air monitoring network sponsored by EPA and the National Park Service (NPS). The network collects data from over 80 monitoring sites across the United States for determining relationships between emissions, air quality, deposition, and ecological effects. The National Dry Deposition Network (NDDN), EPA's forerunner to CASTNET, was established in 1986 to provide information on, and to track trends in, pollutant concentrations and the dry deposition component of total atmospheric deposition. CASTNET was established in 1991 and NDDN was merged into CASTNET. Public data is available on EPA's Web site.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Clean Air Markets Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-17a

## Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

# Disposable

• Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Clean Air Markets Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-17c

- Permanent
- Beginning 2008, transfer annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Clean Air Markets Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-17e

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1234.50 or standards applicable at the time. The documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items b and d.
- Revised wording about applicability for disposition items a, c and e.

CASTNET supports Goal 1 on clean air and global climate change of EPA's Strategic Plan. The data is used to validate and improve air quality models.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Clean Air Markets Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0171** 

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 12/05/2007

**EPA Approval:** 08/12/2008

**NARA Approval:** 09/22/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS)

**Program:** Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-1

# **Description:**

The Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS) is a Web-based data entry system supporting the collection of data under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). The database allows all stakeholders to submit, review, and post data. Laboratories post UCMR data, and the public water systems (PWSs) review, approve, and submit the posted results to EPA. The data is later transferred to the National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) to facilitate analysis, review of contaminant occurrence, and to guide the development of subsequent contaminants for the Candidates Contaminant List (CCL). The data in SDWARS is modified every five years to allow reporting of new unregulated contaminants.

SDWARS can also be used to maintain unregulated contaminant data generated from studies (e.g., sulfate in drinking water) or national surveys to determine whether or not to regulate a contaminant.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-1a

- Disposable
- Close when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.
- Delete after file closure.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-1b

- Disposable
- Close when information has been transferred and verified.
- Delete after file closure.

# **Item c(1):** Electronic data - Record copy

This item is to be used only by the Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-1c(1)

- Disposable
- Close when each 5 year cycle is concluded and data verified.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

Item c(2): (Reserved)

Item d: Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

# Item e: Implementation files

This item is to be used only by the Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-1e

- Disposable
- Close when implementation and monitoring activities are completed.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

# **Item f:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-1f

- Disposable
- Close when each 5 year cycle is concluded and data verified, concurrent with the electronic data (Item c(1)).
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Safe Drinking Water Act was amended in 1996 requiring EPA to establish criteria to monitor unregulated contaminants and to identify a maximum of 30 contaminants to monitor every five years. The UCMR program coordinates with the CCL and the NCOD.

See EPA 0436 for NCOD. Records related to the development of regulations, standards, and guidelines are covered by EPA 0149 and dockets by EPA 0150.

Legal citations include, but are not limited to:

- Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, Section 1445(a)(2)
- 40 CFR 141.24-141.40

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version, after NARA determined the records do not need to be permanent:

- Changed items c(1) and f to disposable and revised the disposition instructions.
- Deleted item c(2).

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Added file closure instructions and revised the disposition instructions for items a, b and
- Divided item c into two subitems, c(1) and c(2).

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the collection of this data and historical data is needed to evaluate the impact of the regulation. The NCOD is scheduled as EPA 0436.

Item g for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0149, EPA 0150, EPA 0436

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 04/24/2006

**EPA Approval:** 09/13/2007

**NARA Approval:** 07/30/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** National RCRA Information System (RCRAInfo)

Program: RCRA

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-04-8

# **Description:**

RCRAInfo is one of EPA's mission-critical systems used by EPA regional offices and the states to record and track information provided by the regulated community concerning the generation, shipment, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes. Input includes information from facilities on the amounts and kinds of hazardous waste being generated, transported, and stored during the reporting year.

In most cases, the states serve as primary implementers of the program in lieu of EPA regional offices. However, in some states, and for certain aspects of the program, EPA regions retain all, or some, program implementation responsibility. EPA headquarters, regions, and states work in partnership to redefine information needs for the RCRA program under the Waste Information Needs and the Information for Making Environmental Decisions initiative (WIN/Informed).

The system also tracks significant milestones of state and EPA activity supporting program planning, implementation, and reporting of accomplishments. Output also includes data for the National Biennial Report on Hazardous Waste that is prepared under Congressional mandate, as well as ad hoc reports.

The system interfaces with other EPA systems, including the Facility Registry System (FRS) and Envirofacts, that are scheduled separately.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Communications, Information and Resources Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-04-8a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Communications, Information and Resources Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-04-8c

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

Item d: Output and reports - Biennial report

This item is to be used only by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Communications, Information and Resources Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-04-8d

- Permanent
- Close upon publication of the report.
- Transfer to the National Archives along with the electronic data (item c).

**Item e:** Output and reports - Ad hoc reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for related records.

## **Item f:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Communications, Information and Resources Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-04-8f

### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

RCRAInfo replaces the Biennial Reporting System (BRS), the Resources Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) and RCRAID.

See EPA series 0478 for RCRA generators, transporters, and TSD facilities files. Enforcement action files are covered in EPA 0207; RCRA corrective action files in EPA 0206; and compliance files in EPA 0211.

The Facility Registry System (FRS) is scheduled as EPA 0096, the Central Data Exchange (CDX) as EPA 0097, and Envirofacts as EPA 0098.

The disposition of item b, including all regional and merge data backups, are the responsibility of the appropriate regional or state office upon verification of successful transfer.

This schedule also covers RCRARep, a Web-based reporting tool managed in Region 1.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 02/28/2009 version:

• Revised information on predecessor systems and moved it from description to guidance.

The following change was made in the 08/31/2008 version:

- Revised guidance to include Region 1's RCRARep software tool.
- Deleted "with exceptions" from applicability.

The following changes were made to the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for item b.
- Revised title of disposition item f.

RCRAInfo is the major data system supporting all operations required by RCRA regulations for permitting, hazardous waste tracking, corrective actions and enforcement of hazardous waste generators, transporters, treatment, and disposal facilities. This system replaces the Biennial Reporting System (BRS) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) which were appraised by the National Archives as permanent.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Program Implementation and Information Division

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### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0096, EPA 0097, EPA 0098, EPA 0171, EPA 0206, EPA 0207, EPA 0211, EPA 0478

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-81-18/5, NC1-412-85-7/18, N1-412-94-5/1 and 2

Entry: 07/02/2002

**EPA Approval:** 05/19/2004

**NARA Approval:** 04/22/2005

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** FOIAonline System

**Program:** Environmental Information

Applicability: Agency-wide

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-94-2/39

# **Description:**

The FOIAonline System is a Web-based portal used to receive, store, assign, and process Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, create reports, and electronically generate the annual report required by the FOIA statute. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for managing the system, but each participating agency is responsible for managing its own data. At EPA, this system replaces FOIAXpress and the Freedom of Information Act Tracking System (FOIMATS).

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Collection, Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-94-2/39c

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for the related records.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The previous FOIA tracking system, FOIAXpress, was moved offline and will be retained for 6 years which is the longest retention authorized by schedule 0030 (GRS 14/11).

See the following FOIA schedules for disposition instructions for electronic data (item c):

- EPA 0029 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Annual Reports
- EPA 0030 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests Files
- EPA 0031 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Administrative Files and Reports
- EPA 0032 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeals Files
- EPA 0033 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Control Files

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require the electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012.

Input - Input for the system is covered by schedule 1012.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012.

See EPA 0089 - Electronic Tracking Systems for other disposable electronic tracking systems not requiring their own schedule.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2013 version:

- Updated schedule title, description, and guidance.
- Deleted items a, b, d, and e which are covered by other schedules.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title and disposition instructions for item e.

Disposition for the electronic software program (item a) and output (item d) are consistent with the originally approved schedule. Disposition for input (item b) is consistent with NARA's GRS 20/2. Disposition for electronic data (item c) conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 14. The disposition for supporting documentation (item e) conforms with GRS 20/11.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Collection, FOIA and Privacy Branch

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### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0029, EPA 0030, EPA 0031, EPA 0032, EPA 0033, EPA 0089, EPA 1012

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 01/04/1993

**EPA Approval:** 10/07/1993

**NARA Approval:** 11/27/1996

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Section Seven Tracking System (SSTS)

**Program:** Compliance Monitoring

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-02-3

## **Description:**

The Section Seven Tracking system (SSTS) is a database containing company, establishment registration data, and annual pesticide production reports.

Predecessor systems include: Establishment Registration Support System (ERSS) (1974); FIFRA and TSCA Enforcement System (FATES) (1979); FATES was split in 1986 into FATES and FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System (FTTS); SSTS was created in 1991.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance, Agriculture Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-3a

### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

### **Item b(1):** Input - Paper

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-3b(1)

- Disposable
- Close when information has been entered into the system.
- Destroy 7 years after file closure. Shred submissions with confidential information.

# Item b(2): Input - Electronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-3b(2)

- Disposable
- Close when information has been entered into the system.
- Delete earliest year after closure.

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance, Agriculture Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-3c

- Permanent
- Close at the end of the reporting year.
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance, Agriculture Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-02-3e

### Permanent

• Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives annually, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Pesticide producing establishments printouts maintained in regional offices are scheduled as EPA 0277.

Input to the system takes place at the regional level as well as headquarters. The system maintains 5 years of data. To accomplish this, once a year the system deletes "year one" data.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 10/31/2009 version:

• Revised wording of disposition instructions for item a.

The following changes were made in the 08/31/2008 version:

- Revised schedule title.
- Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This tracking system is the only one that registers pesticide producing establishments, therefore NARA recommended that the data be appraised as permanent rather than temporary.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance, Agriculture Division

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0277

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 01/04/1993

**EPA Approval:** 02/08/2002

**NARA Approval:** 01/14/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Chemical Update System (CUS)

**Program:** Toxic Substances

**Applicability:** Agency-wide, with exceptions

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-96-3/1

# **Description:**

The Chemical Update System (CUS) contains confidential data reported by industry (approximately 1200 companies) as a partial update of the TSCA Inventory. Manufacturers and importers are required to report company information (plant site name, address, DUNS number) and chemical information (CAS registry number, PMN/Bonafide/TMEA or CCID Number, and production volume) for chemicals they manufactured or imported in excess of 10,000 pounds in the immediately preceding fiscal year. Polymers, naturally occurring substances, and UVCB's are exempt from reporting requirements. Reporting takes place every four years, beginning in December 1986. Production volumes on the CUS database are discrete amounts, rather than ranges, found on the Chemicals in Commerce Information System (CICIS).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Records and Dockets Management Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-3/1a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-52a

- Permanent
- Follow instructions for EPA 0371 TSCA chemical inventory file.

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Records and Dockets Management Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-3/1c

### Permanent

• Transfer data to the National Archives at the end of each update cycle, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Records and Dockets Management Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-3/1e

### Permanent

• Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives at the end of each update cycle, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are

covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The TSCA chemical inventory file is scheduled as EPA 0371. The TRI Processing System (TRIPS) is covered in EPA 0153. Two related systems, Chemicals in Commerce Information System (CICIS) and Confidential Chemicals Identification System (CCID) are covered in EPA 0088.

In 1993, the data contained in the Chemical Update System was transferred from the mainframe located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, to the LAN serving OPPT. As part of the close-out procedure, the information was also transferred to tape. The LAN-based system is updated once every four years from the information extracted from the IUR form.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised title of disposition items a and e.

Records support operations as required by statute and regulation. Data is from the TSCA Chemical Inventory File which is scheduled as permanent.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Records and Dockets Management Branch

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### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0088, EPA 0153, EPA 0371

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 03/11/1993

**EPA Approval:** 01/26/1996

**NARA Approval:** 09/05/2001

**Status:** Final, 04/30/2014

Title: Budget Formulation System (BFS)

**Program:** Budget Operations

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 402 - Financial Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-09-1

## **Description:**

The Budget Formulation System (BFS) automates EPA's budget processes, including planning, budgeting, execution, and reporting. Budget data is entered at a general level by offices and regions or by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO). The system maintains snapshots of the budget as it exists at key stages of the process. Budgetary transactions are entered into the system and edited against business rules and budgetary limitations. Authorizations and approvals of transactions are done on-line with an audit trail of each transaction. The system serves as the source of information on EPA's organizational structure, planning structure, budget structure, fiduciary structure, and the business rules.

This system interfaces with the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) and the EPA Payroll System (EPAYS) which are scheduled separately. It replaces the Resources Management Information System/Budget Analysis System (RIMS/BARS).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

Item c(1): Electronic data - Final data

Includes the OMB Submission, President's Budget, Enacted Budget, Performance Annual Report and Congressional Justification. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Budget, Systems and Information Management Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-1c(1)

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item c(2):** Electronic data - Working data

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Budget, Systems and Information Management Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-1c(2)

- Disposable
- Delete when no longer needed to document budget activities.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e(1):** System documentation - Final data

Includes the OMB Submission, President's Budget, Enacted Budget, Performance Annual Report and Congressional Justification. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Budget, Systems and Information Management Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-1e(1)

- Permanent
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (subitem c(1)).

**Item e(2):** (Reserved)

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of outputs and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later date.

System documentation - System documentation for the working data, formerly item e(2), is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

IFMS is covered by EPA 0054 and EPAYS by EPA 0573.

The OMB Submission in items c(1) and e(1) begins with the year 2000.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2014 version:

- Revised title of schedule and description.
- Deleted items a, b, d and e(2) which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated guidance.

The following change was made in the 03/31/2009 version:

• Added OMB Submission to items c(1) and e(1) and added statement about it in guidance.

The following change was made in the 11/30/2008 version:

• Removed reference to OMB submission in item e(1).

The following change was made in the 07/31/2008 version:

• Removed reference to OMB submission in item c(1).

The following change was made in the 05/31/2008 version:

- Divided disposition items c and e into two subitems each.
- Added statement about applicability for disposition items a, c and e.

The schedule was previously approved as NC1-412-85-9/3 for the Resources Management Information System (RMIS). It has been revised to reflect current budget practices.

## **Custodians:**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Budget, Systems and Information Management Branch

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### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0054, EPA 0573, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-9/3

Entry: 01/10/2002

**EPA Approval:** 11/17/2008

**NARA Approval:** 08/09/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** PeoplePlus (PPL)

**Program:** Financial Management

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 402 - Financial Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

Varies

## **Description:**

The PeoplePlus system consists of two applications. One application performs human resources functions, including the full range of personnel transactions and benefits and entitlements documentation. The other application performs time and labor functions.

Initially, data was migrated from the EPA Payroll System (EPAYS) and Human Resources Management System (HR PRO). In production, employee transaction data, organization data, and time and labor data are keyed into the system. Effective June 2006, the Defense Finance and Accounting System (DFAS) became responsible for processing the EPA payroll and providing payroll services to EPA. DFAS also provides processed payroll data to EPA. This data is posted back to PeoplePlus, Labor Distribution, and subsequently the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS).

System outputs include human resources data required for ongoing reporting for the Office of Personnel Management's Civil Personnel Data (CPDF) file, electronic employee data that is used to validate employee data in the National Directory System LDAP, report employee data to EPA management officials and ad hoc reports requested by users.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program and system documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure the retention and usability of the electronic data throughout the approved retention period.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Personnel data

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- Follow instructions for the specific type of personnel records (e.g., official personnel folders (OPFs)).

Item d: Payroll data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-69/2a

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0280a.

Item e: Time and attendance data

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 2/7

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0276a.

Item f: Leave data

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 2/6

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0279.

**Item g:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for related records.

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Services and the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Human Resources are responsible for implementing the disposition for items a, c, d, e and f. Disposition for input (item b) is the responsibility of the office entering the data. Disposition of output and reports (item g) is the responsibility of the office maintaining the records.

Types of personnel documentation included in item c include, but are not limited to: OPFs (EPA 0553), certificate of eligibles files (EPA 0558), position classification files (EPA 0559), employee awards (EPA 0572), incentive awards (EPA 0574), notifications of personnel actions (EPA 0560), labor management relations (EPA 0577), personnel training (EPA 0571), administrative grievance, disciplinary, and adverse action files (EPA 0564), and the donated leave program (EPA 0565).

Documentation related to individual payroll records should be maintained in accordance with item d.

Documentation such as approved work schedules, overtime/compensatory time requests, maxiflex work records, signed copies of PeoplePlus time and attendance certification reports, PeoplePlus time card summary reports, and related time and attendance records should be maintained in accordance with item e.

Documentation related to leave and leave applications, including leave transfers, requests for restored leave and similar documents, are to be maintained in accordance with item f.

A standardized summary report generated by the Superfund Cost Recovery Package Imaging On-line System (SCORPIOS) will serve as EPA's official payroll documentation in support of

Superfund and oil spill cost recovery rather than the payroll distribution time sheets used with PeoplePlus. SCORPIOS is scheduled as EPA 0052.

The record copy of electronic forms submitted for approval via the E-Forms and WebForms systems does not need to be printed and can be maintained electronically according to the disposition instructions in the appropriate records schedule. E-Forms and WebForms are covered by EPA 0004.

Official leave records prepared upon transfer or separation of employees are filed in the OPF, are covered in EPA 0553 for civilians, or EPA 0554 for Public Health Service personnel.

The Compass Financials system (Compass) is scheduled as EPA 0054. EPAYS is covered by EPA 0573.

Records are covered by Privacy Act system of records EPA-1.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 05/31/2013 version:

• Updated guidance about electronic forms and cross references.

The following change was made in the 05/31/2010 version:

• Revised wording of disposition instructions for item a.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item a.
- Revised disposition instructions for item b.

The system has been developed in response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the Government Management Reforms Act (GMRA). It works in conjunction with DFAS which is one of four consolidated government-wide payroll service providers. The retention meets all program and administrative needs.

## **Custodians:**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Services

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# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0004, EPA 0052, EPA 0054, EPA 0171, EPA 0276, EPA 0279, EPA 0280, EPA 0553, EPA 0554, EPA 0558, EPA 0559, EPA 0560, EPA 0564, EPA 0565, EPA 0571, EPA 0572, EPA 0573, EPA 0574, EPA 0577

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 04/08/2002

**EPA Approval:** 06/12/2006

NARA Approval: Varies

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Privacy Act Reports Files

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Headquarters

**Function:** 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-13

# **Description:**

Contains recurring reports and one-time information requirements relating to implementation of the Act, including annual reports to the Congress of the United States, the Office of Management and Budget, etc.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a(1): Annual reports - Nonelectronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-13a(1)

- Permanent
- Close inactive records when report is completed.
- Transfer to the National Archives in 5 year blocks 15 years after file closure.

Item a(2): Annual reports - Electronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-13a(2)

- Permanent
- Close inactive records when report is completed.
- Transfer to the National Archives 5 years after file closure, with any related documentation and external finding aids, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item a(3):** Annual reports - Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-13a(3)

- Disposable
- Close file upon transfer to the National Archives.
- Delete after electronic record copy is successfully transferred to the National Archives.

### **Item b:** Other reports

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-13b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records when report is completed.
- Keep 2 years after file closure, then destroy.

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Privacy Act reports maintained by other offices and Privacy Act administrative files maintained by all offices are scheduled as EPA 0113.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

The following changes were made in the 01/31/2008 version:

- Divided item a into three subitems, a(1)-(3).
- Revised the titles of disposition items a(1)-(3).
- Revised the disposition instruction for item a(3).

Item c for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/18/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

# **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Collection, Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch

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## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0113

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-86-3/17

**Entry:** 03/05/1992

**EPA Approval:** 11/17/2006

**NARA Approval:** 05/30/2008

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2014

**Title:** Bulletins Live

**Program:** Pesticides

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-6

## **Description:**

Bulletins Live is a system that helps users determine if limitations on pesticide use are necessary to ensure a pesticide's use will not harm a species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. It functions as a portal through which the following types of data are available: state and county maps, Endangered Species Protection Bulletins, species protection demarcations and explanations, and pesticide limitation codes. Based on user-entered criteria and maps, bulletins are generated to show under what conditions a pesticide may be applied. Bulletins identify species of concern and the name of the pesticide active ingredient that may affect the species. They also provide a description of the protection measures necessary to protect the species and contain a county-level map showing the geographic area(s) associated with the protection measures, depending on the susceptibility of the species to other factors such as vandalism. Bulletins are effective and enforceable as part of the pesticide product label.

The Bulletins Live system replaces the Endangered Species Map File. The Endangered Species Map File contains 8-1/2 x 11 inch endangered species habitat maps submitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and states. Map information was used to produce digitized maps of habitat information. Maps were updated constantly until issued as an enforceable bulletin in the Federal Register. The file includes correspondence, draft and final maps, and supporting information from states, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Field and External Affairs Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-6c

### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives every 5 years, beginning in 2014, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

Item f: (Reserved)

**Item g:** (Reserved)

**Item h:** Endangered species map case files, except digitized maps

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-6h

- Permanent
- Close inactive records upon issuance of enforceable bulletin.
- Transfer to the National Archives 30 years after file closure.

**Item i:** Endangered species map file, digitized maps

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-6i

- Disposable
- Close inactive records upon issuance of the enforceable bulletin.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition, and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012 item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item e, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item f, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012 item a.

Specific legal citations include:

- Endangered Species Act of 1973, Sec. 7(a)(2)
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, Sec. 12

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2014 version:

- Deleted items a, b, e and f which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated cross references and contact information.

The following changes were made in the 02/28/2010 version:

- Added previous description for the endangered species map file.
- Added disposition items h and i from previously approved schedule, N1-412-95-2/14.

The following changes were made in the 11/30/2009 version:

• Deleted disposition items d and g.

The following change was made in the 02/28/2009 version:

• Revised disposition for item b.

The previously approved schedule (N1-412-95-2/14) has been rewritten to reflect the change in the business process. The bulletins were previously approved as permanent. Items h and i were previously approved as N1-412-95-2/14.

Item c for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/18/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

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## **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 1012** 

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-95-2/14

**Entry:** 10/19/1994

**EPA Approval:** 02/20/2009

**NARA Approval:** 02/25/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Pesticide Registration Information System (PRISM)

**Program:** Pesticides

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-16

## **Description:**

The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) has migrated all of its major data systems including regulatory and scientific data, workflow tracking and electronic document management into one integrated system, the Pesticide Registration Information System (PRISM). PRISM provides a centralized source of information on all registered pesticide products, including chemical composition, toxicity, name and address of registrant, brand names, registration actions, and related data. It consolidates information stored on the mainframe, the OPP LAN, on stand-alone computers and in paper copy. The purpose of this system is to decrease the data entry burden, increase analytical capabilities, better track decision-making processes, prevent loss of and improve access to critical decision documents, and make OPP information readily available to those both within and outside of the Program.

PRISM is the successor to the Office of Pesticide Programs Information System Network (OPPIN). Data has been migrated from the following databases: Chemical Vocabulary (CV), Company Name and Address (CNAD), Pesticide Document Management System (PDMS), Pesticide Product Information System (PPIS), Chemical Review Management System (CRMS), FIFRA CBI Access (FAS), Jackets, Product Data Call-In (PDCI), Phones, Pesticide Regulatory Action Tracking (PRAT), Reference System (REFS), Tolerance Indexes (TIS and TOTS). Sources of the input are paper copy and electronic data. EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX), scheduled as EPA 097, is the gateway for electronic submissions.

The system is designed mainly for use by OPP staff, however, read-only access to the non-confidential business information (CBI) portion of the data is available to the entire Agency. Non-CBI information is available to the public.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Information Services Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-16a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c:** Registration and registration review data and documents

Includes end use product data, labeling and PRIA data.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-16c

- Permanent
- Close inactive records at completion of action.
- Transfer data to the National Archives annually after file closure and completion of any ongoing audits involving review of data and documents, with any related documentation and external finding aids, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

**Item f:** Reference and information tracking databases

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-16f

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for applicable schedule (EPA 0088, EPA 0089).

**Item g:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

Varies

• File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

# Item h: System documentation

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Information Services Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-16h

### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. The documentation is transferred with the electronic data, item c.

### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The pesticide program divisions in the Office of Pesticide Programs which maintain the records are responsible for the disposition of items b, c, f and h.

Registration review is replacing the pesticide reregistration program, including tolerance reassessment, as these programs approach completion.

The Section Seven Tracking System (SSTS) (EPA 0264) is considered part of the PRISM system, however the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is solely responsible for maintaining the SSTS data.

Specific legal citations include, but are not limited to:

- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and Amendments (FIFRA)
- 1996 Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA)
- Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (PRIA)

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

PRISM is an integrated relational data system and document repository which allows data analysis required by statute. This system incorporates data and documentation from several previously approved schedules, including the following systems listed below. EPA 0335 and 0349 were previously approved as permanent.

Item c incorporates data and documentation from the following previously approved schedules:

- EPA 0315 Pesticide Registration Documents, N1-412-07-39
- EPA 0327 Company Name and Address (CNAD), N1-412-95-2/8
- EPA 0335 Pesticide Document Management System (PDMS), N1-412-98-3
- EPA 0349 Pesticide Product Information System (PPIS), NC1-412-85-24/39
- EPA 0352 Pesticide Incident Documents and Incident System, N1-412-05-7
- EPA 0363 Pesticide Product Label System (PPLS), N1-412-07-47
- EPA 0366 Label Use Information System (LUIS), N1-412-95-2/13

It replaces several minor systems listed on two of EPA's "big bucket" system schedules for temporary records. The Chemical Review Management System (CRMS), Jackets, Pesticide Regulatory Action Tracking (PRAT), and Reference System are listed on EPA 0089. Tolerance Indexes are listed on EPA 0088.

The following change was made in the 10/31/2008 version:

- Revised reasons for disposition.
- Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 09/30/2008 version:

- Changed title and added file closure instructions for item c.
- Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 08/31/2008 version:

- Deleted disposition item d for pesticide labeling data and disposition item e for PRIA tracking data since they are part of registration and reregistration review data and covered by disposition item c.
- Revised title of disposition item h.
- Revised guidance and reasons for disposition.
- Updated contact information.

The following change was made in the 07/31/2008 version:

• Revised reasons for disposition.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2008 version:

- Revised description.
- Replaced disposition item c with items c-f, item d with g, and item e with h.
- Revised guidance and reasons for disposition.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised titles of schedule and disposition items a and e.
- Revised description.
- Revised disposition instructions for items a, b, d and e.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Information Technology and Resources Management Division

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### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0264

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-24/39, N1-412-95-2/8 and 13, N1-412-98-3, N1-412-05-7, N1-412-07-39, N1-412-07-47

**Entry:** 12/17/2004

**EPA Approval:** 09/01/2009

**NARA Approval:** 12/21/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Pesticide Incident Data System

**Program:** Pesticides

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-05-7

## **Description:**

Includes correspondence, statistical and narrative documents, summary data related to accidents and incidents under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, Section 6(a)(2) adverse health effects reported by industry, government agencies, and the public. The data is used to provide statistics on pesticide accidents involving human, animal, and environmental injuries. It also serves as a retrieval system to the incident files used in chemical reviews of pesticide products to defend or deny a registration.

IDS replaces the Pesticide Incident Reporting Monitoring System Master File, the Pesticide Episode Report System, and Pesticide Incident Documents.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Information Services Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-7a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Electronic data for Incident Data System (IDS)

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Information Services Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-7b

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives when 50 years old, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item c:** Source documents (reports)

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-7c

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 20 years after file closure.

**Item d:** System input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item e:** System output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item f:** System documentation

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Information Services Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-05-7f

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item b).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Since 2002, incident reports are being scanned and imaged onto CD-ROM. Prior to that time, all incident reports were in microfiche, all of which have been retired.

System indexes and incident data in electronic format are transferred to NARA's Center for Electronic Records. The index file is organized by product name. The first transfer will consist of all index records with associated images, and subsequent transfers will occur when the incident images are transferred.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2008 version:

- Revised the title of the schedule.
- Updated the wording and name of the program office in disposition items a, b and f.
- Revised guidance.
- Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and d.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, b and f.
- Revised title of disposition item f.

IDS, the electronic system, supports the regulatory decisions on pesticide products and replaces the following permanent systems: EPA 0345 - Pesticide Incident Reporting Monitoring System

Master File (PIMS) (NC1-412-85-24/34), EPA 0346 - Pesticides Episode Report System (NC1-412-85-24/35), and EPA 0341 - Pesticide Incident Documents (N1-412-03-13).

## **Custodians:**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticides, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Information Services Branch

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## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-24/30, 34 and 35, N1-412-03-13

Entry: 06/27/2002

**EPA Approval:** 04/12/2005

**NARA Approval:** 02/09/2006

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Label Use Information System (LUIS)

**Program:** Pesticides

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-95-2/13

## **Description:**

LUIS provides automated access to current and accurate information on the legal uses of pesticides as specified by the registered pesticide products labeling. It is a LAN-based data base system developed to manage pesticide use data derived from product labeling, enabling analysis of use data at the individual product level as well as aggregate information of all products containing a specific active ingredient. Formerly known as the Index to Pesticide Chemicals (paper-based system) scheduled separately.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Electronic software system

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, Science Information and Analysis Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-2/13a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

## Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, Science Information and Analysis Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-2/13c

#### Permanent

• Beginning FY 1996, transfer annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

# **Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, Science Information and Analysis Branch at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-2/13e

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions of items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Disposition for the Index to Pesticide Chemicals, which this system replaces, was previously approved by the National Archives as permanent (NC1-412-85-24/33).

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pesticide Programs, Biological and Economic Analysis Division, Science Information and Analysis Branch

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-24/33

**Entry:** 11/24/1992

**EPA Approval:** 04/28/1995

**NARA Approval:** 02/11/1999

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Toxic Substances Control Act Test Submissions (TSCATS)

**Program:** Toxic Substances

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-03-14

## **Description:**

The Toxic Substances Control Act Test Submissions (TSCATS) system is an electronic index to non-confidential, unpublished studies on chemical testing and adverse effects of chemicals on health and the environment. TSCATS was developed to make chemical testing studies available to the public, and includes chemical exposure studies, epidemiology, environmental fate, monitoring, episodic incidents, such as spills and case reports. The studies on unique chemical substances are submitted by U.S. industry under the Toxic Substances Control Act, section 4, chemical testing; section 8d, health and safety studies; section 8e, notices of substantial risk; and voluntarily submitted data on potentially hazardous chemicals.

The studies are scheduled separately. Full-text documents of the studies are on microfiche are available from the National Technical Information Service.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software system

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-14a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## Item b: Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-14c

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-14e

- Permanent
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Index data or input is from the following series:

- EPA 0262 TSCA Section 4 Chemical Test Program Results
- EPA 0372 TSCA Section 8 Information and Reporting Files

The 8(e) Triage database, last updated September 1997, was integrated into TSCATS in 2001.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Data in this system are pertinent to the chemical risk assessment and hazard evaluation process and is available to the public through NTIS and online through the National Library of Medicine. The data are used by federal and state agencies, researchers, toxicologists, risk assessors, the regulated industry, attorneys, trade and professional associations. As of July, 2000, there were 106,063 studies on 8,304 unique chemical substances contained in 30,924 documents.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0262, EPA 0372

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 04/02/1996

**EPA Approval:** 08/04/2003

**NARA Approval:** 03/01/2004

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Storage and Retrieval of Water Quality Information (STORET)

Program: Water

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-12

## **Description:**

The Storage and Retrieval of Water Quality Information (STORET) system is an automated information system which assists state and EPA officials to make pollution control decisions by providing a capability to store, retrieve and analyze water quality information. Information includes chemical, physical, and biological water quality of the Nation's waters, including ambient, intensive survey, effluent, and biological water quality monitoring information. Most STORET information has been added since 1975, however, records go back to 1899. Information is contributed voluntarily by federal, state, interstate agencies, universities, tribes, and volunteers.

## STORET has the following components:

- Data Warehouse serves as a repository for data collected by EPA and agency partners. The STORET Data warehouse is more accessible via online data reports, Web services, and new tools.
- Water Quality Exchange (WQX) uses standardized data exchange schemas along with technology to load/enter/validate data into the Data warehouse. WQX provides the means for direct computer-to-computer data exchange. WQX leverages both the agency architecture and other agency IT and agency non-IT investments, including the Central Data Exchange (CDX), the Substance Registry System, and the Exchange Network Grant Program. WQX also allows EPA to better integrate water monitoring data with other Federal Agencies (i.e. USGS).
- WQX Web Tool uses a web portal access to standardize data exchange schemas for loading/entering/validating data into the Data warehouse. The Web Tool provides a User-Web to computer data exchange.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

## **Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Water, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division, Monitoring Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-12a

#### Disposable

- Close when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.
- Delete after file closure.

# **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-12b

## Disposable

- Close when information has been transferred to the master file and verified.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item c:** Electronic data

The Office of Water, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division, Monitoring Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-12c

#### Permanent

• Initial Transfer: Transfer Legacy Data Center data (1994-1999) to the National Archives in 2010, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Interim Transfers: While the system is in operation, transfer STORET data to the National Archives every 5 years, beginning in 2015 (for 2000-2004 data), or whenever a major change to the system occurs, whichever is earlier, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Final Transfer: Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated. Transfer final data to the National Archives 1 year after system is closed, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

#### **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

#### Varies

• File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

#### Item e: System documentation

The Office of Water, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division, Monitoring Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-12e

#### Permanent

• Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. The documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

This schedule covers the STORET and the Water Quality Exchange (WQX) which defines the methods and the data systems by which EPA compiles monitoring data (typically water quality data, but not exclusively water quality data) that are collected by a number of entities. Those entities could be states, tribes, volunteer monitoring groups, or EPA.

Electronic data from 1950-1993 were transferred to the National Archives under previously approved NARA disposal authority NC1-412-81-018, Items 2 and 9. The Initial Transfer of Legacy Data Center data from 1994-1999 to the National Archives was completed in 2010 under NARA disposal authority N1-412-09-12, Item c.

The time line for Interim Transfer of electronic data to the National Archives under Item c is:

- 2015 Transfer 2000-2004 data.
- 2020 Transfer 2005-2009 data.
- 2025 Transfer 2010-2014 data.
- 2030 Transfer 2015-2019 data.

The previously approved version of this schedule included the following components which have been superseded by the current system:

- Biological System (BIOS)
- Daily Flow System (DFS)
- Fish Kill File (FK)
- Ocean Data Evaluation System (ODES)
- Parameter (PARM)
- Taxonomic Index File (TAXFILE)
- Water Quality System (WQS)

EPA schedules 0238 and 0239 for the New York Bight Water Quality Helicopter Monitoring System (R2NY-BIGHT) and U.S. Virgiin Island Ambient Monitoring Survey (VI-SURVEY) respectively, were deleted since the systems are no longer used and the legacy data added to STORET.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2010 version:

- Revised guidance to include information about legacy data from systems covered by schedules 0238 and 0239.
- Added previously approved disposal authorities for schedules 0238 and 0239.

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2010 version:

- Made minor revisions to wording in description.
- Revised transfer dates in disposition instructions for item c.
- Added transfer dates in guidance.
- Added ODES and PARM as superseded components or systems in guidance.
- Added NARA disposal authority for ODES as previously approved NARA disposal authority.

The following change was made in the 12/31/2009 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item c to include the date range (1994-1999) for the legacy data.

The following change was made in the 10/31/2009 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item c.

Revised guidance.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2009 version:

- Added applicability information to disposition items a, c and e.
- Added file closure instructions to items a and b and deleted file closure instructions for item c.
- Revised title of item e.
- Revised guidance and contact information.

This item is a major system supporting operations required by statute and regulations. Items 2 and 9 of NC1-412-81-18 were combined into one schedule item because item 2 is a component of the STORET system (item 9). Both items were previously appraised as permanent by the National Archives. ODES was previously approved as N1-412-95-4/1.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division, Monitoring Branch

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#### **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-81-18/9, N1-412-95-4/1, N1-412-96-1/26, N1-412-96-1/27

Entry: 01/04/1993

**EPA Approval:** 07/14/2009

**NARA Approval:** 12/10/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-58/1

## **Description:**

The Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) assesses the capital investment necessary for the nation's wastewater pipes and treatment facilities, as well as in the nation's municipal stormwater management, decentralized wastewater (e.g., septic system) treatment, and nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control to meet Clean Water Act (CWA) water quality objectives. The Survey is a joint effort of EPA and the states to assess the capital investment required to build or improve municipal wastewater treatment facilities. Includes information on locations and characteristics, construction cost estimates and how they are documented, populations served by collection and treatment, flow capacity, effluent characteristics, and treatment processes. Information is collected and/or updated from states and territories and used to compile the Needs Survey Report to Congress.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: CWNS program file

Includes contracts for assistance, pilot study, procedures for conduct of survey, weekly status reports, analysis of results, and allocation formulas.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-58/1a

- Disposable
- Close file when Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval has been received and final report has been delivered to Congress.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item b(1):** Final report to Congress - Nonelectronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-58/1b(1)

- Permanent
- Close when final report has been delivered to Congress.
- Transfer to the National Archives in 6 year blocks 10 years after closure.

**Item b(2):** Final report to Congress - Electronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-58/1b(2)

- Permanent
- Close when final report has been delivered to Congress.
- Transfer to the National Archives 5 years after closure, with any related documentation and external finding aids, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

Item b(3): (Reserved)

**Item c:** (Reserved)

**Item d:** Database and database documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-58/1d

- Permanent
- Close when data have been published on the Web site of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, for public distribution.
- Transfer a copy of the final data and documentation to the National Archives after closure, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item e:** (Reserved)

**Item f:** Reference copy of CWNS

Includes database, database documentation, and final report.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-58/1f

- Disposable
- Close when no longer needed for data comparison and reference purposes.
- Destroy immediately after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records

schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Survey information is available for 1984, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 and available to the public.

The Industrial Facilities Discharge (IFD) File is scheduled as EPA 0444.

Specific legal citations include:

• Clean Water Act, as amended, Sec. 205(a), 516(b)(1)

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions were rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention is unchanged.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2010 version:

- Revised the description for the records schedule.
- Revised the description and closure instructions for item a.
- Revised the closure and disposition instructions for items b(1), b(2), and d.
- Deleted item b(3) for Final report to Congress Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives.
- Deleted item c for Questionnaires and incorporated it into item d.
- Added item f.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2008 version:

- Revised last sentence in description to delete reference to two-year update cycle and change "each state" to "states and territories."
- Revised disposition instructions for item d to delete reference to two-year update cycle.

• Revised guidance by adding additional years for survey information.

The following changes were made in the 01/31/2008 version:

- Divided item b into three subitems, b(1)-(3).
- Revised the titles of disposition items b(1)-(3).
- Revised the disposition instruction for item b(3).

The following item was changed in the 04/27/2007 version: Database documentation was added to item d.

Item e for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/21/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Wastewater Management, Municipal Support Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0444** 

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-77-1/15, NC1-412-85-6/18a and b, N1-412-94-1

**Entry:** 12/28/1992

**EPA Approval:** 06/20/2007

**NARA Approval:** 08/07/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: SDWIS/Operational Data System (SDWIS/ODS)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-03-6

## **Description:**

The SDWIS/Operational Data System (SDWIS/ODS) is a national database storing routine information which the Agency needs to monitor approximately 175,000 public water systems (PWS) and their compliance with monitoring requirements, maximum contaminant level (MCL) regulations, and other requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986 and 1996. On October 1, 2005, a modernized version of SDWIS/FED replaced the legacy mainframe-based version. This new version is composed of several components, notably the SDWIS/Operational Data System (SDWIS/ODS) and the SDWIS Data Warehouse. The SDWIS/ODS database receives, processes, and stores data from the states. The Data Warehouse extracts data from SDWIS/ODS quarterly and makes it available for end user access. SDWIS/ODS is not accessible to end users. The complete set of data from the legacy SDWIS/FED was copied over into SDWIS/ODS.

Information tracked includes: PWS ID number, location (including city, county), whether system is active or inactive, the type of system (community, non-transient non-community, transient non-community), population served, number of service connections, water system's source of water, primary source of drinking water, past names, dates of the most recent update, whether or not the system is a significant non-complier, service area characteristics, longitude and latitude, treatment data, milestones for lead and copper and surface water treatment rules, and unregulated monitoring data.

Data is input by the states and used by EPA headquarters to provide required quarterly reports to other components of EPA and to satisfy external reporting requirements. It is also used by headquarters, regional offices, and states to perform oversight.

The system contains compliance information from 1980 to present and relates follow-up actions to specific violations.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division, Infrastructure Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-6a

- Disposable
- Close when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.
- Destroy after file closure.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-6b

- Disposable
- Close when data has been successfully transferred by the states.
- Delete input after the data has been successfully tested.

Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division, Infrastructure Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-6c

- Permanent
- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated.
- While system is in operation, transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Transfer final data to the National Archives one year after system is closed.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division, Infrastructure Branch at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-6e

#### Permanent

• Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives annually as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

This system also covers the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment (LT2) Rule Data Collection System (LT2ESWTR). LT2ESWTR contains cryptosporidium E. coli and turbidity data generated during the Long Term 2 monitoring program.

Formerly known as the Federal Reporting Data System (FRDS) and Safe Drinking Water Information System - FED (SDWIS/FED).

The Drinking Water Supply File, a component of the Reach File, is covered in EPA 0445. Drinking water management and direct implementation files are scheduled as EPA 0214.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2009 version:

- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised wording for file closure and disposition instructions for item c.
- Revised title of item e.

- Revised guidance to include information on LT2ESWTR.
- Updated contact information.

This is a major system supporting operations required by statute and regulations for compliance and enforcement. In 1997, SDWIS/FED replaced the system known as the Federal Reporting Data System (FRDS). FRDS was previously appraised as permanent by the National Archives. SDWIS - States, a counterpart to this system is scheduled as EPA 0401.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division, Infrastructure Branch

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0214, EPA 0401, EPA 0445

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-81-18/4

Entry: 01/04/1993

**EPA Approval:** 11/26/2002

**NARA Approval:** 08/28/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** National Compliance Database (NCDB)

**Program:** Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-03-3

## **Description:**

The National Compliance Data Base (NCDB) is a reporting application for managers at headquarters. The system tracks regional compliance and enforcement activity and manages the pesticides and toxic substances compliance and enforcement program at a national level. NCDB provides reporting, retrieval, and analytical capabilities that support all members of the user community. There are three categories of reports: (1) reporting and enforcement and compliance assurance priorities (RECAP) reports, (2) standard reports, and (3) ad hoc reports.

NCDB is the national repository of the 10 regional and headquarters FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System (FFTS) data and contains approximately 65% of the FTTS data elements. Regional FFTS data entry personnel send their data to headquarters once a month to rebuild the NCDB.

Excludes: The FTTS which is scheduled as EPA 0421.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Planning, Targeting and Data Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-3a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Planning, Targeting and Data Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-3c

- Permanent
- Close after monthly updates from FTTS.
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Planning, Targeting and Data Division at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-3e

- Permanent
- Transfer records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives annually, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency

business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

This system has a single source of input data which is selected from the regional FTTS, scheduled as EPA 0421. Monthly update data is transmitted to the EPA headquarters Office of Compliance and loaded into NCDB monthly.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised schedule title.
- Revised disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Initially this system was submitted as part of EPA 0267 - FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System/National Compliance Data Base (FTTS/NCDB). During the appraisal review held on August 8, 2000, it was determined that the two systems should be scheduled separately, with the data for NCDB considered of permanent value.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Planning, Targeting and Data Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0421

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 10/05/2000

**EPA Approval:** 11/27/2002

**NARA Approval:** 05/03/2004

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System (FTTS)

**Program:** Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-03-2

# **Description:**

The FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System (FTTS) is a regional system used to track compliance activities such as inspections, case review, enforcement actions taken, samples collected, and pesticide grants and cooperative agreement information. The compliance monitoring and enforcement activities are tracked from the time an inspector conducts (or schedules) an inspection until the time the case is closed or the enforcement action is settled. The system provides for four categories of reports: (1) reporting and enforcement and compliance assurance priorities (RECAP), (2) standard reports, (3) ad hoc reports, and (4) tracking reports.

All 10 regions and headquarters use FTTS, but the FTTS regional databases work independently of one another. Regional FTTS data entry personnel send their data to headquarters every month to rebuild the National Compliance Data Base (NCDB).

Excludes: The NCDB scheduled as EPA 0420.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-2a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171

**Item c:** Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-03-2c

- Disposable
- Delete individual records 15 years after final action.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

FTTS acts as a local activity tracking and management tool. Each FTTS system is a stand-alone system for each regional office and is capable of functioning as a reporting tool. FTTS interacts with the NCDB to provide support for the national pesticides and toxics program.

Input data for FTTS is extracted from a variety of documents such as inspection reports, import reviews, samples, etc. In addition, all of the data contained in FTTS is not transferred to NCDB. For example, selected data such as dates and comments are not included in the monthly update to NCDB. NCDB is scheduled as EPA 0420.

Specific legal citations include, but are not limited to:

- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, Sec. 2, 7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended, Sec. 2, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Sec. 13, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11001 et seq.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised the disposition instructions for items a, b and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Initially this system was submitted as part of EPA 0267 - FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System/National Compliance Data Base (FTTS/NCDB). During the appraisal review held on August 8, 2000, it was determined that the two systems should be scheduled separately, with the data for FTTS as disposable. The retention meets program needs.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0304, EPA 0420

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 10/10/2000

**EPA Approval:** 11/26/2002

**NARA Approval:** 03/04/2004

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Summary System

**Program:** Water, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-95-4/4

## **Description:**

Contains summary reports of individual injection well activities conducted by Underground Injection Control (UIC) primacy programs. The summary information is used by EPA for the monitoring and enforcement of the UIC portion of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EPA's monitoring and enforcement are primarily achieved through initial, bi-annual, and annual reporting requirements. EPA uses a set of standardized forms, EPA form 7520-1 through 7520-4 (7520 forms) to collect and maintain UIC information.

The following procedures for records workflow and custodianship are documented in "Underground" at the state program level and at the EPA regional level. (Regions have the role of implementing UIC programs for states, territories, and Indian tribes, which do not have their own UIC programs.) Each region forwards to headquarters a set of forms (by primacy agency) which summarizes activities conducted by all UIC programs in its jurisdiction. These summaries represent the minimum information necessary to achieve the Agency's goals and satisfy regulatory requirements (e.g., permits, compliance and enforcement, inspection, mechanical integrity testing, and inventory). Headquarters maintains the summary information from the 7520 forms on a PC-based system called the UIC Program Summary System.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/4a

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded by routine software updates or when no longer needed.

Item b: Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/4b

- Disposable
- Keep in office up to 7 years after closure, then destroy.

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/4c

- Disposable
- Close when superseded.
- Maintain data for 20 years, then delete.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** Supporting documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/4e

- Disposable
- Keep inactive materials in office up to 2 years after closure, then retire to the FRC. Destroy when 15 years old.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Some confidential business information (CBI) restrictions apply to access of individual Class I hazardous waste injection well information maintained at the state and regional levels.

A similar system for Region 4 is scheduled as EPA 0234. Information from the regional system is extracted and sent by mail to headquarters.

Due to a recent reorganization, enforcement data is now sent to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The purpose of the UIC program is to establish a federal-state regulatory system to ensure that actual or potential sources of drinking water are not endangered by the underground injection of contaminants. EPA information users include regional and headquarters staff who make decisions to: justify budget request/program plans; make fair resource allocation/grant allotments; satisfy public and other group requests; assess program progress and implementation; identify environmental success against litigation; plan the budget; track and evaluate regional performance; identify research needs and respond to inquiries from the Office of Management and Budget, Congress, General Accounting Office, and the public. Primary enforcement agencies in state use the information to target inspection and enforcement activity; to establish permit terms and conditions; to track performance against demands; identify violations; assess their significance; and evaluate their own program activities.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Ground Water Protection Division

Contact: Bruce J. KobelskiTelephone: 202-564-3888

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Water Enforcement Division

Contact: Don OlsonTelephone: 202-564-5558

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0234

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 01/11/1993

**EPA Approval:** 07/14/1995

**NARA Approval:** 06/12/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Additives Files

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-58/8

## **Description:**

Files include documentation relating to the additives products files which are the administrative and evidentiary record of EPA approval of products used in the production of potable water. Also includes collections of relevant technical papers and other information.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-58/8a

- Disposable
- Close when program is completed or discontinued.
- Destroy when 25 years old.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Additive Information System (AIS) is covered in EPA 0088.

Program discontinued in 1989. Records for period May 1981 through February 1982 retired as accession 412-92-0072.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions were rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention was not changed..

## **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Standards and Risk Management Division, Targeting and Analysis Branch

• Contact: Jitendra Saxena, Ph.D.

• **Telephone:** 202-564-5243

## **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0088** 

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-6/55

Entry: 12/21/1992

**EPA Approval:** 06/20/2007

**NARA Approval:** 08/07/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-2

## **Description:**

The National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) includes data used to identify contaminants on the Candidates Contaminant List (CCL). The data is used to determine whether to develop drinking water standards for a particular contaminant and to develop standards for the contaminants that the Agency selects. The information comes from a number of sources, including public water systems and source (ambient) water data. For public systems, the database holds historical data on regulated and unregulated contaminants. The data is available to the public.

The Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS) serves as the input to NCOD, and is scheduled as EPA 0253.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-2a

- Disposable
- Close when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-2b

- Disposable
- Close when information has been transferred and verified.
- Delete after file closure.

Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-2c

- Disposable
- Beginning in 2007, close when each 5 year cycle is concluded.
- Delete 5 years after file closure.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-2e

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

## **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are

covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See EPA 0253 for SDWARS. Records related to the development of regulations, standards, and guidelines are covered by EPA 0149 and dockets by EPA 0150.

Legal citations include, but are not limited to:

- Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, Section 1445(a)(2)
- 40 CFR 141.24-141.40

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2008 version:

- Revised wording about applicability for disposition items a, c and e.
- Deleted file closure instructions and revised wording of disposition instructions for item e.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

• Added file closure instructions and revised disposition instructions for items a, b and e.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the collection of this data. NCOD is a subset of the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS), scheduled as EPA 253. Retention meets EPA's business needs.

Item f for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted 08/14/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Contact: Roger HowardTelephone: 202-564-9907

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0149, EPA 0150, EPA 0253

# Previous NARA Disposal Authority:

None

**Entry:** 04/24/2006

**EPA Approval:** 09/13/2007

**NARA Approval:** 07/30/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Hazardous Waste Injection Well Database

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-95-4/5

## **Description:**

The Hazardous Waste Injection Well Database is a PC-based inventory of Class I wells as defined by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The system stores information obtained during a special study to collect information for the 1985 Report to Congress on Injection of Hazardous Wastes. It also provides information on alternative treatment capacity analysis in addition to scheduling which wells are affected by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The database includes the following data: facility or well owner/operator, identification and well class codes, chemical information concerning the injectate, well construction information, hydrogeological information about the area where injection occurs, waste information, RCRA codes and volumes.

The database consists of well records of active, inactive, and abandoned Class I wells and some limited information on Class I nonhazardous and Class IV wells. Since the completion of the study, few states have elected to update their information, therefore the major portion of records are only up-to-date as of 1987.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/5a

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded by routine software updates or when no longer needed.

Item b: Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171 Input and Source Records.

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/5c

- Disposable
- Maintain individual records 10 years after closure, then delete.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** Supporting documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/5e

- Disposable
- Keep inactive materials in office up to 2 years after closure, then retire to FRC. Destroy when 15 years old.

### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Reports to Congress are scheduled as EPA 0155.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

Records support program rulemaking activities and operations required by statute and regulation. The disposition meets program and administrative needs.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office Ground Water and Drinking Water

Contact: Robert E. SmithTelephone: 202-260-5559

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0155, EPA 0171

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 01/07/1993

**EPA Approval:** 07/14/1997

**NARA Approval:** 06/12/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Industrial Facilities Discharge (IFD) File

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-95-4/6

# **Description:**

The Industrial Facilities Discharge (IFD) File is a database of industrial point source dischargers to surface waters in the United States. There are three basic kinds of information:

- Facility Includes site identification codes and summary effluent discharge.
- Discharge Includes the components of individual discharges, including location, flow, and Standard Industrial Code (SIC). Nearly half of the direct dischargers tracked are POTWs (publicly-owned treatment works). Also includes indirect dischargers - industrial flows from industries that discharge to other facilities, such as POTWs, rather than directly to surface waters.
- Superfund sites on the National Priority List Includes location name, State and county codes, latitude/longitude coordinates, Reach number, and the mileage offset within the reach.

Information is derived from several sources including the Permit Compliance System (PCS), the Needs Survey database, and EPA regional offices, states and local agencies. The File can be used for regulatory impact analyses, best available technology studies, regulation development, and special projects. It can be linked to other databases such as PCS and STORET as well as outside databases such as CETIS (Complex Effluent Toxicity Information System).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/6a

Disposable

• Delete when superseded by routine software updates and quality assurance check completed or when no longer needed.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171 Input and Source Records.

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/6c

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or no longer needed.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for related records.

**Item e:** Supporting documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/6e

- Disposable
- Maintain most current version and destroy when system is discontinued.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Permit Compliance System (PCS) is scheduled as EPA 0419. See EPA 0405 for the Needs Survey. The Storage and Retrieval Water Quality Data Base (STORET) is covered in EPA 0400 and The Waterbody System (WBS) in EPA 0446.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Records support operations of Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds as required by statute and regulation. Database consists of data extracted from other EPA databases already scheduled for permanent retention. It is a subset of the Permit Compliance System (PCS) for industrial permittees only with some publicly available information added.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division

- Contact:
- Telephone:

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0400, EPA 0405, EPA 0419, EPA 0446

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 01/08/1993

**EPA Approval:** 07/14/1995

**NARA Approval:** 06/12/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** The Waterbody System (WBS)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-95-4/8

## **Description:**

The Waterbody System (WBS) is a database of state water quality assessment information collected to meet the Agency's Congressional reporting requirements under Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act. States submit information to EPA on several types of surface waters affected by point or nonpoint source pollution, lakes monitored under the Clean Lakes Program, and surface waters requiring the assigning of total maximum daily loads limits to restore or maintain their water quality.

Information entered into WBS includes: waterbody identification, water quality status, sources of impairment, assessment information, and causes of impairment. States, territories, and interstate commissions assemble available monitoring information and make judgments on water quality before summary information can be entered into the system. Information is submitted to EPA every two years. WBS stores the components and the results of the assessment, and is not designed to store, manipulate, or analyze raw monitoring data.

The WBS is linked to the EPA Reach File and STORET. The NPDES number also links facilities reported in WBS to Industrial Facilities Discharge (IFD) system and the Permit Compliance System (PCS).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/8a

## Disposable

• Delete when superseded by routine software updates and quality assurance check completed or when no longer needed.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171 Input and Source Records.

Item c: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/8c

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or no longer needed.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: Supporting documentation

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-95-4/8e

- Disposable
- Maintain most current version and destroy when system is discontinued.

### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## Other related series include:

- EPA 0400 Storage and Retrieval Water Quality Data Base (STORET)
- EPA 0419 Permit Compliance System (PCS)
- EPA 0444 Industrial Facilities Discharge (IFD) File
- EPA 0445 Reach File

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Records support operations required by statute and regulation. Disposition meets administrative and program needs. This is an automated version of the information in EPA 0429 - State 305(b) Water Quality Reports, which is disposable. Long-term responsibility for the data should lie with the submitting state.

## **Custodians:**

Region 5, Water Division, Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch

Contact: Cary McElhinneyTelephone: 312-886-4313

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0400, EPA 0419, EPA 0429, EPA 0444, EPA 0445

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 01/08/1993

**EPA Approval:** 12/19/1996

**NARA Approval:** 06/12/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program Information Management System

(EMAP IMS)

**Program:** Research and Development

**Applicability:** National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory (NHEERL)

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-96-1/14

# **Description:**

The EMAP IMS is a scientific system developed and implemented to support collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination of environmental and ecosystem monitoring and assessment information. System components include a distributed databases, a database housing spatial information, documented EMAP data sets and EMAP documents. The system has been active since 1992. Since 1994 the system has been available through the EMAP Web site.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Atlantic Ecology Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/14a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

### Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Atlantic Ecology Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/14c

#### Permanent

• Transfer data every 2 years to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

## **Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Atlantic Ecology Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/14e

### Permanent

• Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

From 1990 to 1992 various labs were collecting data. In 1992, the system was created for centralized collection. The system redesign was completed in 1996. Data continues to be collected. Very little data was collected in FY 1996 and a substantial amount of data was collected for FY 1997. Access is through the EPA Web site.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This system is used to support EMAP scientific activities that target ecological risk assessment.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Research and Development, Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Atlantic Ecology Division

• Contact: Michael E. McDonald, Ph.D.

• **Telephone:** 919-541-7973

### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 09/30/1996

**EPA Approval:** 12/19/1996

**NARA Approval:** 01/20/1999

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Office of Research and Development Management Information System (OMIS)

**Program:** Research and Development

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-06-21

## **Description:**

The Office of Research and Development (ORD) Management Information System (OMIS) was created to provide a comprehensive automated system to assist ORD managers and staff with financial management, project tracking, human resources management, and laboratory implementation plan decisions. It allows for uniform reporting across all organizational units, reduces the number of ORD-wide calls for similar types of data, and provides a single repository of information that serves as the basis for decision making.

The system currently has four interrelated modules: Integrated Resources Management System (IRMS); Human Resources Management System (HRS); Procurement and Acquisition of Capital Equipment (PACE); and Facilities Management System (FMP).

The modules link as follows: IRMS links to the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS); HRS links to the PeoplePlus system. All of the above links included in this schedule are or will be scheduled separately. End user access is through the EPA Internet.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software programs

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, Office of Science Information Management.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-21a

## Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic data throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, Office of Science Information Management.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-21c

- Disposable
- Maintain individual records for 7 years after completion of action, then delete.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, Office of Science Information Management.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

## **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are

covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The PeoplePlus system is scheduled as EPA 0300. The Management Accounting Reporting System (MARS) is part of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) which is scheduled as EPA 0054.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 01/31/2013 version:

• Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2011 version:

• Revised applicability in disposition items a, c and e and custodian information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a, b and e.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This system is used to improve the process of planning, developing, and tracking performance in response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements. IRMS ensures that ORD's annual budget is linked to ORD programmatic plans and to reconcile the budget with IFMS. HRS is designed to assist senior managers to manage their resources. PACE is designed to manage the scientific equipment program from needs review to purchase approval. FMP is designed to assist senior management in the planning, coordination, and oversight of all buildings and facilities at ORD locations. Retention meets administrative and program needs.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Research and Development, Office of Science Information Management

Contact: Carla AdkinsTelephone: 513-569-7759

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0054, EPA 0171, EPA 0300, EPA 0304

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 06/02/2000

**EPA Approval:** 03/09/2006

**NARA Approval:** 06/23/2006

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

**Program:** Research and Development

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-01-1/2

## **Description:**

The Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) database contains summary toxicity information for use in human health risk assessment. IRIS is the Agency's primary vehicle for communication of chronic health hazard information representing EPA consensus positions following comprehensive review by Agency scientists. It is a useful information resource tool that points the user to the underlying human and/or animal data used to support the Agency's opinion. The system contains hazard identification and dose-response risk information for more than 500 chemicals

IRIS is comprised of three major sections: non-cancer health effects resulting from oral exposure, non-cancer health effects resulting from inhalation exposure, and carcinogenic assessment for both oral and inhalation exposure. It contains full bibliographic citations for each substance file, directing the user to the primary cited studies and pertinent scientific literature. IRIS is accessible to the public as well as EPA staff.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-01-1/2a

## Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-71/8

- Varies
- See EPA 0460 IRIS Documentation Files

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-01-1/2c

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-01/1/2e

- Permanent
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

## **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the

electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

IRIS documentation files are scheduled as EPA 0460.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 06/30/2008 version:

• Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised the disposition instructions for item a.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

IRIS was developed in response to a growing demand for consistent chemical substance risk information, representing EPA consensus opinions, for use in decision making and regulatory activities. It is intended to serve as a pointer system to more detailed data contained in supporting scientific studies. IRIS is available electronically on EPA's Web server, and updated as needed.

### **Custodians:**

Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment

Contact: Brenda E. WashingtonTelephone: 703-347-8581

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0460

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 03/01/1993

**EPA Approval:** 10/25/2000

**NARA Approval:** 10/20/2001

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Pesticide and Industrial Chemical Risk Analysis and Hazard Assessment (PIRANHA)

**Program:** Research and Development Laboratories

**Applicability:** National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL)

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-96-1/20

## **Description:**

The Pesticide and Industrial Chemical Risk Analysis and Hazard Assessment (PIRANHA) system is a tool kit for conducting ecological risk assessments of synthetic organic chemicals. It includes databases of agricultural practices, biographical distribution of species at risk, meteorology and soils, and ecosystem factors controlling mobility and persistence of pesticides and industrial chemicals in the natural environment. The system incorporates a geographic information system database for regional site properties, and linked simulation models for chemical data needed for biological and ecological risk assessments.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Ecosystems Research Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/20a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

### Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Ecosystems Research Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/20c

- Disposable
- Maintain individual records for at least 2 years, then delete when no longer needed.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

# **Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Ecosystems Research Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

System users should be sure to document results of analyses completely. Complete documentation may require results, input data used, search parameters, software used, or similar information to ensure a complete record is maintained.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a, b and e.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

System documentation must be kept to support litigation and mission-critical decisions.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Research and Development, Ecosystems Research Division

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## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0304

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 03/01/1993

**EPA Approval:** 12/19/1996

**NARA Approval:** 01/20/1999

**Status:** Final, 02/28/2015

Title: Verify - Vehicles and Engines Compliance Information System

Program: Air

**Applicability:** National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory (NVFEL)

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-17

## **Description:**

Verify - Vehicles and Engines Compliance Information System collects emissions and fuel economy compliance information for a variety of engines, vehicles and equipment used in transportation and other mobile source applications. Verify collects this information for EPA from manufacturers and importers. Manufacturers submit information to EPA, pay fees, and receive certificates of conformity. The information is used by EPA for compliance and enforcement activities.

The Certification and Fuel Economy Information System (CFEIS), which collected light-duty (trucks and vehicles) has been replaced by Verify. The Engine Information System (EIS) is a similar system, but collects emissions information for heavy-duty and nonroad engines. EIS will also be superseded by Verify, which is being designed and implemented in phases and will integrate all mobile source industries and compliance processes, from pre-production certification to in-use testing.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** (Reserved)

**Item b:** (Reserved)

**Item c:** Electronic data

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Compliance Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-17c

#### Permanent

- Close at end of the model year.
- Transfer a snapshot of the data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time, 7 years after the file closure.

**Item d:** (Reserved)

**Item e:** (Reserved)

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Records containing copies of the certification and analyses are covered by schedule 482 - Certification Records.

To assure the protection of confidential business information (CBI) after transfer to the Center for Electronic Records, the transferring EPA office should prepare a memo setting out the statutory restrictions associated with the data. The Archivist and employees of NARA are subject to the same restrictions.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition, and is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Input - Input, formerly item b, is covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item d, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, formerly item e, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation is covered by schedule 1012, item a.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 02/28/2015 version:

- Deleted items a, b, d and e which are covered by other schedules.
- Updated guidance and contact information.

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2010 version:

- Revised schedule title and description.
- Revised disposition instructions for item c to include 7 year transfer after file closure.
- Updated guidance and contact information.

The following changes were made in the 07/31/2008 version:

- Revised schedule title and description.
- Updated guidance and reasons for disposition.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2008 version:

- Revised the description.
- Updated contact information.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

The predecessor system, CFEIS, was previously approved as permanent (N1-412-02-8).

## **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Compliance Division

Contact: Kassem AbbasTelephone: 734-214-4337

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Compliance Division

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## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 482, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-81-8/5, N1-412-02-8

Entry: 02/02/2000

**EPA Approval:** 09/01/2009

**NARA Approval:** 11/30/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Ann Arbor In-Use Test Data System (IUTD)

Program: Air

**Applicability:** National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory (NVFEL)

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-99-5

# **Description:**

The In-Use-Test Data System (IUTD) consists of the emission measurements obtained from autos and trucks owned and operated by the motoring public. This database is the source of information used to develop the mobile source emission factors model (MOBILE5 and successors), inspection and maintenance (I/M) effectiveness estimates, and anti-tampering credits. Most of the data is collected through the Emission Factor Program (EFP) which has been conducted annually since the early 1970s.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Assessment and Modeling Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-5a

## Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

### Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Assessment and Modeling Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-5c

### Disposable

• Maintain individual records at least 2 years after completion of action, then delete when no longer needed.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

## **Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Assessment and Modeling Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

## **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Emission Factors Program (EFP) Test Records are scheduled as EPA 0498.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a, b and e.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Records support program operations required by statute and regulations.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, National, Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Assessment and Modeling Division

Contact: Carl ScarbroTelephone: 734-214-4209

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0304, EPA 0498

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 06/05/1993

**EPA Approval:** 09/24/1998

**NARA Approval:** 06/14/2000

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Trends Report (TRRP)

Program: Air

**Applicability:** Agency-wide, with exceptions

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-99-6

# **Description:**

The Trends Report (TRRP) system provides standard national reports used to prepare the annual "National Air Quality and Trends Report." The system is also used to set new air quality standards, and determine impacts of new standards and other air regulations. It uses standard Air Quality System (AQS) data retrieval programs to acquire AQS data on NAMS (national air monitoring station) and SLAMS (state/local air monitoring station) siting, air quality concentrations, and 50 to 100 small statistical packages (SAS) programs to perform ad hoc statistical analyses.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

To be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-6a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period..

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

#### Item c: Electronic data

To be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-6c

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after data is superseded.

#### **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- Close when Trends Report sent to NTIS for distribution.
- File with related records and follow instructions for related records.

## **Item e:** System documentation

To be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Trends Report is retained according to the disposition instructions for EPA 250 for publications and promotional items.

AQS is scheduled as EPA 0496.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This system supports various reporting functions for the Air program and is used to produce the Agency's "National Air Quality and Emissions Trends Report." It is also used for trend assessments and development of regulations and standards.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division

Contact: David MintzTelephone: 919-541-5224

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0250, EPA 0304, EPA 0496

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 06/05/1993

**EPA Approval:** 09/24/1998

**NARA Approval:** 04/27/2000

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: RadNet

**Program:** Radiation

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-99-7

### **Description:**

RadNet, formerly known as the Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS), is a national system of monitoring stations that regularly collect air, precipitation, drinking water, and milk samples for analysis of radioactivity. The RadNet network, which has stations in each state, is used to track environmental releases of radioactivity from nuclear weapons tests, nuclear accidents and potential terrorist acts. In the future, new air stations will provide gamma data in near-real-time that will be transmitted to a central database accessible to both decision makers and the public. The RadNet database contains 23 years of environmental radiation monitoring data from all 50 states and U.S. territories and 40 years of measurements of strontium in milk. The database allows users to perform statistical analyses on subsets of data graphically, displaying these analyses. The database is linked to EPA's EnviroMapper, allowing users to display data by location. Paper records of RadNet/ERAMS data are available back to the system's inception in 1973.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-7a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic data throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-7c

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

Includes calibration data. This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-99-7e

- Permanent
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Published data from this system is covered in EPA 0250 for publications and promotional items.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 08/31/2010 version:

• Added calibration data to disposition item e.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This system supports program operations required by statute and regulations. It is also used for trend and risk assessment. The paper output records were previously approved by the National Archives as permanent.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory

Contact: Charles PetkoTelephone: 334-270-3411

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0250

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 06/05/1993

**EPA Approval:** 09/24/1998

**NARA Approval:** 12/03/1999

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Air Quality System (AQS)

**Program:** Air

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-12

### **Description:**

The Air Quality System (AQS) serves as the national repository for ambient air quality measurements and descriptive information about the locations where the ambient air quality data are collected. The data, which is collected by state, local and tribal agencies, is periodically uploaded into AQS. It is used to track progress in implementing the national air pollution control program. For example, EPA uses the data to determine non-attainment areas for pollutants that have national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for trends analysis, modeling, providing the public with information about the cleanliness of the air in various areas, and for various air quality reports for Congress and others.

Users submit data via the EPA Central Data Exchange (CDX), on an as-needed basis, and the data is transferred from AQS to the Envirofacts information warehouse.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Air Data Group, Outreach and Information Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-12a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

Item b: Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Air Data Group, Outreach and Information Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-12c

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Air and Radiation, National Air Data Group, Outreach and Information Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-12e

- Permanent
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Central Data Exchange is scheduled as EPA 0097. See EPA 0098 for Envirofacts.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for item b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This system was previously approved as the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS), N1-412-99-8, and consisted of four databases: Air Quality System (AQS), Air Facility System (AFS), Geo-Common (GCS), and a mapping utility called AIRS graphic (AG). Three of the four systems have been phased out. The emissions portion of AFS was phased out in 2000, and new submissions are submitted to the National Emissions Inventory (NEI), scheduled as EPA 0002. The data from the Precision and Accuracy Reporting System (PARS), approved as NC1-412-81-12/33, was transferred to AIRS in 1992. The compliance data is now managed by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) and will be scheduled separately.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Outreach Information Division

Contact: Michael HamlinTelephone: 919-541-5232

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0002, EPA 0097, EPA 0098, EPA 0171

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-81-8/7, NC1-412-81-8/13, NC1-412-81-12/33, NC1-412-82-4/2, N1-412-99-8

**Entry:** 06/05/1993

**EPA Approval:** 08/08/2008

**NARA Approval:** 01/23/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Employee Occupational Exposure to Ionizing Radiation

**Program:** Radiation

**Applicability:** Radiation and Indoor Environments National Laboratory (RIENL)

Function: 316 - Applied Research and Science Support

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-71/10

## **Description:**

Consists of documentation of EPA employee occupational exposure to ionizing radiation while using radioactive materials or radiation producing devices in research. Includes quarterly employee exposure reports, lists of approved radioactive isotope users, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) correspondence, policies regarding handling of radiation, questionnaires, requisitions for radioactive materials and inventories of radioactive materials.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-71/10a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at expiration or termination of license.
- Destroy 75 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various

components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

RIENL is the license holder (1999-2012). Previous license holder was the National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL) in the Office of Research and Development (ORD).

Occupational injury and illness files for the Safety program are scheduled as EPA 0583.

Specific legal citations include:

10 CFR Part 2106

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item b for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Radiation and Indoor Environments National Laboratory

Contact: Chris FontanaTelephone: 702-784-8272

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0583

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-97-5

Entry: 02/22/1995

**EPA Approval:** 08/27/2007

## **NARA Approval:** 06/22/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: EPA Newsroom Database

**Program:** Public Affairs

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-08-9

## **Description:**

The EPA Newsroom Database contains the text of speeches and remarks by EPA Administrators and Deputy Administrators and press releases posted to the EPA Internet Newsroom. The speeches and remarks of the Administrators are from November 1995 forward, and for the Deputy Administrators, from 1997 forward. The Headquarters Office of Public Affairs distributes national press releases while regional offices distribute local press releases. Both national and regional releases are posted in the database.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Administrator, Office of Public Affairs at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-9a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

### **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

#### Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Administrator, Office of Public Affairs at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-9c

#### Permanent

• Transfer annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

## **Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Administrator, Office of Public Affairs at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-08-9e

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. The documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

If speeches are not added to the databases, the disposition is covered by EPA 0140. Records used to produce outreach materials for the public are covered in EPA 0081.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for item b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This schedule was previously approved as N1-412-03-9 for the Administrators' and Deputy Administrators' Speeches Database. It has expanded to include final press releases that are kept in the same database.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of the Administrator, Office of Public Affiars

Contact: Emil KnuttiTelephone: 202-564-9553

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0081, EPA 0140, EPA 0171

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-03-9

Entry: 03/06/2001

**EPA Approval:** 06/09/2008

**NARA Approval:** 07/30/2008

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Records

Program: Civil Rights

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/25

## **Description:**

Contains records related to equal employment opportunity, workplace discrimination, and affirmative action.

Excludes: External discrimination complaints filed by individuals or groups alleging civil rights have been violated by environmental means which are handled by EPA's environmental justice program scheduled as EPA 0497.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Official discrimination complaint case files

Includes originating agency's file containing complaints with related correspondence, reports, exhibits, withdrawal notices, copies of decisions, records of hearings and meetings, and other records as described in 29 CFR 1613.222. Cases resolved within the agency, by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or by a U.S. Court.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25a

- Disposable
- Destroy 4 years after resolution of case.

**Item b:** Copies of complaint case files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25b

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after resolution of case.

**Item c(1):** Preliminary and background files not filed in the official file

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25c(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after final resolution of case.

**Item c(2):** Preliminary and background files for complaints that do not develop into official discrimination complaint cases

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25c(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item d(1):** Compliance review files for contractor employment practices

Includes reviews, background documents, and correspondence.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25d(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 7 years old.

**Item d(2):** EEO compliance reports

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25d(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

**Item e:** Employee housing requests

Includes forms requesting agency assistance in housing matters, such as rental or purchase.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25e

- Disposable
- Destroy when 1 year old.

**Item f:** Employment statistics files relating to race and sex

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25f

- Disposable
- Destroy when 5 years old.

## **Item g:** EEO general files

Includes general correspondence and copies of regulations with related records pertaining to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the EEO Act of 1972, and any pertinent later legislation, agency EEO Committee meeting records, including minutes and reports, and special programs related to workforce diversity.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25g

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old, or when superseded or obsolete, whichever is applicable.

**Item h(1):** Consolidated EEO affirmative action plans (AAP)

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25h(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years from date of plan.

**Item h(2):** Feeder plan for EEO affirmative action plans (AAP)

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25h(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years from date of feeder plan or when administrative purposes have been served, whichever is sooner.

**Item h(3):** Report of on-site reviews of affirmative action programs

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25h(3)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years from date of report.

Item h(4): Annual report of affirmative action accomplishments

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/25h(4)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years from date of report.

### **Guidance:**

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accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 04/30/2010 version:

 Added wording about special programs related to workforce diversity to disposition item g.

Conforms with NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 25.

Item i for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0497

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-75-8/1, N1-412-87-3/2, 3, 4 and 5

Entry: 07/22/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Personnel Counseling Records

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/26

## **Description:**

Includes counseling files consisting of reports of interviews, analyses, and related records. Also includes alcohol and drug abuse program files consisting of records created in planning, coordinating, and directing an alcohol and drug abuse program.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Counseling files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/26a

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after termination of counseling.

**Item b:** Alcohol and drug abuse program files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/26b

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Federal workplace drug testing program files are covered by EPA 0569. Disciplinary action case files pertaining to actions taken against employees for drug use, drug possession, failure to comply with drug testing procedures, and similar matters are covered in EPA 0564.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 26.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0564, EPA 0569

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-87-3/7

Entry: 07/22/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Official Personnel Folders (OPF) - Civilian

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral), excluding any records already in electronic form. Records designated for permanent retention must be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer.

- General Records Schedule 1/1a (Item a(1))
- General Records Schedule 1/1b (Item a(2))
- General Records Schedule 1/10a (Item b(1))
- General Records Schedule 1/10b (Item b(2))

### **Description:**

Contains personnel records as detailed in The Guide to Personnel Recordkeeping.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** Transferred employee records filed on the right side of the OPF

Includes records for employment terminated after December 31, 1920, excluding those selected by the National Archives and Records Administration for permanent retention.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/1a

- Disposable
- See Chapter 7 of The Guide to Personnel Recordkeeping for instructions relating to folders of employees transferred to another agency.

Item a(2): Separated employee records filed on the right side of the OPF

Includes records for employment terminated after December 31, 1920, excluding those selected by the National Archives and Records Administration for permanent retention.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/1b

- Disposable
- Transfer folder to National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO, 30 days after latest separation.

**Item b(1):** Correspondence and forms maintained on the left side of the OPF for temporary individual employee records

Includes all copies maintained in accordance with Chapter 3 of The Guide to Personnel Recordkeeping, excluding the Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-9 and performance-related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/10a

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded or obsolete, or upon separation or transfer of employee unless specifically required to be transferred with the OPF.

**Item b(2):** Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-9 for temporary individual employee records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/10b

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after employee separates from service or transfers to another agency.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

With the implementation of the electronic OPF (eOPF), legacy hard copy OPFs (through August 2008), are to be retired to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) after they are scanned into the system. Beginning September 2008, hard copy OPFs are to be destroyed one year after they have been imaged and verified. For additional information, see OPM's Guide to Personnel Records at: http://opm.gov/feddata/recguide.pdf and instructions for making requests from NPRC at: http://www.opm.gov/efoia/html/foia\_contacts.asp.

Records for employees separated for active military duty who have restoration rights and employees transferred to public international organizations with reemployment rights should be kept until reemployment or expiration of restoration or reemployment rights.

Records for employees reached for reduction in force whose names have been entered on the Reemployment Priority List should be kept until employees names are removed from the Reemployment Priority List.

Records for employees who were involuntarily separated and who appeal their separation should be kept until appeals are resolved.

Records for separated employees for whom records are outstanding or for whom retirement, insurance, or other claims are being adjudicated should be kept for the additional time required to obtain and file the records or to adjudicate claims. Records for separated employees (item a(2)) will be destroyed by the National Personnel Records Center 65 years after separation from federal service.

Where there is a work situation which makes it probable that the same people will be employed repeatedly for short periods of time records should be kept for a maximum period of two years after the date of their last separation.

Records for employees who were involuntarily separated and who are entitled to severance pay under section 550.702 of the Office of Personnel Management regulations should be kept until the former employee is reemployed under an appointment limited to more than one year, after a break of more than three days, or until the severance pay fund is exhausted, whichever comes sooner.

Personnel records for Public Health Service Corps Commissioned Personnel are scheduled as EPA 0554. Appointment Files are covered in EPA 0557. Employee Performance records are scheduled as EPA 0107.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 04/30/2010 version:

• Added guidance about eOPF and retirement and destruction of hard copy records.

The following change was made in the 07/31/2008 version:

• Moved statement about destruction of records for separated employees by National Personnel Records Center from disposition item a(2) to guidance.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, items 1 and 10.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0107, EPA 0554, EPA 0557

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/1, NC1-412-85-28/3

Entry: 07/27/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Agency Personnel Folders - Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Personnel

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-62/3

### **Description:**

Documents accumulated to provide a record of status and service of personnel temporarily assigned to EPA. The Public Health Service (PHS) personnel office specifies the "duplicate" documents to be maintained by non-PHS agencies.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/3a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records upon transfer or separation.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

This item is to be applied by personnel offices. Other official personnel folders (OPFs) are scheduled as EPA 0553.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item b for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0553

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-28/4

Entry: 07/27/1993

**EPA Approval:** 06/15/2007

**NARA Approval:** 03/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Service Record Cards (Standard Form (SF) 7 or equivalent)

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/2b (Item b)

## **Description:**

Consists of service records cards (Standard Form (SF) 7 or equivalent) for employees.

Note: Effective December 31, 1994, the SF 7 card became obsolete.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** Cards for employees separated or transferred on or after January 1, 1948

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/2b

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after separation or transfer of employee.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are

covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to General Records Schedule 1, item 2.

Item a - Cards for employees separated or transferred on or before December 31, 1947 was deleted in the 02/20/2007 version.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/2, NC1-412-85-28/5

Entry: 07/27/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Examining and Certification Records

**Program:** Personnel

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/33

## **Description:**

Consists of delegated agreements and related records created under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 1104 between the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and agencies, allowing for the examination and certification of applicants for employment.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Delegated agreements

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33a

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after termination of agreement.

**Item b:** Correspondence concerning applications, certification of eligibles, and all other examining and recruiting operations

Includes, but is not limited to, correspondence from Congress, White House, and the general public, and correspondence regarding accommodations for holding examinations and shipment of test materials.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33b

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

**Item c:** Correspondence or notices received from eligibles indicating a change in name, address, or availability

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33c

- Disposable
- Destroy 90 days after updating the appropriate record in the registry or inventory.

**Item d:** Test material stock control

Includes stock control records of examination test material, including running inventory of test material in stock.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33d

- Disposable
- Destroy when test is superseded or obsolete.

Item e: Application Record Card

Includes OPM Form 5000A, or equivalent.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33e

- Disposable
- Close file after examination.
- Destroy no later than 90 days after file closure.

**Item f:** Examination announcement case documentation files

Includes correspondence regarding examination requirements, final version of announcement(s) issued, subsequent amendments to announcement(s), public notice documentation, rating schedule, job analysis documentation, record of selective and quality rating factors, rating procedures, transmutation tables, and other documents associated with the job announcement(s) and the development of the register/inventory or case examination.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33f

- Disposable
- Close file after termination of related register or inventory or after final action is taken on the certificate generated by case examining procedures.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

**Item g:** Register or inventory of eligibles

Includes OPM Form 5001-C or equivalent, documenting eligibility of an individual for federal jobs.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33g

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after the date on which the register or inventory is terminated.

**Item h:** Letters to applicants denying transfer of eligibility

Includes OPM Form 4896 or equivalent.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33h

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

**Item i:** Test answer sheets

Includes written test answer sheets for both eligibles and ineligibles. Filed by date of processing.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33i

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 months old.

**Item j:** Lost or exposed test material case files

Includes records showing the circumstances of loss, nature of the recovery action, and corrective action required.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33j

- Disposable
- Close files annually.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

**Item k:** Canceled and ineligible applications for positions filled from a register or inventory

Includes Optional Form (OF) 612, resumes, supplemental forms, and attachments.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33k

- Disposable
- Close file annually.

• Destroy 1 year after file closure.

**Item I(1):** Eligible applications for positions filled from an active register or inventory

Includes OF 612, resumes, supplemental forms, and attachments.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33l(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 90 days after termination of the register or inventory, (except for those applications that may be brought forward to a new register or inventory, if any).

Item I(2): Eligible applications for positions filled from an inactive register or inventory

Includes OF 612, resumes, supplemental forms, and attachments.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/331(2)

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

**Item m:** Ineligible or incomplete applications for positions filled by case examining

Includes OF 612, resumes, and supplemental forms.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33m

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

**Item n:** Eligible applications for positions filled by case examining that either are not referred to the hiring official or are returned to the examining office by the hiring official

Includes OF 612, resumes, supplemental forms, and attachments.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33n

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

**Item o:** Request for prior approval of personnel actions taken by agencies

Includes requests on such matters as promotion, transfer, reinstatement, or change in status, submitted by SF 59, OPM 648, or equivalent form.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/330

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

**Item p:** Certificate files

Includes SF 39, SF 39A, or equivalent, and all papers upon which the certification was based; the list of eligibles screened for the vacancies, ratings assigned, availability statements, the certificate of eligibles that was issued to the selecting official, the annotated certificate of eligibles that was returned from the selecting official, and other documentation material designated by the examiner for retention.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33p

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

Item q: Certification request control index and certificate control log system

Includes records of information (e.g., receipt date, series, and grade of position, duty station) pertaining to requests for lists of eligibles from a register or inventory.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33q

- Disposable
- Close file annually.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

**Item r:** Interagency Placement Program (IPP) application and registration sheet

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33r

- Disposable
- Destroy upon expiration of employee's DEP eligibility.

**Item s:** DEP control cards, if maintained

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33s

Disposable

- Close file annually.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

**Item t:** Reports of audits of delegated examining operations

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/33t

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after date of the report.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Offers of Employment Files are covered in EPA 0557 and Certificate of Eligibles Files in EPA 0558.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms with NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 33.

Item u for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0557, EPA 0558

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/3, NC1-412-85-28/6

**Entry:** 07/27/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Offers of Employment Files

**Program:** Personnel

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/4

## **Description:**

Contains correspondence, including letters and telegrams, offering appointments to potential employees.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Accepted offers

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/4a

- Disposable
- Destroy when appointment is effective.

**Item b(1):** Declined offers - When name is received from certificate of eligibles

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/4b(1)

- Disposable
- Return to OPM with reply and application.

**Item b(2):** Declined offers - Temporary or excepted appointment

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/4b(2)

- Disposable
- File with related records and follow instructions for related records (EPA 0556).

Item b(3): Declined offers - All others

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/4b(3)

- Disposable
- Destroy immediately.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

If offer is accepted, file with temporary personnel papers on left side of folder (See EPA 0553, item b). Declined offers for temporary or excepted appointments are filed with the employment applications covered by EPA 0556 for examining and certification records.

Official personnel folders for civilians are covered in EPA 0553 and Public Health Service Corps commissioned personnel in EPA 0554. See EPA 0100 for appointee clearance and vetting files.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 4.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

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Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0100, EPA 0553, EPA 0554, EPA 0556

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/4, NC1-412-85-28/7

**Entry:** 07/27/1993

EPA Approval: Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Certificate of Eligibles Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/5

### **Description:**

Consists of copies from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) of certificates of eligibles with related requests, forms, correspondence, and statement of reason for passing over a preference eligible and selecting a non-preference eligible.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/5

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 5.

Item b for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

NC-412-75-4/5, NC1-412-85-28/8

Entry: 07/27/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Position Classification Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

General Records Schedule 1/7

### **Description:**

Consists of records relating to classification of positions within the organization.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a(1): Position classification standards files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7a

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded or obsolete.

Item a(2)(a): Case file

Includes correspondence and other records relating to the development of standards for classification of positions peculiar to EPA, and OPM approval or disapproval.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7a(2)(a)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after position is abolished or description is superseded.

Item a(2)(b): Review file

Includes correspondence and other records relating to the development of standards for classification of positions peculiar to EPA, and OPM approval or disapproval.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7a(2)(b)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

## **Item b:** Position descriptions

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7b

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after position is abolished or description is superseded.

**Item c(1):** Survey files - Classification survey reports

Includes reports on various positions prepared by classification specialists, including periodic reports.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7c(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old, or 2 years after regular inspection, whichever is sooner.

**Item c(2):** Survey files - Inspection, audit, and survey files

Includes correspondence, reports, and other records relating to inspections, surveys, desk audits, and evaluations.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7c(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when obsolete or superseded.

**Item d(1):** Appeals files - Case files relating to classification appeals, excluding OPM classification certificate

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7d(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after case is closed.

Item d(2): Appeals files - Certificates of classification issued by OPM

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/7d(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy after affected position is abolished or superseded.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 7.

Item e for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/6, NC1-412-85-28/9

Entry: 07/27/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Notifications of Personnel Actions - Standard Form 50

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/14

## **Description:**

Consists of Standard Form (SF) 50, documenting all individual personnel actions such as employment, promotions, transfers, separation, exclusive of the copy in the Official Personnel Folders.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Chronological file copies, including fact sheets, maintained in personnel offices

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/14a

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item b:** All other copies maintained in personnel offices

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/14b

- Disposable
- Destroy when 1 year old.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Official Personnel Folders - Civilian are scheduled as EPA 0553. Agency Personnel Folders - Public Health Service Corps Commissioned Personnel are covered in EPA 0554 and Appointment Files as EPA 0557.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 14.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0553, EPA 0554, EPA 0557

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-75-4/7, NC1-412-85-28/10

Entry: 07/30/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 03/31/2014

Title: Personnel Correspondence and Forms Files Relating to Individual Employees

**Program:** Personnel

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/17

## **Description:**

Contains operating personnel office records relating to individual employees not maintained in the Official Personnel Folders (OPFs) and not provided for elsewhere.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Correspondence and forms relating to pending personnel actions

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/17a

- Disposable
- Destroy when action is completed.

**Item b(1):** Retention registers used to effect reduction-in-force actions

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/17b(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item b(2):** Retention registers from which no reduction-in-force actions have been taken and related records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/17b(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded or obsolete.

**Item c:** All other correspondence and forms

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/17c

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 months old.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Checklists for separating, transferring and separated personnel and correspondence related to the general administration and operation of the personnel function are covered by schedule 0568.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 03/31/2014 version:

• Revised guidance stating that checklists for separating, transferring and separated personnel are covered by schedule 0568.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 17.

Item d for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0568

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/8, NC1-412-85-28/11

**Entry:** 07/30/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Merit Promotion Case Files

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/32

## **Description:**

Contains records relating to the promotion of an individual that document qualification standards, evaluation methods, selection procedures, and evaluations of candidates.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/32

- Disposable
- Destroy after OPM audit or 2 years after the personnel action is completed, whichever is sooner.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 32.

Item b for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-75-4/9, NC1-412-85-28/12

Entry: 07/30/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Performance Rating Appeals

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-62/4

### **Description:**

Contains performance rating appeals files, including copies of employee's appeals of performance rating, copies of decisions rendered and other material pertaining to the case.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/4a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at end of year in which final decision is made.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Employee performance file system records are covered in EPA 0107. See EPA 0553 for official personnel folders (OPF) for civilians, and EPA 0554 for Public Health Service Corps commissioned personnel.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item b for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0107, EPA 0553, EPA 0554

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/10c, NC1-412-85-28/13c

Entry: 07/30/1993

**EPA Approval:** 06/15/2007

**NARA Approval:** 03/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Administrative Grievance, Disciplinary, and Adverse Action Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/30

### **Description:**

Consists of administrative grievance files. Records relate to grievances raised by Agency employees, except EEO complaints. These case files include statements of witnesses, reports of interviews and hearings, examiner's findings and recommendations, a copy of the original decision, related correspondence and exhibits, and records relating to a reconsideration request.

Also includes adverse action files and performance-based actions. Case files and records related to adverse actions and performance-based actions (removal, suspension, reduction-in-trade, furlough) against employees. The file includes a copy of the proposed adverse action with supporting documents; statements of witnesses; employee's reply; hearing notices, reports and decisions; reversal of action; and appeal records, excluding letters of reprimand which are filed in the official personnel folder (OPF).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Administrative grievance files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/30a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records at end of year after case is closed.
- Destroy when 4 years old.

**Item b:** Adverse action files and performance-based actions

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/30b

Disposable

- Close inactive records at end of year after case is closed.
- Destroy when 4 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Official personnel folders for civilians are scheduled as EPA 0553 and for Public Health Service Corps commissioned personnel as EPA 0554. EEO complaint files are covered in EPA 0541.

Records of complaint files of actions filed before administrative agencies or in federal courts and maintained as EPA personnel law files by the Office of General Counsel are scheduled as EPA 0678, item c.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 08/31/2010 version:

• Revised the file closure instructions to "after case is closed" for items a and b to match the General Records Schedule.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 30.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0541, EPA 0553, EPA 0554, EPA 0678

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/11, NC1-412-85-28/14

**Entry:** 07/30/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Donated Leave Program Case Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/37

### **Description:**

Includes case files documenting the receipt and donation of leave for medical emergencies, including recipient applications, Agency approvals or denials, medical or physician certifications, leave donation records or OF 630-A, supervisor/timekeeper approvals, leave transfer records, payroll notification records, and leave program termination records. Also known as "leave bank" records.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/37

#### Disposable

• Beginning in January 1994, destroy 1 year after the end of the year in which the file is closed

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various

components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See EPA 0279 for other leave records.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 37.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/22/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0279

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 08/06/1999

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Employee Medical Folder (EMF)

Program: Personnel

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/21

## **Description:**

Includes medical records for employees.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** Transferred employees - Long-term medical records as defined in 5 CFR 293, subpart E

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/21a(1)

- Disposable
- See 5 CFR part 293, Subpart E for instructions.

Item a(2): Separated employees - Long-term medical records as defined in 5 CFR 293, subpart E

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/21a(2)

- Disposable
- Transfer to National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), St. Louis, MO, 30 days after separation.

**Item b:** Temporary or short-term records as defined in the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM)

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/21b

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after separation or transfer of employee.

**Item c:** Individual employee health case files created prior to establishment of the EMF system that have been retired to a NARA records storage facility

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/21c

- Disposable
- Destroy 60 years after retirement to the NARA records storage facility.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Personnel records for civilians are scheduled as EPA 0553 and Public Health Service Corps commissioned personnel as EPA 0554. Records related to employee visits to government health facilities for nonwork-related purposes not covered by this schedule are covered by EPA 0016 - Individual Non-Occupational Health Record Files. See EPA 0023 - Health Unit Control Files for logs or registers of visits to dispensaries, first aid rooms, and other types of health units.

Health care facilities' clinical records for treatment rendered to non-government workers and non-occupational injuries/illnesses are governed by the policy and guidance of the Public Health/Federal Occupational Health Agency (PH/FOH). According to those policies, non-government workers are not eligible for treatment at these centers. However, if an emergency does occur and treatment is rendered, a medical folder is established. The Health Care Provider in charge establishes the retention period for those records. A non-government worker includes AARPs, Stay-In-Schools, contractors, and the general public. For additional information, refer to the Occupational Health Center Services manual.

The NPRC will destroy long-term medical records for separated employees (Item a(2)) 75 years after birth date of employee; 60 years after date of the earliest document in the folder, if the date of birth cannot be ascertained, or 30 years after latest separation, whichever is later.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 08/31/2010 version:

• Corrected reference about NPRC destruction from 60 days to 60 years in guidance.

The following change was made in the 07/31/2008 version:

• Moved statement about destruction of records for separated employees by National Personnel Records Center from disposition item a(2) to guidance.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 21.

Item d for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0016, EPA 0023, EPA 0553, EPA 0554

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/13, NC1-412-85-28/16

**Entry:** 07/30/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Retirement Assistance Files

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/39

## **Description:**

Contains correspondence, memoranda, annuity estimates, and other records used to assist retiring employees or survivors claim insurance or retirement benefits.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/39

- Disposable
- Destroy when 1 year old.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms with NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 39.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/14, NC1-412-85-28/17

**Entry:** 08/03/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

Status: Final, 03/31/2014

**Title:** Personnel Correspondence Files Related to General Administration

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resource Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/3

## **Description:**

Consists of correspondence, reports, and other records relating to the general administration and operation of personnel functions, but excluding records specifically described elsewhere in the records schedules and records maintained at agency staff planning levels.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/3

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

This item includes panel interview notes for candidates held in any office. Panel interview notes for candidates under merit promotion maintained by personnel offices are covered by EPA 0562. This item also covers timesheets for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program employees and personnel records related to interns. The checklists for separating, transferring, and separated personnel are covered by this schedule, with the exception of the form 3110-1 held by the Shared Services Centers which are maintained in the Official Personnel Folders (OPFs) covered by schedule 0553.

For personnel correspondence and forms related to individual employees not maintained in the Official Personnel Folders (OPFs), see EPA 0561.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 03/31/2014 version:

• Revised guidance stating that the checklists for separating, transferring, and separated personnel are covered by this schedule.

The following change was made in the 05/31/2011 version:

• Updated guidance to include records related to interns.

The following change was made in the 10/31/2010 version:

• Updated guidance to include the employee separation checklist.

The following change was made in the 01/31/2009 version:

• Updated guidance to include the senior officials separation checklist.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 3.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0553, EPA 0561, EPA 0562

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

**Entry:** 08/06/2003

EPA Approval: Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Federal Workplace Drug Testing Program Files

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/36

## **Description:**

Includes drug testing program records created under Executive Order 12564 and Public Law 100-71, Section 503 (101 Stat. 468).

Excludes: Consolidated statistical and narrative reports concerning the operation of agency programs, including annual reports to Congress, as required by Pub. L. 100-71, 503(f).

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Drug test plans and procedures

Excludes documents that are filed in record sets of formal issuances (directives, procedures handbooks, operating manuals, and the like).

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36a

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old or when superseded or obsolete.

**Item b:** Forms completed by employees whose positions are designated sensitive for drug testing purposes acknowledging that they have received notice that they may be tested

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36b

- Disposable
- Destroy when employee separates from testing-designated position...

**Item c:** Selection and scheduling records

Includes records relating to the selection of specific employees and applicants for testing and the scheduling of tests, including lists of selectees, notification letters, and testing schedules.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36c

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

**Item d(1):** "Permanent" record books

Includes bound books containing identifying data on each specimen, recorded at each collection site in the order in which the specimens were collected.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36d(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 3 years after date of last entry.

**Item d(2):** Chain of custody records

Includes forms and other records used to maintain control and accountability of specimens from the point of collection to the final disposition of the specimen.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36d(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

Item e(1)(a): Positive test results for employees

Includes records documenting individual test results, including reports of testing, notifications of employees and applicants and employing offices, and documents relating to follow-up testing.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36e(1)(a)

- Disposable
- Destroy when employee leaves the Agency or when 3 years old, whichever is later.

Item e(1)(b): Positive test results for applicants not accepted for employment

Includes records documenting individual test results, including reports of testing, notifications of employees/applicants and employing offices, and documents relating to follow-up testing.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36e(1)(b)

Disposable

• Destroy when 3 years old.

## Item e(2): Negative test results

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/36e(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Disciplinary action case files pertaining to actions taken against employees for drug use, drug possession, failure to comply with drug testing procedures, and similar matters are covered in EPA 0564. See EPA 0546 for personnel counseling files related to the alcohol and drug abuse program.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule, item 1/36.

Item f for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0546, EPA 0564

**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:** 

**Entry:** 07/01/2003

EPA Approval: Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 04/00/2003

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignment Files

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-62/5

## **Description:**

Consists of records documenting the temporary assignment of personnel between the federal government and state or local governments, institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, and other eligible organizations.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-62/5a

- Disposable
- Close inactive records upon termination of assignment.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item b for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-28/21

**Entry:** 08/03/1993

**EPA Approval:** 06/15/2007

**NARA Approval:** 03/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Personnel Training Records

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/29

#### **Description:**

Files contain the general file of Agency-sponsored personnel training, including correspondence, memoranda, agreements, authorizations (e.g., SF 182 - Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training), reports, requirement reviews, plans, and objectives relating to the establishment and operation of training courses and conferences, as well as background and working files.

Also includes employee training records including correspondence, memoranda, reports, and other records relating to the availability of training and employee participation in personnel training programs sponsored by other government agencies or non-Government institutions.

Excludes: Training for specialized program areas and the record copy of manuals, syllabuses, textbooks, and other training aids developed by the Agency which are scheduled as EPA 0200.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a(1): General file of Agency-sponsored personnel training

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/29a(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 5 years old or 5 years after completion of a specific training program.

**Item a(2):** Background and working files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/29a(2)

Disposable

• Destroy when 3 years old.

## **Item b:** Employee training

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/29b

- Disposable
- Destroy when 5 years old or when superseded or obsolete, whichever is sooner.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Copies of employee training records maintained at the supervisory level are covered in EPA 0122 - Supervisors' Personnel Files and Duplicate OPF Documentation, and training materials for other than personnel training (i.e., specialized program areas) are scheduled in EPA 0200.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to the General Records Schedule 1, item 29.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0122, EPA 0200

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/15, N1-412-85-28/18 and 19

**Entry:** 08/03/1993

EPA Approval: Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 07/00/2004

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Employee Awards Files

**Program:** Personnel

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/12

## **Description:**

Files contain records related to employee awards.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** General awards case files

Includes recommendations, approved nominations, correspondence, reports, and related handbooks pertaining to Agency-sponsored cash and noncash awards such as incentive awards, within-grade merit increases, suggestions, and outstanding performance.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/12a(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 2 years after approval or disapproval.

**Item a(2):** General awards correspondence for awards from other federal agencies or non-federal organizations

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/12a(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item b:** Length of service and sick leave awards files

Includes correspondence, reports, computations of service and sick leave, and lists of awardees.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/12b

- Disposable
- Destroy when 1 year old.

**Item c:** Letters of commendation and appreciation

Includes letters recognizing length of service and retirement and letters of appreciation and commendation for performance, and excludes copies filed in the official personnel file (OPF).

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/12c

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item d:** Lists of or indexes to Agency award nominations

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/12d

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded or obsolete.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Incentive awards program reports are scheduled as EPA 0574.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to the General Records Schedule 1, item 12.

Item e for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0574

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/10a, NC1-412-85-28/13a

**Entry:** 11/17/2000

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** EPA Payroll System (EPAYS)

**Program:** Financial Management

**Applicability:** Headquarters

**Function:** 402 - Financial Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-96-1/28

#### **Description:**

The EPA Payroll System (EPAYS) is a major system featuring a standardized nationwide data entry system for time and attendance and payroll and personnel data. The system also contains a labor distribution function for Agency payroll accounting and biweekly production of payroll requirements. Additionally, the system has the ability to distribute personnel management information to meet management and regulatory reporting requirements.

#### EPAYS has the following components:

- PPRS A reporting facility providing extensive data extract and report generation capability with a small subsystem to support specialized reporting for the Office of Civil Rights.
- TAPP Provides on-line data entry and edit facilities for EPAYS processed transactions and supports the collection and edit of all payroll and personnel related data.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, Financial Systems Staff at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/28a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

### **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/28b

- Disposable
- Close after data entry completed and verified.
- Destroy after GAO audit or when 6 years old, whichever is sooner.

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, Financial Systems Staff at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-96-1/28c

- Disposable
- Maintain individual records at least 2 years after completion of action, then delete when no longer needed.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow the disposition instructions for the related records.

## Item e: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, Financial Systems Staff at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedules 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Close when superseded.
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency

business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Records covered by items b and d held in other offices are retained according to the disposition instructions for records they support.

Record copies of source documents are covered by the following schedules: EPA 0276 for time and attendance; EPA 0283 for pay folders; EPA 0553 for official personnel folders (OFP) for civilians; and EPA 0554 for agency personnel folders for Public Health Service Corps commissioned personnel.

A related system, the Integrated Financial Management System is scheduled as EPA 0054 and its predecessor the Financial Management System (FMS) as EPA 0053. The PeoplePlus system is scheduled as EPA 0300.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and e.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

EPAYS was the primary system used for time and attendance and payroll and personnel data as well as production of reports required by regulations. Input and output records are scheduled separately.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, Financial Systems Staff

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0053, EPA 0054, EPA 0276, EPA 0283, EPA 0300, EPA 0304, EPA 0553, EPA 0554

## Previous NARA Disposal Authority:

**Entry:** 08/09/1993

**EPA Approval:** 12/12/1996

**NARA Approval:** 01/20/1999

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Incentive Awards Program Reports

Program: Personnel

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/13

#### **Description:**

Files contain reports pertaining to the operation of the Incentive Awards Program.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/13

- Disposable
- Destroy when 3 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Case files containing recommendations and other records pertaining to the incentive awards program are covered by EPA 0572 - Employee Awards Files.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Disposition conforms to the General Records Schedule 1, item 13.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0572** 

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-4/10d, NC1-412-85-28/13d

**Entry:** 11/17/2000

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Grants Information and Control System (GICS)

**Program:** Grants

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 205 - Federal Financial Assistance

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-00-4

#### **Description:**

The Grants Information and Control System (GICS) is a national information management system containing administrative, project, and financial data for all EPA's grants, interagency agreements, and cooperative agreements. The system has the following components:

Municipal construction grants program - Provides information on wastewater treatment grant applications and active construction grant projects.

State revolving fund (SRF) program - Tracks federal funding provided to the states.

Non-construction grants program - Contains any program's nonconstruction grants information, including Superfund, Pesticides, and Research and Development.

Information is entered by headquarters, regions, or states. Input data includes data from automated systems. The system offers a customized data entry module, report writer, look-up tables, batch capabilities, and an online dictionary.

GICS will be replaced by the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS).

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-00-4a

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

### **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-00-4c

- Disposable
- Maintain individual records at least 7 years after completion of grant or agreement, then delete when no longer needed.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

#### Item e: System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The Grants Administration Division with the assistance of the Enterprise Systems Division of the Office of Administration and Resources Management is responsible for implementing the disposition of items a, c, and e. All related records held in other offices should be destroyed according to instructions for items b and d.

Ad hoc and monthly reports needed to document program management should be included in program management files covered by EPA 0006; otherwise they may be destroyed when no longer needed.

Grant records for programs other than Superfund are scheduled as EPA 0003 and Superfund site specific as EPA 0001. See EPA 0232 for Waste Water Construction and State Revolving Fund Grants.

The replacement system, IGMS, will be a paperless administrative system. Phase 1 includes development and deployment of the modules of the Partnership 2000 (P2000) project to States. Phase 2 includes development and deployment of modules for post award management and closeout, integration with IFMS, and development of a replacement database for GICS. Phase 3 integrates IGMS with the government-wide electronic grant application system, links grants with environmental goals and results, and extends electronic commerce to tribes and other grantees.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 07/31/2008 version:

• Moved statement about destruction of ad hoc and monthly reports from disposition item d to guidance.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a, b and e.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This national system is used by headquarters, regions, and states to administer and monitor grants. It is used for program planning and oversight, project tracking and management, and information reporting. Proposed retention will meet all audit and litigation documentation purposes. The paper records, scheduled separately, are disposable.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Grants Administration Division

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Office of Administration and Resources Management, Enterprise Systems Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0001, EPA 0003, EPA 0006, EPA 0171, EPA 0232, EPA 0304

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 08/10/1993

**EPA Approval:** 11/14/1995

**NARA Approval:** 04/27/2000

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Labor Management Relations Records

**Program:** Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/28

## **Description:**

Consists of labor management relations general and case files, including correspondence, memoranda, reports and other records relating to the relationship between management and employee unions or other groups.

Also includes labor arbitration general and case files, including correspondence, forms, and background papers relating to labor arbitration cases.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a(1):** Labor management relations general and case files for the office negotiating the agreement

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/28a(1)

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after expiration of agreement.

Item a(2): Labor management relations general and case files for other offices

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/28a(2)

- Disposable
- Destroy when superseded or obsolete.

**Item b:** Labor arbitration general and case files

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/28b

- Disposable
- Destroy 5 years after final resolution of case.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 28.

Item c for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 01/27/1994

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/21/2013

**Title:** Personal Injury Files

Program: Safety and Health

Applicability: Agency-wide

**Function:** 401 - Administrative Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

General Records Schedule 1/31

## **Description:**

Consists of forms, reports, correspondence, and related materials and investigatory records relating to on-the-job injuries, whether or not a claim for compensation was made.

Excludes: Copies filed in the Employee Medical Folder which are scheduled as EPA 0566 and copies submitted to the Department of Labor (See Agency-wide Guidance).

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/31

#### Disposable

- Close inactive records at termination of compensation or when deadline for filing a claim has passed.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Copies of workers compensation records filed with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) are to be retained for 2 years after case closure in accordance with OWCP requirements (See

http://www2.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/feca810m.htm#9).

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA General Records Schedule 1, item 31.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

## **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0566** 

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC-412-75-2/VI/2, NC1-412-85-8/6

**Entry:** 08/13/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 07/00/2004

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Occupational Injury and Illness Files

Program: Safety and Health

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• General Records Schedule 1/34

## **Description:**

Consists of reports and logs (including OSHA Forms 100, 101, 102, and 200, or equivalents) maintained as prescribed in 29 CFR 1960 and OSHA pamphlet 2014 to document all recordable occupational injuries and illnesses for each establishment.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Record copy

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 1/34

- Disposable
- Destroy when 5 years old.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Documents relating to employee medical history are scheduled as EPA 0566.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 12/31/2011 version:

• Revised guidance.

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 1, item 34.

Item b for electronic mail and word processing system copies deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0566** 

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-8/10

Entry: 08/13/1993

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Industrial Hygiene Files

Program: Safety and Health

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-07-63/4

## **Description:**

Contains standards and practices documents created in the development of industrial hygiene standards and practices to protect health and safety of workers, including developmental and production operations; the location design, layout, equipment, and construction of facilities and other areas requiring industrial hygiene standards. Includes recommendations, coordination actions, studies and other actions taken to establish standards. Also includes employee exposure reports, asbestos and medical monitoring and surveillance records.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: (Reserved)

**Item b:** Employee exposure records

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-63/4b

- Disposable
- Close inactive records when report is completed.
- Destroy 75 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Asbestos monitoring records

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-07-63/4c

- Disposable
- Close inactive records when report is completed.
- Destroy 75 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See EPA 0499 for records related to employee occupational exposure to ionizing radiation maintained by the Radiation and Indoor Environments National Laboratory (RIENL).

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 12/31/2013 version:

• Deleted item a for Standards and practices documents and routine medical monitoring records which was moved to EPA 1001.

The following changes were made in the 12/31/2008 version:

- Revised retention of items b and c from 30 years to 75 years to be consistent with other records monitoring long-term health effects of employees.
- Added cross reference.

The disposition instructions have been rewritten as media neutral to allow for maintaining the record copy in EPA's electronic recordkeeping system. The retention has not changed.

Item d for electronic copies created with word processing and electronic mail applications deleted 08/23/2006 pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0499

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

NC1-412-85-8/12

**Entry:** 08/11/1993

**EPA Approval:** 06/15/2007

**NARA Approval:** 03/06/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Criminal Case Reporting System (CCRS)

**Program:** Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-10

#### **Description:**

The Criminal Case Reporting System (CCRS) maintains information pertaining to individuals and companies associated with the Criminal Investigation Division's criminal leads and cases, as well as other information related to the conduct of criminal investigations. The information collected in CCRS includes investigative activity reports, investigative summary reports, subject information, and sentencing information. The information is obtained as a result of various investigative activities, including tips, complaints, interviews, surveillance, records review, evidence collection and analysis, and judicial action. The data is used to document the progress and results of criminal investigations.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Criminal Investigation Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-10a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## Item b: Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

Varies

• Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Criminal Investigation Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-10c

- Permanent
- Transfer data annually to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Criminal Investigation Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-10e

- Permanent
- Transfer those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates, and outputs data to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Documentation is transferred with the electronic data (item c).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

CCRS replaced the Criminal Docket System (CRIMDOCK) in 2006. Criminal enforcement counsel records are scheduled as EPA 0683. See EPA 0208 for criminal investigation records, and EPA 0025 and EPA 0207 for enforcement actions for Superfund site-specific and other programs, respectively. Oil spill site-specific enforcement actions are covered in EPA 0480.

Access to CCRS data is restricted to OECA, Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT) employees and Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsels (RCECs).

Collection of CCRS information is inherent to CID's investigative responsibilities as mandated by Title 18 United States Code, Section 3063 (18 USC 3063), enacted under Public Law 100-582.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 09/30/2008 version:

- Revised schedule title and description.
- Updated contact information.
- Revised guidance and reasons for disposition.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for items a and b.
- Added applicability to disposition items a, c and e.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

Disposition previously approved by the National Archives.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Criminal Investigation Division

Contact: Pam JohnsonTelephone: 703-347-8415

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0025, EPA 0171, EPA 0207, EPA 0208, EPA 0480, EPA 0683

## Previous NARA Disposal Authority:

NC1-412-81-13/2

**Entry:** 11/02/1993

**EPA Approval:** 05/14/2009

**NARA Approval:** 08/17/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** EPIC Aerial Photographs

**Program:** Environmental Information

**Applicability:** Environmental Photographic Interpretation Center (EPIC)

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-06-4

#### **Description:**

The EPIC aerial photographic collection consists of photographs acquired from various sources such as NOAA, USGS, and local governments as well as those taken for EPA as part of overflight of sites being studied. Photographs are in roll, cut frames, and digital form. The collection consists of 5,500 rolls and over 150,000 cut frames of imagery dated from 1930 to the present. The digital images are being created as part of an ongoing internal project.

Also includes analytical reports consisting of approximately 6,000 photo analysis reports, including aerial prints as well as overlays.

Also includes indexes and a database containing report metadata.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a(1): Photographic collection - Nonelectronic

Includes roll film and cut frames.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4a(1)

- Permanent
- Close file upon conclusion of EPA's business needs.
- Transfer to the National Archives after file closure in accordance with 36 CFR 1235.42.

**Item a(2):** Photographic collection - Electronic

Includes digital images.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4a(2)

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives every 5 years, with any related documentation and external finding aids, in accordance with 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item a(3):** Photographic collection - Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4a(3)

- Disposable
- Close file upon transfer to the National Archives.
- Delete after electronic record copy is transferred to the National Archives.

**Item b(1):** Analytical reports - Nonelectronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4b(1)

- Permanent
- Close file upon conclusion of EPA's business needs
- Transfer to the National Archives after file closure.

**Item b(2):** Analytical reports - Electronic

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4b(2)

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives every 5 years, with any related documentation and external finding aids, in accordance with 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item b(3):** Analytical reports - Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4b(3)

- Disposable
- Close file upon transfer to the National Archives.
- Delete after electronic record copy is successfully transferred to the National Archives.

**Item c(1):** Indexes - Nonelectronic

Includes paper map indexes with overlays.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4c(1)

- Permanent
- Close file upon conclusion of EPA's business needs.
- Transfer textual records to the National Archives after file closure.

#### **Item c(2):** Indexes - Electronic

Includes database tracking system(s) with documentation.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4c(2)

#### Permanent

• Transfer to the National Archives every 5 years, with any related documentation and external finding aids, in accordance with 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time.

**Item c(3):** Indexes - Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-06-4c(3)

- Disposable
- Close file upon transfer to the National Archives.
- Delete after electronic record copy is successfully transferred to the National Archives.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

This schedule covers a unique, program-specific collection used by EPA to produce analytical reports. Copies of aerial photographs maintained in other offices as part of a related series (e.g.,

Superfund remedial site files), are to be retired according to the disposition requirements of the related series

Reference copies may be destroyed when no longer needed to support current activities.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

N1-412-01-4 has been rewritten to account for all versions in any media format of reports, images, and indexes.

The following changes were made in the 02/29/2008 version:

- Divided items a-c into three subitems, a(1)-(3) c(1)-(3).
- Revised the titles of disposition items a(1)-(3) c(1)-(3).
- Revised the disposition instruction for item a(3), b(3) and c(3).

The following items were changed 08/09/2006:

- Item c Image Report Locator database and documentation and item d Record copy of indexes were combined into item c Record copy of indexes, including database tracking system(s) with documentation as well as paper map indexes with overlays.
- Item e for electronic copies of reports and indexes created with word processing and electronic mail applications was deleted pursuant to NARA Bulletin 2006-04.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Research and Development

• Contact: Pending

• Telephone:

#### **Related Schedules:**

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

N1-412-01-4

**Entry:** 05/09/1997

**EPA Approval:** 12/29/2005

**NARA Approval:** 11/09/2006

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Audiovisual Records

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral), excluding any records already in electronic form. Records designated for permanent retention must be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer.

- General Records Schedule 21/1 (item a)
- General Records Schedule 21/2 (item b)
- General Records Schedule 21/3 (item c)
- General Records Schedule 21/5 (item d)
- General Records Schedule 21/6 (item e)
- General Records Schedule 21/7 (item f)
- General Records Schedule 21/8 (item g)
- General Records Schedule 21/9 (item h)
- General Records Schedule 21/11 (item i)
- General Records Schedule 21/12 (item j)
- General Records Schedule 21/14 (item k)
- General Records Schedule 21/16 (item 1)
- General Records Schedule 21/17 (item m)
- General Records Schedule 21/18 (item n)
- General Records Schedule 21/19 (item o)
- General Records Schedule 21/20 (item p)
- General Records Schedule 21/22 (item q)
- General Records Schedule 21/23 (item r)
- General Records Schedule 21/24 (item s)
- General Records Schedule 21/26 (item t)
- General Records Schedule 21/28 (item u)
- General Records Schedule 21/29 (item v)

#### **Description:**

Consists of audiovisual and related records created by or for EPA as well as those acquired in the course of business. Audiovisual records include still images, sound recordings, moving images, and graphic arts. Related records include finding aids and production or similar files documenting the origin, development, acquisition, use, and ownership of the audiovisual records.

Excludes: Audiovisual records related to EPA's environmental missions that are covered by specific mission-related schedules (e.g., photographs related to Superfund site-specific cleanup activities); and audiovisuals received as contract or other deliverables covered by EPA 0258.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Still photography - Photographs of routine award ceremonies, social events, and activities not related to the mission of the Agency

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/1

- Disposable
- Destroy when 1 year old.

**Item b:** Still photography - Personnel identification or passport photographs

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/2

- Disposable
- Destroy when 5 years old or when superseded or obsolete, whichever is later.

**Item c:** Still photography - Internal personnel and administrative training filmstrips and slides of programs that do not reflect the mission of the Agency

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/3

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

**Item d:** Graphic arts - Viewgraphs

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/5

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after use.

**Item e:** Graphic arts - Routine artwork for handbills, flyers, posters, letterhead, and other graphics

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/6

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed for publication or reprinting.

**Item f:** Graphic arts - Line and halftone negatives, screened paper prints and offset lithographic plates used for photomechanical reproduction

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/7

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed for publication or printing.

**Item g:** Graphic arts - Line copies of graphs and charts

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/8

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed for publication or reprinting.

**Item h:** Motion pictures - Films acquired from outside sources for personnel and management training

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/9

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

**Item i:** Motion pictures - Routine surveillance footage

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/11

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 months old.

**Item j:** Motion pictures - Routine scientific, medical, or engineering footage

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/12

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item k:** Video recordings - Programs acquired from outside sources for personnel and management training

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/14

Disposable

• Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

**Item 1:** Video recordings - Rehearsal or practice tapes

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/16

- Disposable
- Destroy immediately.

**Item m:** Video recordings - Internal personnel and administrative training programs that do not reflect the mission of the Agency

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/17

- Disposable
- Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

**Item n:** Video recordings - Routine surveillance recordings

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/18

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 months old.

**Item o:** Video recordings - Routine scientific, medical, or engineering recordings

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/19

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item p:** Video recordings - Recordings that document routine meetings and award presentations

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/20

- Disposable
- Destroy when 2 years old.

**Item q:** Audio recordings - Recordings of meetings made exclusively for note taking or transcription

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/22

- Disposable
- Destroy immediately after use.

**Item r:** Audio recordings - Dictation belts or tapes

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/23

- Disposable
- Destroy immediately after use.

**Item s:** Audio recordings - Premix sound elements created during the course of a motion picture, television, or radio production

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/24

- Disposable
- Destroy immediately after use.

**Item t:** Audio recordings - Daily or spot news recordings available to local radio stations on a call-in basis

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/26

- Disposable
- Destroy when 6 months old.

**Item u:** Related documentation - Production files or similar files that document origin, development, acquisition, use, and ownership of temporary audiovisual records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/28

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for related records.

**Item v:** Related documentation - Finding aids for identification, retrieval, or use of temporary audiovisual records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 21/29

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for related records

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Audiovisual records are to be managed in accordance to standards in 36 CFR 1228.266 and 1232.

The organization responsible for producing or acquiring the audiovisuals maintains the record copy and implements the disposition. All other copies may be destroyed when no longer needed.

Audiovisuals supporting records related to EPA's environmental missions (e.g., enforcement actions, site cleanups, etc.) must be linked to the appropriate file (e.g., cross reference sheet in the case file and notation on the audiovisual label) and dispositioned according to the instructions for the records they support. Collections of audiovisuals supporting EPA's environmental missions and not covered by existing schedules must be scheduled separately.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

Conforms to NARA's General Records Schedule 21.

The following EPA schedules were deleted and combined into this schedule:

- EPA 0708 Routine Photographs and Slides. See item a.
- EPA 0713 Audiovisual Finding Aids and Related Documentation. See items u and v.
- EPA 0714 Viewgraphs. See item d.
- EPA 0717 Routine Surveillance Motion Pictures. See item i.
- EPA 0718 Routine Scientific, Medical or Engineering Motion Pictures. See item j.
- EPA 0721 Routine Meeting and Award Presentation Videos. See item p.
- EPA 0723 Internal Management News or Information Videos. See item p.
- EPA 0726 Videos Acquired from Outside Sources. See item k.
- EPA 0727 Sound Recordings of Meetings for Notetaking or Transcription. See item q.
- EPA 0728 Pre-Mix Sound Recording Elements. See item s.
- EPA 0729 Daily or Spot News Sound Recordings. See item t.

#### **Custodians:**

## Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0258

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

 $NC1-412-75-9/21,\ NC1-412-82-12/19,\ NC1-412-83-1/I/3\ and\ 4,\ NC1-412-83-1/II/1,\ 2\ and\ 3,\ NC1-412-83-1/III/3,\ 6\ and\ 11,\ NC1-412-83-1/IV/1,\ NC1-412-83-1/V/1,\ 2\ and\ 3,\ NC1-412-85-7/11,\ NC1-412-85-10/21,\ N1-412-87-5/11,\ N1-412-94-2/35,\ N1-412-06-6/6$ 

Entry: 08/24/2006

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** 12/00/1998

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Office of Administrative Services Information System (OASIS)

**Program:** Administration and Resources Management

**Applicability:** Headquarters

**Function:** 401 - Administrative Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

Varies

## **Description:**

The Office of Administrative Services Information System (OASIS) serves as a Web-based portal to several legacy administrative systems. The current legacy systems include, but are not limited to:

- Building Services Desk (BSD)
- Combinations, Locks, Incidents, Keys, and Safes (CLIKS)
- COOP Action Tracking System (CATS)
- COOP Record of Personnel System
- Credentials System Financial Management System
- Driver Tracking System
- Fitness Center System
- Inspector General Operations and Reporting System (IGOR)
- Parking/Transit System
- Personnel Security System
- Physical Security System
- Postal Mail Management System (PMMS)
- Smart Benefits
- Strategic Lease and Asset Tracking Enterprise (SLATE)
- Warehouse Management Module

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Administrative Services at Headquarters.

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

**Item c:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Administrative Services at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- Delete after the expiration of the retention period authorized for the hard copy file, or when no longer needed, whichever is later.

## **Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

## Item e: Systems documentation

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Administrative Services at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic

Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

IGOR is scheduled as EPA 0707 and the other administrative systems are covered by EPA 0090.

Copies of systems documentation (e.g., user manuals) held in offices other than OARM are nonrecords and can be destroyed when no longer needed.

Privacy Act systems of records covered by this schedule include, but are not limited to:

- EPA 10 EPA Parking Control Office File
- EPA 19 EPA Identification Card Record
- EPA 35 EPA Transit and Guaranteed Ride Home Program Files
- EPA 41 EPA Office of Administrative Services Information System (OASIS)
- EPA 44 EPA Personnel Emergency Contact Files

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2009 version:

- Revised title of disposition item e.
- Made minor edits to guidance.

The following change was made in the 03/31/2009 version:

• Revised description and cross references.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

- Revised title of disposition item a.
- Revised the disposition instructions for items b and e.

The purpose of this system is to centralize a number of legacy systems under common control to comply with EPA's Enterprise Architecture. The retention of the data conforms to General Records Schedule (GRS) 20/3b(1) and the retention of the input conforms to GRS 20/1 and 2.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Office of Administrative Services

• Contact: Ray Lee

• **Telephone:** 202-564-4625

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0090, EPA 0171, EPA 0304, EPA 0707

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 11/17/2006

**EPA Approval:** 04/23/2009

NARA Approval: Varies

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Enterprise Content Management System (ECMS)

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 404 - Technology Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

Varies

## **Description:**

The Enterprise Content Management System (ECMS) is a software application used to capture, categorize, store, retrieve and disposition EPA's unstructured information. The software is commercial off-the-shelf (COTS), customized to meet the Agency's business needs. The first phase of implementation, currently underway, is the management of e-mail records. Future phases of implementation include the management of other records, Web content, documents and workflows.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

- Disposable
- Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Source data

The office entering the data is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

#### Item c: System data

The ECMS project management office, the National Records Management Program and the Records Liaison Officers are responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

## Item d: Reports

The ECMS project management office, the National Records Management Program and the Records Liaison Officers are responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Disposable
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

Item e: System documentation

The Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

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Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

The ECMS project management office in the Office of Environmental Information, Office of Information Collection, Collection Strategies Division is responsible for maintaining the software application. The National Records Management Program manages the retention policies and Agency-wide file structure, and creates records holds on records subject to litigation. Records Liaison Officers manage event-based retentions, implement records holds and maintain their organizational file structures.

Records related to operation of the system are covered by EPA 0136 for IT operations. See EPA 0142 for IT customer service files such as help desk logs and reports. ECMS retains and dispositions RLO reports (both auto-generated and manually run); copies that are exported from the system may be destroyed when no longer needed.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 11/30/2008 version:

• Changed program and applicability to All Programs, Agency-wide.

The following change was made in the 04/30/2008 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for item e.

Retention policies for records maintained in ECMS are based on EPA's approved records schedules.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Environmental Information, Information Collection Division, Collection Strategies Division

Contact: Mike SuttonTelephone: 202-566-1287

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0136, EPA 0142, EPA 0171, EPA 0304

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 09/05/2007

**EPA Approval:** 08/22/2008

NARA Approval: Varies

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Beach Advisory and Closing On-line Notification (BEACON)

Program: Water

Applicability: Agency-wide, with exceptions

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-18

## **Description:**

The Beach Advisory and Closing On-line Notification (BEACON) is an electronic system that receives and displays nonrecord copies of state beach water quality and swimming advisory data. The Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000 requires EPA to collect, store and maintain a public right-to-know pollution occurrence database on state designated coastal recreation waters. These record copies are stored in the Program Tracking, Advisories, Water Quality Standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN) database.

State agencies send beach data via EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX). Input for the system flows through the Electronic Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (eBeaches) system and includes: (1) monitoring and station location information from the Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and STORET; (2) notification data flows from the Program tracking, Beach Advisory, Water quality standard, and Nutrient database (PRAWN); and, (3) beach location data from the Reach Address Database (RAD). BEACON was formerly known as the National Health Beach Survey (NHBS).

Excludes: STORET (including WQX) scheduled as EPA 400, Reach (including RAD) which is the responsibility of the United States Geological Survey, and PRAWN which is scheduled separately.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Water, Standards and Health Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-18a

- Disposable
- Close when no longer needed to ensure access to and use of the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.
- Destroy after file closure.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-18b

- Disposable
- Close when information has been transferred to the master file and verified.
- Delete after file closure.

Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Water, Standards and Health Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-18c

- Disposable
- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated.
- Delete after file closure.

## Item d: Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

The Office of Water, Standards and Health Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in

accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

See EPA 0097 for CDX, EPA 0400 for STORET, and EPA 0753 for PRAWN.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 11/30/2010 version:

- Revised the description.
- Added cross reference to EPA 0753 for PRAWN.
- Updated contact information.

The following change was made in the 01/31/2010 version:

• Updated the systems excluded in the description and cross references in the guidance.

The following change was made in the 06/30/2009 version:

• Removed file closure instructions for item e.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2009 version:

- Removed reference to WebRIT from description since it has been decommissioned.
- Revised file closure instructions for item c.
- Added file closure instructions to item e.

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2008 version:

- Revised wording about applicability for disposition items a, c and e.
- Deleted file closure instructions and revised wording of disposition instructions for item
   e.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2008 version:

- Removed statement that PRAWN is scheduled as 0089 since it is covered by this schedule. (Note: As of 11/30/2010, PRAWN is being rescheduled as EPA 0753.)
- Added file closure instructions and revised the disposition instructions for items a, b, c and e.
- Revised the title of disposition item e.

Retention meets EPA's program needs.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, Standards and Health Protection Division

Contact: Bill KramerTelephone: 202-566-0385

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0097, EPA 0400, EPA 0753

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 01/04/2008

**EPA Approval:** 09/01/2009

**NARA Approval:** 12/21/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Stationary Source Audit Program (SSAP)

Program: Air

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-3

## **Description:**

The Stationary Source Audit Program (SSAP) is a database that allows federal, state and local regulatory agencies to order audit samples for compliance testing and report their results to EPA. The regulatory agencies key the data into the system and can get pass/fail results as well as print a variety of reports. The database was created in 2000 and includes data from 1984 to the present.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division, Measurement Technology Group is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-3a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

## Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division, Measurement Technology Group is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-3c

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or obsolete.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division, Measurement Technology Group is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The database provides a centralized point for audit sampling for compliance testing for stakeholders. Retention meets program needs.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Assessment Division, Measurement Technology Group

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## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0304

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 07/03/2008

**EPA Approval:** 01/29/2009

**NARA Approval:** 06/15/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse (RBLC)

Program: Air

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-2

## **Description:**

The RACT (Reasonably Available Control Technology)/BACT (Best Available Control Technology)/LAER (Lowest Achievable Emission Rate) Clearinghouse (RBLC) helps permit applicants and reviewers make pollution prevention and control technology decisions for stationary air pollution sources. RBLC contains summary information from state and local air pollution control permits issued in the U.S. since 1982. Data includes facilities that apply for construction permits; the basis for emission limits for each facility; pertinent source operating parameters such as process types, pollutant emission rates, pollution prevention techniques, add-on control equipment or other technology; permitting agency contacts; and scheduling data. A regulation database contains data about federal regulations governing air pollutant emissions. State and local air pollution control agency personnel submit data to EPA or directly enter data via EPA's Web site.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Sector Policies and Programs Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-2a

#### Disposable

• Destroy when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

**Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/2

- Varies
- Follow instructions for EPA 0171.

Item c: Electronic data

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Sector Policies and Programs Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-2c

- Disposable
- Delete when superseded or obsolete.

**Item d:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item e:** System documentation

The Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Sector Policies and Programs Division is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 20/11a(1)

- Disposable
- Follow instructions for EPA 0304, item a(1).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR

1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Specific legal citations include, but are not limited to:

• Clean Air Act, as amended, Sections 173(d) and 108(h)

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The RBLC helps permit applicants and reviewers make pollution prevention and control technology decisions. Retention meets program needs.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Sector Policies and Programs Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0171, EPA 0304

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 07/03/2008

**EPA Approval:** 01/29/2009

**NARA Approval:** 06/15/2009

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Water Quality Standards Database (WQSDB)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-14

## **Description:**

The Water Quality Standards Database (WQSDB) provides Internet accessible water quality standards (WQS) and criteria by waterbody in text, table and map format for the 86 jurisdictions currently with EPA approved WQS. Some of the information in the WQSDB is extracted from EPA approved versions of state WQS documents stored in the Water Quality Standards Data Repository (WQSDR). The WQSDR is a collection of Web pages and files that is managed as part of the Office of Science and Technology Web site.

WQSDB reports include information on designated uses, waterbody names, state numeric water quality criteria, and EPA recommended numeric water quality criteria and the information can be compared across the nation. The data in both the WQSDB and WQSDR are used by decision-makers and the general public for program administration, watershed planning and other actions that could affect maintaining or achieving water quality goals.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-14a

#### Disposable

- Close when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.
- Delete after file closure

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-14b

- Disposable
- Close when information has been transferred to the master file and verified.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item c:** Electronic data - Record copy

The Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-14c

- Permanent
- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated. While system is in operation, transfer a copy of the data, as specified in 36 CFR §1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time, to the National Archives prior to migration to new system version with major changes (e.g., V2.0 to V3.0), or every 10 years, whichever occurs first.
- Transfer final data to the National Archives 6 months after system is closed.

**Item d:** Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives.

The Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-14d

- Disposable
- Close when electronic record copy is successfully transferred to the National Archives.
- Delete after file closure.

Item e: Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

**Item f:** System documentation

The Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-14f

#### Permanent

- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated. While system is in operation, transfer a copy, as specified in 36 CFR §1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time, to the National Archives prior to migration to new system version with major changes (e.g., V2.0 to V3.0), or every 10 years, whichever occurs first.
- Transfer final system documentation to the National Archives 6 months after system is closed, with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

WQS source documents are covered by EPA 0258, items a(1) and (2). The WQSDR is covered by EPA 0095.

Specific legal citations include, but are not limited to:

- Clean Water Act, §303(c)(2)(A)
- 40 CFR §131.6

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made to the 06/30/2009 version:

- Revised file closure instructions for items b, c, d and f.
- Revised disposition instructions for items c, d and f.
- Revised disposition for items e and f.

• Added reasons for disposition.

The retention meets EPA's business needs. As part of EPA's business process, when EPA has to approve or disapprove a state WQS, it may need to research the prior water quality and uses made of a particular water body -- back to December 28, 1975 (40 CFR §131.3(e)). November 28, 1975 is the date EPA promulgated the initial Federal water quality standards regulations related to existing uses [cite: 40 CFR §55334 (Nov. 28, 1975)]; and 40 CFR §131.10(g)].

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0095, EPA 0258

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 03/05/2009

**EPA Approval:** 08/31/2009

**NARA Approval:** 05/20/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) National Information Management

System (DWNIMS)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• N1-412-09-15

## **Description:**

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) National Information Management System (DWNIMS) is EPA's information system for national management of the DWSRF program. The purpose is to report the status and progress of the DWSRF program. The data are also used for oversight purposes and financial analysis. Results from the data collections are presented at the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) annual conferences. All current DWSRF strategic goals are measured and updated with data from DWNIMS.

Current and proposed measures include number of loans, number of projects initiating operations, the Return on Federal Investments, the Fund Utilization Rate, and number of out-of-compliance systems brought into compliance with health-based standards. Input data is received from states and entered into the database either through a Web-portal or a spreadsheet. Output includes national, regional and state reports. Data is currently available for state fiscal years (July-June) beginning 1997.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic software program

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-15a

#### Disposable

• Close when no longer needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period.

• Delete after file closure.

## **Item b:** Input

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-15b

- Disposable
- Close when information has been transferred to the master file and verified.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item c:** Electronic data - Record copy

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-15c

- Permanent
- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated. While system is in operation, transfer a copy of the data, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time, to the National Archives prior to migration to new system version with major changes or every 5 years, whichever occurs first.
- Transfer final data to the National Archives 6 months after system is closed.

**Item d:** Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-15d

- Disposable
- Close when electronic record copy is successfully transferred to the National Archives.
- Delete after file closure.

**Item e:** Output and reports

NARA Disposal Authority: Varies

- Varies
- File with related records and follow instructions for the related records.

## **Item f:** System documentation

The Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: N1-412-09-15f

#### Permanent

- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated. While system is in operation, transfer a copy, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time, to the National Archives prior to migration to new system version with major changes, or every 5 years, whichever occurs first.
- Transfer final system documentation to the National Archives 6 months after system is closed, with the electronic data (item c).

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Specific legal citations include, but are not limited to:

• Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Amendments of 1996

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 09/30/2010 version:

• Revised disposition instructions for items c and f to transfer to the National Archives every 5 years instead of every 10 years.

The retention meets EPA's business needs. The system is used for oversight purposes and financial analysis. It is also used to meet data requests from EPA, OMB, GAO, Congress, stakeholders, and the public.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division

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## **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 08/01/2009

**EPA Approval:** 08/28/2009

**NARA Approval:** 10/12/2010

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Program Tracking, Advisories, Water Quality Standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2012-0001

## **Description:**

The Program Tracking, Advisories, Water Quality Standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN) specifically supports the EPA Beach Program by storing national information on beach advisories and closings, as required by 33 U.S.C. 1346.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Electronic data

The Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, Standards and Health Protection Division at Headquarters is responsible for the disposition of this item.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0001-0001

## • Permanent

- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated.
- While system is in operation, transfer a copy of the data, as specified in 36 CFR
   §1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time, to the National Archives prior to
   migration to new system version with major changes (e.g., V2.0 to V3.0), or every 10
   years, whichever occurs first. Transfer final data to the National Archives 6 months after
   system is closed.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in

electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program, formerly item a, is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition.

Input - For disposition of input, formerly item b, follow the instructions in EPA 0171, item b (GRS 20/2b).

Electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives - The electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives, formerly item d, are nonrecords and can be deleted after the transfer is successful.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports, formerly item e, refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, formerly item f, refers to those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data. System documentation is transferred to the National Archives along with the electronic data. Disposition of system documentation conforms to EPA 0304, item a(2) and GRS 20/11a(2) which provide direction to follow the disposition instructions for the electronic data.

The Beach Advisory and Closing On-line Notification (BEACON) system is scheduled as EPA 0744.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2012 version:

- Moved from development status to final.
- Added NARA disposal authority number and approval date.
- Deleted items a electronic software program, b input, d electronic copy of records transferred to the National Archives, e output and reports, and f system documentation and moved them to guidance since they are covered by other schedules.
- Moved item c electronic data to item a.
- Moved disposition statement about the copy of the data while the system is in operation to the disposition instructions instead of the file closure instructions.

The retention meets EPA's business needs.

## **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, Standards and Health Protection Division

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0744

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 11/10/2010

**EPA Approval:** 10/11/2011

**NARA Approval:** 02/22/2012

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Underground Injection Control National Database (UIC DB)

Program: Water

**Applicability:** Headquarters

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0003-0001 (Item a)

• DAA-0412-2013-0003-0002 (Item b)

## **Description:**

The UIC National Database (UIC DB) supports the EPA oversight and management of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) programs directly implemented by the EPA Regions, State and tribal governments to regulate the owners and operators of underground injection wells (UIC) in order to prevent endangerment of underground sources of drinking water. EPA has awarded selected States with primary enforcement authority (primacy) to implement federal requirements and has assumed direct implementation authority (DI) for all State and Tribal programs without primacy.

The UIC DB, initially deployed in 2007, is a relational database management system composed of UIC facility and well inventory permit, inspection, violation and enforcement data. The UIC DB flows data from the 69 UIC programs (57 states, 2 Tribal and 10 Regional DI). The source data received from the primacy states and Regional DI programs are submitted through the Central Data Exchange (CDX), validated and then parsed and loaded into the preproduction version of the UIC DB. Once reviewed and accepted by EPA, the preproduction version is imported into the production version of the UIC DB. Submitted data replace the previous data files on a quarterly basis. The UIC data in the production version of the UIC DB will be used to support the Agency's response to any queries, including from the public. Both versions of the UIC DB are on an Oracle application server at the National Computer Center (NCC). This database is maintained by the headquarters Office of Water.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Electronic data

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0003-0001

#### Permanent

- Close when program is discontinued or system is terminated.
- When system is in operation, transfer a copy of the data from the production version of the UIC DB every 5 years to the National Archives, as specified in 36 CFR 1235.44-1235.50 or standards applicable at the time. Transfer final data to the National Archives 6 months after system is closed.

## **Item b:** Input

Includes input from primacy states and Regional DI programs.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0003-0002

## Disposable

- Close when data have been entered into the master file or database and verified, or when no longer required to support reconstruction of, or serve as backup to, a master file or database, whichever is later.
- Destroy immediately after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Until a primacy state or regional DI program transitions to the UIC database as its data of record, all official UIC reporting to EPA from a primacy state and regional DI program continues to be done at a summary level through the 7520s or the Performance Accountable Measures. Full implementation of the UIC National Database for all UIC programs is projected to be 2013. The regional DI databases will continue in operation after its other reporting transitions to use of the UIC database.

EPA regional offices maintain separate databases for the State and Tribal programs they directly implement containing detailed information on wells including well operators, ownership, nature and type of wells, operating status, and permits. Implementation varies from region to region. Some information from these regional systems is extracted and sent to EPA headquarters for the UIC Program Summary System. Regional systems may include additional fields not reported in the UIC DB, but deemed to be important by the offices. In the EPA regional office in Chicago, for example, a tribal code is entered to designate which reservation the well is located within.

UIC permits are covered by EPA 0205. See EPA 0207 for enforcement action files and EPA 0211 for compliance files. The Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Summary System maintained by headquarters is covered by EPA 0432.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program will be covered by EPA 1012, Information and Technology Management, which is in development.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation consisting of file specifications for relational tables, code books, record layouts, and other records necessary to describe the data transferred to the National Archives is permanent and is covered by EPA 0304, item a(2) and GRS 20/11a(2) which provide direction to follow the disposition instructions for the electronic data. System documentation consisting of those records necessary to document how the system captures, manipulates and outputs data while in operation at EPA is disposable and is covered by EPA 0125, item b(1) and GRS 24/3b(1).

System development documentation - System development documentation, including but not limited to implementation plans, flow status, milestones, target completion dates, and business rules for data validation, is maintained in EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) and covered by EPA 0097, item c.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2013 version:

Revised item a disposition instructions to transfer the data every five years.

The following changes were made in the 04/30/2013 version:

Revised item a disposition instructions to identify which version of system is transferred.

• Updated contact information.

The UIC National Database was developed in response to a growing need for consistent well related information for use in decision making, regulatory activities and reporting to Congress. The data in the regional databases was previously approved as permanent (N1-412-06-31).

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Drinking Water Protection Division, Infrastructure Branch

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#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0097, EPA 0125, EPA 0205, EPA 0207, EPA 0211, EPA 0234, EPA 0304, EPA 0432

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 08/09/2012

**EPA Approval:** 01/16/2013

**NARA Approval:** 07/03/2013

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2015

**Title:** Labor and Employee Relations Information System (LERIS)

Program: Personnel

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 403 - Human Resources Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2015-0002

#### **Description:**

The Labor and Employee Relations Information System (LERIS) is a case management and tracking system. The system contains a variety of information pertaining to union activity (grievances, unfair labor practices (ULPs)), and employee disciplinary/adverse actions (suspensions, removals, etc.). LERIS can produce various data reports and analyze comparable cases from across the Agency. Common searches are for (1) comparable cases, i.e., searching for cases involving similar offenses in order to compare the penalties given; and, (2) linking labor relations (LR) and employee relations (ER) cases, i.e., disciplinary actions and subsequent appeals. Specific types of information contained in LERIS include: disciplinary, adverse and performance-based actions; negotiated grievances (i.e., union-affiliated); administrative grievances (for non-bargaining unit employees); unfair labor practices; negotiations and predecisional involvement (PDI) activities; formal meetings/discussions; counseling, including leave restriction; performance assistance plans and performance improvement plans; union information requests; and unit clarification petitions.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Administration and Resources Management, Labor and Employee Relations Division.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2015-0002-0001

- Disposable
- Close after employee leaves the Agency.
- Destroy 50 years after file closure or when the data is no longer needed for Agency business, whichever is sooner.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by EPA 1012, Information and Technology Management, item e.

Input - Input is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

Related schedules - See schedule 0107 for employee performance file system; schedule 0561 for personnel correspondence and forms files relating to individual employees; schedule 0563 for performance rating appeals; schedule 0564 for administrative grievance, disciplinary, and adverse action files; and schedule 0577 for labor management relations records.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 02/28/2015 version:

- Added types of information contained in LERIS to the description.
- Revised wording of disposition instructions.
- Added related schedules to guidance.

The following changes were made in the 12/31/2014 version:

- Moved from development to draft status.
- Added NARA disposal authority number and EPA approval date.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Revised the disposition instructions.
- Updated contact information.

LERIS helps EPA more effectively track, manage and report on labor and employee relations cases throughout the Agency, and to respond to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) landmark decision referred to as the "Douglas Factors." The legal authority for this system is the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (5 USC Chapter 71) and Merit Systems Protection Board decision Douglas vs. Veterans Administration, 5 MSPR 280.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Administration and Resources Management, Labor and Employee Relations Division

Contact: Mitch BerkenkemperTelephone: 202-564-4702

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0107, EPA 0561, EPA 0563, EPA 0564, EPA 0577, EPA 1012

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Entry: 05/13/2014

**EPA Approval:** 12/04/2014

**NARA Approval:** 05/22/2015

**Status:** Final, 09/30/2015

Title: Emergency Management Portal (EMP)

**Program:** Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

## **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2015-0003

#### **Description:**

The Emergency Management Portal (EMP) serves as a gateway to various emergency preparedness, prevention and emergency response applications. Currently, EMP is the portal to five applications listed below.

Field Readiness (FR) provides a single source for all training records and serves as the central source for skill and expertise tracking for emergency response personnel (Response Support Corps (RSC)) across the Agency.

Equipment Tracking (ETM) allows the emergency response community to track the location, status and maintenance of all equipment and parts and supplies within emergency response warehouses, using standardized vocabularies such as model names and status terms.

Oil Database (Oil DB) serves as a central, nationally-consistent platform for the Agency's Oil Spill Pollution Prevention Program tracking and measurement reporting. It enables users to search for and add facilities, generate reports, and store critical information such as inspection data, discharge history, and compliance data. The EMP Oil Application serves as the official database for the program.

Sampling-Monitoring and Analysis (SMA) is used only during incidents of national significance to collate regional sampling and monitoring information, present it to the office subject matter expert for review, and make it available for public dissemination.

The Local Government Reimbursement (LGR) database is used to manage local government applications for grants. It is a database of documents and notes from reviewers and allows generation of final payment documents and letters.

The system also contains an administrative module (EMP-Admin) which functions as the administration module for various applications, and the Emergency Management Business Intelligence (EMBI) tool which allows for both standardized and ad hoc reporting of the data from several of the EMP applications.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Electronic data

This item is to be used only by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Emergency Management.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2015-0003-0001

- Disposable
- Close individual records after completion of action.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure or when no longer needed for current Agency business, whichever is longer.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA― on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic software program - The electronic software program is to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. The electronic software program is covered by EPA 1012, Information and Technology Management, item e.

Input - Input is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

Output and reports - For disposition of output and reports refer to the records schedule for the activity supported by the output and reports. Follow the disposition instructions for the applicable records schedule item. If more than one records schedule or item applies, follow the disposition instructions with the later dates.

System documentation - System documentation, including system development documentation, is covered by EPA 1012, item e.

Related schedules - See schedule 0054 for Compass Financials, schedule 0096 for FRS, and schedule 0027 for ICIS.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 09/30/2015 version:

- Moved from draft to final status.
- Added NARA approval date.

The following change was made in the 07/31/2015 version:

• Revised disposition instructions.

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2015 version:

- Moved from development to draft status.
- Added NARA disposal authority number and EPA approval date.

The following changes were made in the 02/28/2015 version:

• Revised the description, disposition instructions, guidance and contacts.

EMP was developed in response to a growing need across the Agency for a consistent collection and management of data documenting the prevention, preparedness and response information associated with disaster and other catastrophic events. The legal authorities include the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), and the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 311.

#### **Custodians:**

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Emergency Management

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Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Emergency Management

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## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0027, EPA 0054, EPA 0096, EPA 1012

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

**Entry:** 05/15/2014

**EPA Approval:** 03/04/2015

**NARA Approval:** 09/18/2015

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Personal Papers

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: N/A - not applicable

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• Not applicable

## **Description:**

Personal papers are documentary materials, or any reasonably segregable portion thereof, of a private or nonpublic character that do not relate to, or have an effect upon, the conduct of Agency business. Personal papers are excluded from the definition of records in 44 U.S.C. Section 3301 and are not owned by the Agency.

Examples of personal papers include: (1) Materials accumulated by an official before joining government service that are not used subsequently in the transaction of government business; (2) Materials relating solely to an individual's private affairs, such as outside business pursuits, professional affiliations, or private political associations that do not relate to Agency business; and, (3) Diaries, journals, personal correspondence, or other personal notes that are not prepared or used for, or circulated or communicated in the course of, transacting government business.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

- Disposable
- Destroy or remove at the discretion of the owner.

#### **Guidance:**

If information about private matters and Agency business appears in the same document, the document should be copied at the time of receipt, with the personal information deleted, and treated as a federal record.

Personal papers must be clearly designated as such and at all times be maintained separately from the Agency's records. The use of a label such as "personal," "confidential," "private," or similar designation, is not sufficient to determine that materials are personal papers. Even though they may have designations such as "personal," the materials are federal records subject to the

provisions of pertinent laws and regulations (1) if they are created or received by the Agency to conduct government business and (2) if they are preserved or appropriate for preservation because they document the Agency's organization, functions, and activities or contain information on the persons, places, things, or matters dealt with by the Agency.

For Nonrecords, see EPA 0008.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

Personal papers are identified in 36 CFR Section 1222.36. NARA guidance states "...personal papers may be destroyed or removed at the owner's discretion."

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

**EPA 0008** 

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 10/19/2004

**EPA Approval:** Not applicable

**NARA Approval:** Not applicable

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Safety and Health

**Program:** Safety and Health

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 401 - Administrative Management

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2012-0002-0001 (Item a)

• DAA-0412-2012-0002-0002 (Item b)

## **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the activities to establish and develop internal safety, health, and environmental management program policies, management and administrative systems, program models, and operating policies that address the mission-oriented activities throughout the Agency at Agency offices, laboratories, field sites, research vessels, and diving operations. Includes records related to the evaluation of working conditions and resolving occupational and environmental risks and hazards, including strategies to reduce the Agency's internal use of chemicals and its volume of hazardous waste. Also includes records related to on-site investigations, audits, and program evaluations of current space as well as new construction, renovation, lease and closure plans to determine compliance with statutory and regulatory mandates; development and monitoring of corrective actions; and managing the wellness center, health unit, and activities of the labor/management inspection team.

Excludes: records contained in the employee medical folder and medical monitoring records.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Property safety inspections

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Reports of surveys and inspections of government-owned facilities conducted to ensure adequacy of protective and preventive measures taken against hazards of fire, explosion, and accidents; and
- Safety inspections for EPA real and personal property.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0002-0001

- Disposable
- Close after sale, release, or disposal of property.
- Destroy 7 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Other safety and health records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Health and safety training;
- Industrial hygiene files;
- Reports and related records concerning investigations of fires, explosions and accidents, consisting of retained copies when the original reports are submitted for review and filing in other agencies or organizational elements, and reports and related records concerning occurrences of such a minor nature that they are settled locally without referral to other organizational elements; and
- Safety standards and practices, including safe location design, layout, equipment, and construction of Agency facilities and other areas requiring safety standards.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0002-0002

- Disposable
- Close at end of calendar year, or when superseded or obsolete.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Medical monitoring records - Medical exposure and monitoring records, previously covered by schedule 0584, will be scheduled separately. The employee medical folder is covered by schedule 0566.

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0566, EPA 0584

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at:

 $http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1001\_Safety\_and\_health\_crosswalk.docx.$ 

Entry: 03/23/2011

**EPA Approval:** 07/09/2012

**NARA Approval:** 12/05/2012

**Status:** Final, 05/31/2015

**Title:** Grants and Other Program Support Agreements

Program: All Programs, with exceptions

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 205 - Federal Financial Assistance

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0008-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0008-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-GRS-2013-0008-0006 (Item c)

## **Description:**

This schedule covers records of activities related to management and oversight of grants and other program support agreements with other federal, state, or local government agencies, universities, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and other institutions that support EPA's environmental programs.

Excludes: Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific grants; and final deliverables and reports.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Waste water construction and state revolving fund grants

Includes: records related to the administration of waste water construction and state revolving fund grants to states, municipalities, inter-municipal or interstate agencies for the construction of publicly owned treatment works, including documentation of significant actions and decisions, justifications, cost estimates, scopes of work, correspondence, applications, pre-award reviews, funding decisions, award documentation, commitment notices, audit records, status reports, requests for deviations from established assistance policies and procedures submitted by award officials, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0008-0001

- Disposable
- Close upon closeout of the agreement.
- Destroy 20 years after file closure.

#### **Item b:** Other grants and program support agreements

Includes all grants except waste water construction and state revolving fund grants covered by item a above; and Superfund, Brownfields, and oil-spill site-specific grants covered by schedule 1036.

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Grant and other agreement oversight records, including correspondence, reports, policies and procedures, and other documentation related to post-award monitoring, evaluation, disputes, audits, and other oversight records;
- Grant appeals consisting of notices of appeal and any requests for reconsideration, appeal file documents and exhibits, correspondence, legal briefs, statements, memoranda, transcripts of any hearings held, orders and decisions, and related documents; and
- Grants and other program support agreements such as assistance agreements, cooperative agreements, interagency agreements, agreements for "guest" workers, and other types of agreements administered by headquarters or other EPA offices and that provide for research, demonstration projects, training, fellowships, investigations, surveys, studies, or other types of program support activities, support documentation such as documentation of significant actions and decisions, announcements and solicitations of funding opportunities, justifications, requests and justifications for the non-competitive award of agreements, cost estimates, scopes of work, correspondence, applications, pre-award reviews, funding decisions, award documentation, evaluations of proposals and applications, conflict of interest documentation, requests for deviations from established assistance policies and procedures submitted by award officials, and related records (excluding Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific records).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0008-0002

- Disposable
- Close upon closeout of the agreement or when action is completed.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Unsuccessful grant applications

Includes: unsuccessful grant application files, including applications, proposals, correspondence, and other records related to unsuccessful (e.g., rejected, withdrawn, not selected for award under a competition) applications and unsolicited proposals that are not accepted for award.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-GRS-2013-0008-0006

- Disposable
- Close after rejection or withdrawal.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Agreement closeout – Agreement closeout is when EPA determines all administrative actions and required work is completed (submission of the final expenditure report) or when the agreement is terminated or annulled and any disputes settled. Final closeout documentation may consist of an internal EPA memo. In the case of treatment works which are privatized (Executive Order 12803, dated April 30, 1992), documentation needs to be maintained until grant money is repaid or it is determined that no repayment is due.

#### Record copies:

- The Grants Administrator (also called the Grants Management Officer), Grant Project
  Officer, and Financial Management Officer are responsible for the record copies of grant
  records and implementing the disposition. Records may include unique program files
  maintained by the grant project officer or client or technical representative and
  documentation relating to the assistance agreement competitions. All other copies may be
  destroyed when no longer needed.
- Examples of records kept by the Grants Management Officer (Grants Specialist) include: applications; reviews and amendments related to the application; administrative review checklist; certifications; agreements and any amendments; award documentation including documentation supporting the decision to make an award; requests for deviations; stop work orders; documentation relating to termination actions; disputes and appeals, annulments and audits; legal opinions; increases and decreases; correspondence; and other related documents.
- Examples of records kept by the Program Office (Project Officer) include: documents used for day-to-day technical assistance for the grant or interagency agreement such as draft and final products and deliverables; work plans and progress reports; draft documents and comments provided or other records of technical direction; copies of applications, awards, amendments and other administrative and financial documents;

documentation related to the competition of assistance agreements including announcements, correspondence with applicants, evaluation and selection documentation, and other documents related to the selection or non-selection of applications for award of an agreement; and documents related to requests and justifications for the non-competitive award of assistance agreements and disputes.

- Examples of records kept by the Financial Management Officer include: reimbursement requests, payment vouchers, payment files, federal cash transaction reports; copies of financial status report and other related documents.
- Grants Specialists and Grants Management Officers should maintain a record of all
  evaluative on-site visits and/or desk review protocols and reports in the official project
  files.
- The GMOs receive final certification of project completion from project officers. The GMOs are responsible for requesting final audits, if applicable and required for closeout.
- The office issuing the decision on a grant appeal is the office responsible for maintaining the record copy.

EPA Policy on Compliance, Review and Monitoring -See EPA Order 5700.6 - Policy on Compliance, Review and Monitoring for additional information on EPA's post-award grant policies and procedures.

Audits, appeals, and other kinds of legal actions - Grants and agreements that are being audited, appealed, or in any other kind of legal action cannot be destroyed until the case is closed.

Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific grants - Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific grants and other program support agreements are covered by schedule 1036.

Final deliverables and reports – See EPA 1035 for final deliverables and reports for grants related to EPA's environmental missions, except for Superfund, Brownfields, and oil site-specific final deliverables and reports which are covered by EPA 1036. See EPA 1006 for final deliverables and reports for nonenvironmental grants.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 05/31/2015 version:

• Added "with exceptions" to Program, and added exceptions to item b.

The following change was made in the 12/31/2014 version:

• Updated disposition authority number for item c to conform to revised General Records Schedule.

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

EPA 1006, EPA 1035, EPA 1036

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1003\_Grants\_crosswalk.docx.

**Entry:** 09/12/2012

**EPA Approval:** 04/11/2013

**NARA Approval:** 09/18/2013

**Status:** Final, 03/31/2015

**Title:** Acquisitions and Contracts

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 405 - Supply Chain Management

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0014-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0014-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0014-0003 (Item c)
- DAA-0412-2013-0014-0004 (Item d)
- DAA-0412-2013-0014-0005 (Item e)

## **Description:**

This schedule covers records of activities related to management and oversight of the acquisition of goods and services.

Excludes: Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific acquisitions and contracts, and final deliverables and reports.

### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** FAIR records and bid protest appeals

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Bid protest appeals consisting of notices of appeal, written memoranda of arguments, legal briefs (if any filed), transcripts of any hearings held, correspondence, decisions, and related records; and
- Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act records documenting the
  implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-76,
  Performance of Commercial Activities, including inventories, reviews, consultations,
  summary reports, commercial activity codes, challenges, appeals, decisions, planning
  documents, public announcements, accountability statements, cost calculations, and
  performance measures.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0014-0001

- Disposable
- Close when action is completed.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Procurements exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold and contract records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Contract management records for program related procurements (e.g., environmental modeling) as well as administrative procurements (e.g., guard services) and maintained by contracting officers (COs) and contracting officer's representatives (CORs), including correspondence and other documents related to the award, administration, receipt, inspection, payment, review, and audit of contracts (excludes Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific contracts covered by schedule 1036);
- Routine procurement files documenting the acquisition of goods and non-personal
  services maintained by the procurement organization and exceeding the simplified
  acquisition threshold in effect at the time of acquisition award and construction contracts
  exceeding \$2,000, including purchase documents such as purchase requisitions, travel
  and training authorizations, credit card and bank card slips, direct deposit forms for
  vendors, specifications, bids, schedules of delivery, initiating requisitions, records of
  receipt, inspection, and payment; and
- Solicited and unsolicited bids and proposals for large purchases when filed separately from the contract files.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0014-0002

- Disposable
- Close when activity completed or final payment for overall contract is made.
- Destroy 6 years and 3 months after file closure.

**Item c:** Routine acquisitions records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Administrative reports and data relating to procurement operations, including reports and data used for workload or other purposes;
- Canceled solicitations for formal solicitations of offers to provide products or services that were canceled prior to award of a contract, including invitations for bids, requests for proposals (RFPs), requests for quotations (RFQs), presolicitation documentation on the requirement, any offers that were opened prior to the cancellation, documentation on any government action up to the time of cancellation, and evidence of cancellation; and
- Data submitted to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0014-0003

Disposable

- Close at end of fiscal year, after cancellation, or after data transfer.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

## **Item d:** Short term acquisitions records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Purchase card logs and supporting documentation;
- Records related to printing services maintained by the procurement office, including copies of requisitions, invoices, specifications, and related records;
- Routine procurement files documenting the acquisition of goods and non-personal services maintained by the procurement organization and that are at or below the simplified acquisition threshold in effect at the time of the acquisition award and construction contracts at or below \$2,000, including purchase documents such as purchase requisitions, travel and training authorizations, credit card and bank card slips, direct deposit forms for vendors, specifications, bids, schedules of delivery, initiating requisitions, records of receipt, inspection, and payment;
- Small and disadvantaged business utilization records, including correspondence, reports, studies, goal statements, and related records; and
- Solicited and unsolicited unsuccessful bids and proposals for small purchases.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0014-0004

## Disposable

- Close at end of fiscal year, or after completion or cancellation, or after date of award or final payment.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

**Item e:** Other acquisitions records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Lists or card files of acceptable bidders;
- Obligation copies of routine procurement files maintained by finance offices; and
- Other copies of routine procurement files used by component elements of a procurement office for administrative purposes.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0014-0005

- Disposable
- Close when funds are obligated, or no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy after file closure.

**Item f:** (Reserved)

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

FAIR records - FAIR records maintained by offices other than the Office of Administration and Resources Management are covered by schedule 1006.

Successful bids and proposals - Successful bids and proposals are filed with the related contract records and follow the disposition instructions for the related contracts.

Solicited and unsolicited unsuccessful bids and proposals for large purchases - If solicited and unsolicited unsuccessful bids and proposals for large purchases are filed with the contract files, follow the disposition instructions for the related contracts.

Purchase cards - Employees making purchases using the U.S. Government Purchase Card system are responsible for maintaining the documentation according to the disposition instructions for item d

Site-specific acquisitions and contracts - Records related to Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific funding or payment require special handling and are covered by schedule 1036. Contracts that are not site specific are covered by this schedule. The contract-level COR is responsible for determining whether the contract is covered by this schedule or the site-specific schedule.

Final deliverables and reports - See schedule 1035 for final deliverables and reports for contracts related to EPA's environmental missions, except for Superfund, Brownfields, and oil spill site-specific final deliverables and reports which are covered by schedule 1036. See schedule 1006 for final deliverables and reports for nonenvironmental contracts.

Unopened bids for canceled solicitations - Unopened bids for canceled solicitations (formerly item f) should be returned to the bidder.

Contracting officers and CORs - Contracting officers and CORs should work together to determine who is responsible for maintaining specific documents to minimize duplication while still providing an adequate audit trail. The following are general guidelines:

- Contracting Officer (CO) Record copy of RFPs; successful bids and proposals; contract
  and modifications; copies of financial and payment documents; contract specifications,
  drawings or manuals incorporated into the contract by reference; performance
  evaluations; technical and financial progress reports; statements of work (SOWs) and
  level of effort (LOE) documents; COR designations; notices to proceed, stop work or
  correct deficiencies; and related documents.
- Contract-level COR Supporting documentation of performance evaluations, technical and financial progress reports, invoices and invoice approvals.
- Other CORs Record copy of documents used for day-to-day technical direction of the
  task order or work assignment. Documents include work plans and schedules,
  amendments and/or modifications, draft deliverables submitted by the contractor,
  comments provided to the contractor or other records of technical direction, contract
  monitoring logs and communication records, cost estimates, meeting records and notes,
  evaluation forms, supporting documentation for statements of work (SOWs) and level of
  effort (LOE) documents, amendments and modifications, invoices and invoice approvals.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 03/31/2015 version:

• Added guidelines for records maintenance by COs and CORs.

The following change was made in the 01/31/2015 version:

• Deleted item f for unopened bids for canceled solicitations due to revision of NARA's General Records Schedule, transmittal 23.

The following change was made in the 01/31/2014 version:

 Revised wording for simplified acquisition threshold and construction contracts in items b and d

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 1006, EPA 1035, EPA 1036

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1004\_Acquisitions\_crosswalk.docx.

**Entry:** 10/25/2012

**EPA Approval:** 07/09/2012

**NARA Approval:** 09/18/2013

**Status:** Final, 01/31/2015

Title: Financial Management

Program: Financial Management

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 402 - Financial Management

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

- DAA-0412-2013-0020-0001 (Item a)
- DAA-0412-2013-0020-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0020-0003 (Item c)
- DAA-0412-2013-0020-0004 (Item d)
- General Records Schedule 2/1b (Item e)
- General Records Schedule 2/7 (Item f)
- DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0001 (Item g)
- DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0002 (Item h)

#### **Description:**

This schedule covers records of activities related to use of financial information to measure, operate and predict the effectiveness and efficiency of an entity's activities in relation to its objectives. Includes records related to: accounting for assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenses associated with the maintenance of federal funds and expenditure of federal appropriations (salaries and expenses, operation and maintenance, procurement, working capital, trust funds, etc.), in accordance with applicable federal standards; management of the federal budget process including the development of plans and programs, budgets, and performance outputs and outcomes as well as financing federal programs and operations through appropriation and apportionment of direct and reimbursable spending authority, fund transfers, investments and other financing mechanisms; disbursements of federal funds, via a variety of mechanisms, to federal and private individuals, federal agencies, state, local and international governments, and the private sector to effect payment for goods and services, or distribute entitlements, benefits, grants, subsidies, loans, or claims.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Budget records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Apportionment and reapportionment schedules, proposing quarterly obligations under each authorized appropriation;
- Background records, cost statements, rough data and similar materials accumulated in the preparation of annual budget estimates, including duplicates of budget estimates and justifications and related apportionment language sheets, narrative statements, copies of transcripts of congressional budget hearings, and related documents; and
- Reports generated and received throughout the budget process, including copies of the annual budget, as well as periodic reports on the status of appropriation accounts and apportionment and documents authorizing new or revised budget allowances to programs (excludes the record copy of the annual budget submitted to the Administrator, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the President which is permanent and covered by schedule 299, item c(1)).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0020-0001

## Disposable

- Close at end of fiscal year covered by the budget or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Accounting and appropriation allotment records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Accountable officers' files maintained by the Agency for site audit by the Government
  Accountability Office (GAO) auditors, consisting of statements of transactions,
  statements of accountability, collection schedules and vouchers, disbursement schedules
  and vouchers, and all other schedules and vouchers, or documents used as schedules or
  vouchers (excludes commercial freight charges for services for fiscal accounts that are
  not settled and payroll records covered by other items in this schedule);
- Appropriation allotment files, showing status of obligations and allotments under each authorized appropriation;
- External accounting reports as required by government-wide regulations; and
- General accounting ledgers, showing debit and credit entries, and reflecting expenditures in summary.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0020-0002

### Disposable

- Close when end of fiscal year has occurred, or when fiscal year close-out activities are concluded, or when period covered by the account has ended.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Payroll support

Includes: employee status reports for employee's statement data, prepared biweekly, quarterly, and annually.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0020-0003

- Disposable
- Close at end of pay cycle.
- Destroy 56 years after file closure.

#### Item d: Payroll records not covered elsewhere

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Combined Federal Campaign and other allotment authorizations, such as union dues and savings;
- Leave application files, if employee has not electronically submitted their time card or equivalent;
- Payroll control consisting of worksheets, reconciliation reports, redistribution of disbursement between appropriations, and related records; and
- Payroll system reports, including error reports, ticklers, system operation reports, reports and data used for workload and/or personnel management purposes.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0020-0004

- Disposable
- Close after GAO audit or when 3 years old, whichever is sooner.
- Destroy immediately after file closure.

**Item e:** Individual employee pay record

Includes: individual employee pay folders consisting of payroll allotments, state tax forms, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 2/1b

- Disposable
- Close after employee leaves the Agency.
- Transfer to the National Personnel Records Center. Destroy 56 years after file closure.

#### **Item f:** Time and attendance source records

Includes: source records consisting of forms for payroll processing.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 2/7

#### Disposable

- Close after GAO audit or when 6 years old, whichever is sooner.
- Destroy after file closure.

## **Item g:** Commercial freight charges for services

Includes: payments for which (1) notice of overcharge has been or is expected to be issued, or if a rail freight overpayment is involved, (2) deduction or collection action has been taken, (3) the voucher contains inbound transit shipment(s), (4) parent voucher has print of paid supplemental bill associated, (5) the voucher has become involved in litigation, or (6) any other condition arises, such as detection of overcharge, that prevents the settling of the account, requiring the voucher to be retained beyond the 6 year retention period.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0001

- Disposable
- Close at end of fiscal year.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

## **Item h:** Memorandum copies of accountable officers' returns

Includes: statements of transactions and accountability, all supporting vouchers, schedules, and related documents not covered elsewhere in this schedule (excludes commercial freight charges for services and payroll records covered by other items in this schedule).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0002

- Disposable
- Close at end of fiscal year.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral â€" This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Leave application files - Leave application files, formerly covered by schedule 0279 items a(1) and a(2) (GRS 2/6a and 6b), are supporting documentation for time and attendance records and covered by item f of this schedule. Leave records prepared upon transfer or separation, formerly covered by schedule 0279 item b(1) (GRS 2/9a) are filed on the right side of the official personnel folder (OPF). Leave records maintained by the creating office, formerly covered by schedule 0279b(2) (GRS 2/9b), are covered by schedule 1006, item b. The record copy of electronic leave forms submitted for approval via the WebForms system or similar systems (covered by schedule 0004) do not need to be printed and can be maintained electronically according to the disposition instructions for item f.

The EPA Payroll System (EPAYS) is scheduled as EPA 0573, and PeoplePlus as EPA 0300. The record copy of the annual budget submitted to the Administrator, OMB, and the President is covered by schedule 0299, item c(1).

## **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 01/31/2015 version:

• Updated GRS disposal authority numbers for items g and h due to revision of NARA's General Records Schedule, transmittal 23.

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0299, EPA 0300, EPA 0573, EPA 1006

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at:

 $http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1005\_Financial\_Management\_Crosswalk.docx.$ 

Entry: 11/07/2012

**EPA Approval:** 08/07/2013

**NARA Approval:** 10/25/2013

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Facilities

**Program:** Facilities

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

- DAA-0412-2012-0004-0001 (Item a)
- DAA-0412-2012-0004-0002 (Item b)
- General Records Schedule 3/1b (Item c)

## **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the acquisition and management of facilities, including design, layout, construction, lease, and ownership agreements.

## **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Real property records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Leases and title papers (excludes abstracts and certificates of title which are scheduled below; and
- Real property records, including acquisition and disposal by purchase, condemnation, donation, exchange, or otherwise.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0004-0001

- Disposable
- Close after unconditional sale, disposal, or release by the Government of conditions, restrictions, mortgages, or other liens.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Agency space and real estate project records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Agency space records, including building plans, surveys, and other records used in space planning, assignment, and adjustment; and;
- Real estate project requests, including approvals, funds and payments, schedules, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0004-0002

- Disposable
- Close at end of calendar year, or when project completed or terminated.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Abstracts or certificates of title for real property

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 3/1b

- Disposable
- Close after unconditional sale, disposal, or release by the Government of conditions, restrictions, mortgages, or other liens.
- Transfer to new owner after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

## Multiple units

## **Related Schedules:**

## **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1007\_Facilities\_Crosswalk.docx.

**Entry:** 03/23/2011

**EPA Approval:** 07/09/2012

**NARA Approval:** 11/06/2012

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

Title: Security

**Program:** Security

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

**Function:** 401 - Administrative Management

### **NARA Disposal Authority:**

- DAA-0412-2013-0001-0001 (Item a)
- DAA-0412-2013-0001-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0001-0003 (Item c)
- General Records Schedule 18/22b (Item d)
- General Records Schedule 18/25a (Item e)

#### **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to security management, including the physical protection of an organization's personnel, assets, and facilities.

Excludes: activities related to securing data and information systems which are scheduled separately.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Routine security tracking records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Classified document access and containers (e.g., safes and cabinets) records, including receipt, issuance, routing, inventory, and destruction of classified documents;
- Employee credentials such as cards, badges, parking permits, permits to operate motor vehicles, visitors' passes;
- Guard force records such as facility checks, building and employee access records, round reports, patrol and alarm services, and arms distribution;
- Property passes authorizing removal of property or materials; and
- Rosters showing security clearance status of individuals.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0001-0001

#### Disposable

- Close when authorization or access expires or terminates, or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 2 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Facility security inspection records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Facility risk assessments; and
- Surveys and inspections of facilities conducted to ensure adequacy of protective and preventive measures and to safeguard information and facilities against sabotage and unauthorized entry.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0001-0002

#### Disposable

- Close upon discontinuance of facility, or when security cognizance is terminated, whichever is sooner.
- Destroy 7 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Other security records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Access to confidential business information (CBI) by federal employees and contractors;
- Continuity of operations (COOP) plans and exercises, including background records such as vital records inventories and certifications;
- Guard force assignments and strength;
- Key and visitor control files;
- Personnel security clearance case files, including investigations of federal employees or applicants for federal employment, and other persons such as those performing work for EPA under contract;
- Police function records such as records of arrest, cars ticketed, outside police contacts, statements of witnesses, traffic violations;
- Records used to track top secret documents;
- Security briefings and education; and
- Security violation case files of investigations of alleged violations of Executive Orders, laws, or Agency regulations for the safeguarding of national security information.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0001-0003

#### Disposable

- Close when case completed, or after final entry or last action, or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

Item d: Investigative reports furnished by other investigative organizations

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 18/22b

- Disposable
- Close when case completed, or after final entry, or last action.
- Destroy according to the investigating agency's instructions.

**Item e:** Classified information nondisclosure agreements if maintained separately from the official personnel folder (OPF)

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 18/25a

- Disposable
- Close after form is accepted by the federal security signatory.
- Destroy 70 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Security of data and information systems - Security of data and information systems is covered by schedule 1012.

Examples of forms - Examples of forms covered by this schedule include, but are not limited to, the following: EPA 7740-6, EPA 7740-16, EPA 7740-17, EPA 7740-18, EPA 7740-25, EPA 7740-27, EPA 7740-28, EPA 8580-8, FBI FD 258, SF 86, SF 312, SF 701, SF 702.

Contracts for guard services - Contracts for guard services, formerly covered by schedule item 0625a, are covered by schedule 1004.

Classified information nondisclosure agreements - If classified information nondisclosure agreements are filed in the individual's OPF, follow the disposition instructions for the OPF, schedule 0553 or 0554.

Prior to retirement to the Federal Records Center, any material having a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) security classification under the authority of 44 CFR 8 must be reviewed for declassification. Requests for declassification must be submitted to FEMA as directed in 44 CFR 8.4.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0553, EPA 0554, EPA 1004, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1008 Security Crosswalk.docx

Entry: 03/23/2011

**EPA Approval:** 10/04/2012

**NARA Approval:** 01/17/2013

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2015

**Title:** Motor Vehicles and Personal Property

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

- General Records Schedule 10/5 (Item a)
- General Records Schedule 10/6 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2012-0006-0001 (Item c)
- DAA-0412-2012-0006-0002 (Item d)
- DAA-0412-2012-0006-0003 (Item e)
- DAA-0412-2012-0006-0004 (Item f)

# **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the acquisition and management of motor vehicles, equipment, and other personal property, including selection, lease, purchase or ownership agreements, maintenance agreements, licensing, and other requirements.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

Item a: Vehicle accident records

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 10/5

- Disposable
- Close when case is settled or terminated.
- Destroy 6 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Vehicle lease and release records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Transfers, sales, donations, or exchanges of vehicles; and
- Vehicle leases.

NARA Disposal Authority: General Records Schedule 10/6

- Disposable
- Close when vehicle leaves EPA custody.
- Destroy 4 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Vehicle and equipment maintenance records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Gas and oil consumption, dispatching, scheduling, service and repair; and
- Operation of and maintenance for motor vehicles, boats, generators, trailers, and miscellaneous accountable property such as grouters, geo-probes, forklifts, frontend loaders, and similar equipment.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0006-0001

- Disposable
- Close at end of calendar year, or after vehicle or equipment leaves EPA custody.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

Item d: Other vehicle records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Individual employee use of government-owned vehicles (excluding accidents which are scheduled above), including driver tests and authorization to use; and
- Motor vehicle cost data.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0006-0002

- Disposable
- Close at end of calendar year, or after separation of employee.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

**Item e:** Surplus personal property records

Includes, but is not limited to: sales of surplus personal property, including invitations, bids, acceptances, lists of materials, evidence of sales, and related correspondence.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0006-0003

- Disposable
- Close when final payment is made.
- Destroy 6 years after file closure.

**Item f:** Other personal property records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Excess personal property reports; and
- Personal property accountability such as property custodian records, property registers and inventories, and reports of lost or stolen property.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0006-0004

- Disposable
- Close at end of calendar year, or after life of the equipment.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Examples of forms - Examples of forms covered by this schedule include, but are not limited to: SF 82 Agency Report of Motor Vehicle Data; SF 91 Motor Vehicle Accident; SF 94 Statement of Witness; SF 97 The United States Government Certificate to Obtain Title to a Motor Vehicle; SF 114 Sale of Government Property, Invitation, Bid, and Acceptance; SF 120 Report of Excess Personal Property; SF 121 Quarterly Report of Utilization and Disposal of Excess and Surplus Personal Property.

Property pass records - Property passes authorizing removal of property or materials are covered by schedule 1008 Security.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

# **Custodians:**

Multiple units

# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 1008

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1009\_Motor\_vehicles\_and\_personal\_property\_Crosswalk.docx.

**Entry:** 03/23/2011

**EPA Approval:** 10/02/2012

**NARA Approval:** 03/11/2013

**Status:** Final, 12/31/2013

**Title:** Travel

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 401 - Administrative Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

- DAA-0412-2012-0007-0001 (Item a)
- DAA-0412-2012-0007-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2012-0007-0003 (Item c)

# **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to activities associated with planning, preparing, and monitoring business-related travel for EPA employees.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Travel records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- International, third-party, and invitational travel plans and reports; and
- Travel authorizations and expenses, including original receipts (excluding Superfund site-specific travel records which are scheduled separately).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0007-0001

- Disposable
- Close at end of fiscal or calendar year.
- Destroy 6 years and 3 months after file closure.

**Item b:** Passport application records

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0007-0002

Disposable

- Close when employee separates or transfers, or at end of calendar year, whichever is sooner.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### **Item c:** Passports

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2012-0007-0003

- Disposable
- Close when employee separates or transfers.
- Transfer to new agency or return to the Department of State.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Electronic travel system - This schedule covers the electronic travel system, GovTrip, and any successor systems. The electronic software program is a nonrecord and covered by schedule 0008, item a. The software documentation and electronic signature and verification data are covered by schedule 1012, item e.

Travel receipts - If original receipts are scanned into the electronic travel system, the originals are considered convenience copies and are destroyed when no longer needed. If the receipts are not scanned into the electronic travel system, the original receipts need to be maintained to validate claims. If the original receipts are maintained as paper, it is recommended that they be maintained by a designated custodian in each organization, and a copy of the travel voucher be printed and attached to the receipts, or the travel voucher number written on the receipts so they can be easily matched back to the electronic transaction. Employees leaving the Agency must ensure the program office that funded the trip has their receipts if the records have not been

scanned into the electronic travel system. Original receipts for Superfund site-specific travel are scanned into the Superfund Cost Organization Recovery Package Imaging Online System (SCORPIOS) (schedule 0052), and filed in the appropriate site file and retained with cost recovery records and covered by schedule 1036, item c.

Annual reports related to passports - Annual reports related to passports, previously item b of schedule 0393 (GRS 9/5b) has been deleted because EPA does not submit annual reports. Passport registers, previously item c of schedule 0393, is covered by schedule 0090, item b.

International travel reports - Item a of this schedule covers international trip reports maintained by the Office of International and Tribal Affairs. International travel reports maintained by other offices are filed with the related records and retained according to the disposition instructions for the related records.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 0052, EPA 0090, EPA 1012, EPA 1036

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1010\_Travel\_Crosswalk.docx.

Entry: 03/23/2011

**EPA Approval:** 07/16/2012

**NARA Approval:** 11/06/2012

**Status:** Final, 10/31/2014

**Title:** Information and Technology Management

**Program:** Information and Technology Management

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 404 - Technology Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0009-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0009-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0009-0003 (Item c)
- DAA-0412-2013-0009-0004 (Item d)
- DAA-0412-2013-0009-0005 (Item e)

# **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the coordination of information and technology (IT) resources and systems required to support or provide a service. Includes: system development activities associated with the design and development of software applications; life cycle and change management processes; system maintenance activities for software applications; IT infrastructure maintenance to support automated needs (i.e., platforms, networks, servers, printers, etc.); information systems security functions to protect information and information systems, as well as the creation and implementation of security policies, procedures, and controls.

Excludes: individual IT systems (e.g., AQS, CERCLIS), which must be scheduled separately.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant IT management records

Includes, but is not limited to:

• Input and source documents used to create, update, or modify permanent electronic records if they are hard copy documents that NARA has specifically designated as permanent records that must be transferred to NARA in hard copy format, and hard copy records previously approved as permanent that are converted to electronic records and do not meet NARA's transfer standards in effect at the time of conversion;

- Quality and Information Council (QIC) (formerly called the EPA Steering Committee) records related to the development of EPA information technology and information management policy and procedures consisting of meeting records, including agendas, talking papers, reports, summaries or minutes of meetings, and related records; and
- System documentation for permanent electronic records, consisting of data system specifications, file specifications, codebooks, record layouts, user guides, output specifications, and final reports relating to a master file, database, or other electronic records that are scheduled for permanent retention.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0009-0001

#### Permanent

- Close input and source documents and system documentation when system data is transferred to the National Archives, and QIC records at the end of the calendar year.
- Transfer system documentation to the National Archives with the related electronic file.
   Transfer other electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure.
   Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

**Item b:** IT implementation and compliance records

- Chief Information Officer (CIO) committee records consisting of records maintained by committees, boards, task forces, conferences, or other IT advisory, governing, or policy bodies for which the CIO has designed sponsorship, leadership, or recordkeeping responsibilities (excluding the QIC), and including meeting minutes, summaries, agendas, transcripts, reports, studies, publications, membership records, correspondence, and related records;
- Enterprise architecture records, consisting of records identifying the IT systems and networks required to perform the Agency's mission and the transitional processes required to implement comprehensive programs to support that mission, including technical reference manuals, diagrams, graphics, and narratives that describe the Agency's baseline architecture, target architecture, and related sequencing plans;
- IT capital investment records documenting the IT investments with Agency-wide strategic planning, budgeting, procurement, and management, including routine and periodic reports on IT capital investments, capital asset plans, business cases for major investments identified in the Agency's capital investment portfolio, and clearance and review records;
- IT infrastructure design and implementation files for projects that are implemented;.
- IT program planning records related to the development of Agency IT programs, including Agency-wide IT goals, specific milestones to be achieved, performance measures for the IT portfolio, strategic and tactical plans documenting the implementation and maintenance of IT systems in support of the Agency mission:
- Records documenting compliance with federal information resources management (IRM)
  laws and regulations (e.g., Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act), mandates of the Office
  of Management and Budget (OMB), General Accountability Office (GAO), and other

federal information management oversight agencies, EPA IT policies, directives and plans, including performance measurements and benchmarks, certification and accreditation of equipment, quality assurance reviews and reports, reports on implementation of plans, compliance reviews, and data measuring or estimating impact and compliance;

- System development records for systems that are implemented, including project
  proposals, feasibility studies, cost analyses, requirements documents, and documentation
  of planning, decision making, designing, programming, testing, evaluation, and problem
  solving (excluding system development records for environmental models and systems
  used for regulatory decision making); and
- User identification, profiles, authorizations and password files for systems containing information that may be needed for audit or investigative purposes and those that contain classified records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0009-0002

# Disposable

- Close at end of calendar year, or when superseded by a new iteration, or no longer needed for investigative or security purposes, whichever is later; or when system is terminated, defunded, removed from public access, or otherwise does not serve the original purpose.
- Destroy 7 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Routine IT management records

- Computer security incidents, reporting and follow-up activities, including reports of Web site defacement, security hacks, break-ins and failures, improper usage by staff, and virus threats:
- Facility, site management and equipment support services, files identifying IT facilities
  and sites, site visit reports, trouble reports, equipment service histories, reports of followup actions;
- Financing of IT resources and services, including agreements formalizing performance criteria for quantity and quality of service, files related to managing third-party services, identification and allocation of charges and tracking of payments for computer usage, data processing, and other IT services;
- General files related to communications and telecommunications, equipment requests for installation, changes and service, telephone use or call detail records;
- Installation and testing records;
- IT maintenance, asset management, performance and capacity management, system management, configuration and change management, planning, follow-up, and impact assessment of operational networks and systems, routine maintenance on the network infrastructure documenting preventative, corrective, adaptive and perfective (enhancement) maintenance actions, including requests for service, work orders, service histories;

- Reports on operations, including benchmarks, performance indicators, critical success factors, and exception reporting, self-assessments, performance monitoring, and management reports; and
- System development records for systems that are not implemented, including project proposals, feasibility studies, cost analyses, and requirements documents.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0009-0003

#### Disposable

- Close when activity or project completed, or when superseded or obsolete.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

# **Item d:** Short-term IT management records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- IT infrastructure design and implementation files for projects that are not implemented:
- IT system implementation and change management, including performance and capacity management, system management, configuration and change management, planning, follow-up, and impact assessment of operational networks and systems;
- Short-term asset and configuration records, including inventories of IT assets, network circuits, and building or circuitry diagrams;
- Short-term IT operations records, including workload schedules, run reports, schedules of maintenance and support activities, problem reports, customer service files, help desk logs and reports, telecommunications statistical reports;
- System security plans and disaster recovery plans, risk assessments, actions to mitigate risks, test files and data; and
- Telecommunications operational files, such as message registers and logs, performance reports, daily load reports.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0009-0004

#### Disposable

- Close when superseded, updated, replaced, or no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

#### **Item e:** Transitory IT management records

- Data files consisting of summarized or aggregated information and data files consisting of records extracted from a single database that are approved as disposable;
- Derived data that provide user access in lieu of hard copy reports that are authorized for disposal, and metadata or reference data, such as format, range or domain specifications;

- Downloaded and copied data, including derived data used for ad hoc or one-time inspection, analysis or review if the derived data is not needed to support the results of the inspection, analysis or review;
- Electronic files or records created solely to test and monitor system performance, including log-in files, password files, audit trail files, system usage files;
- Electronic files or records used to create or update a database or master file;
- Electronic software programs (excluding electronic software programs scheduled for permanent retention in the General Records Schedule (GRS) or in a NARA-approved agency schedule);
- Input and source records in electronic format entered into a system during an update process and not required for audit and legal purposes and electronic records received from another agency and used as input/source records by EPA (excluding records produced by another agency and used as input/source records by EPA (excluding records produced by another agency under the terms of an interagency agreement, records created by another agency in response to the specific information needs of the receiving agency), input and source records in hard copy format not covered elsewhere in this schedule, computer files or records containing uncalibrated and unvalidated digital or analog data collected during observation or measurement activities or research and development programs and used as input for digital master file or database;
- Print files extracted from a database without changing it and used solely to produce hard copy;
- System and security backups and tape library records;
- System documentation for electronic records that are scheduled for destruction in the GRS or in a NARA-approved agency schedule, including data aystems specifications, file specifications, codebooks, record layouts, user guides, output specifications, and final reports relating to a master file, database, or other electronic records (excluding system documentation for electronic records that are scheduled for permanent retention);
- Technical reformat files of data copied from a complete or partial master file or database made for the specific purpose of information interchange and written with varying technical specifications (excluding files created for transfer to the National Archives; and
- User identification, profiles, authorizations and passwords for routine systems.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0009-0005

#### Disposable

- Close when superseded, updated, replaced, or no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy immediately after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking

for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

IT infrastructure - IT infrastructure refers to the basic systems and services used to supply staff with access to computers and data telecommunications. Components include hardware such as printers, computers, network and Web servers, routers, hubs, and network cabling, as well as software such as operating systems (e.g., Microsoft Windows and Novell NetWare) and shared applications (e.g., electronic mail, word processing, and database programs). The services necessary to design, implement, test, validate, and maintain components are also considered part of the IT structure. Records related to specific electronic systems that support or document mission goals (e.g., schedule 0027 ICIS) are covered by the individual schedules for those systems.

Electronic software programs - Electronic software programs are to be kept as long as needed to ensure access to, and use of, the electronic records throughout the authorized retention period to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. NARA regulations require that electronic records be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct agency business and meet NARA-approved disposition. Examples of software covered by this schedule include Air Explorer Tool (AirExplorer), eDiscovery Service, Tier2 Submit, and EPA Dashboard formerly covered by EPA 0179 and GRS 20/10.

System development records - System development records for environmental models and systems used for regulatory decision making may warrant permanent preservation and should follow the records schedule for the activity supported by the system (e.g., schedule 1023 for rulemaking records).

Electronic system data - The electronic data for an electronic system is covered by the system-specific records schedule (e.g., schedule 0027 ICIS) or one of the generic or "big bucket" system schedules (e.g., schedule 0063 electronic models and expert systems).

Input for electronic systems - Input and source records for an electronic system that is produced by another agency under the terms of an interagency agreement, or records created by another agency in response to the specific information needs of EPA, must be included in the disposition instructions for the specific system schedule. In cases where hard copy documents that contain information that is not or cannot be captured in the electronic version of the records (e.g., certain

handwritten annotations), including those scanned into an electronic recordkeeping system, follow the records schedule for the activity supported by the system.

Output and reports for electronic systems - Output and reports for electronic systems are covered by the applicable records schedule for the activity supported by the input and reports.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as schedule 0188a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (schedule 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 10/31/2014 version:

• Moved from draft to final status and added NARA approval date.

The following changes were made in the 06/30/2014 version:

- Revised disposition instructions for item a.
- Revised title of disposition item e.

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

### **Related Schedules:**

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at:

http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1012\_Information\_technology\_management crosswalk.docx.

Entry: 04/19/2011

**EPA Approval:** 05/07/2013

**NARA Approval:** 10/03/2014

**Status:** Final, 07/31/2015

Title: Controls and Oversight

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 301 - Controls and Oversight

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0015-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0015-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0015-0003 (Item c)
- DAA-0412-2013-0015-0004 (Item d)
- DAA-0412-2013-0015-0005 (Item e)

# **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to operations and programs of the EPA and its external business partners that ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. Includes: corrective action and the enforcement of activities to remedy internal or external programs that have been found noncompliant with a given law, regulation, or policy; program evaluation and the analysis of internal and external program effectiveness and the determination of corrective actions as necessary; criminal, civil, and administrative investigative files that document major criminal investigations as well as investigations of known or alleged fraud, abuse, irregularities, and violations of laws and regulations involving EPA personnel, programs, or operations administered or financed by EPA, including contractors and others having a relationship with EPA; and program monitoring and the data gathering activities required to determine the effectiveness of internal and external programs and the extent to which they comply with related laws, regulations, and policies.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant controls and oversight records

- Audit Resolution Board case files;
- Inspector General (IG) investigative case files for cases that document major violations of criminal law or ethical standards by EPA officials and others;
- IG semiannual reports prepared for submission to Congress; and

• Unusually significant IG case files such as those that result in national media attention, congressional investigation, or substantive changes in Agency policy and procedure.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0015-0001

#### Permanent

- Close when audit resolution is completed, when investigation is closed, or when report is sent to Congress.
- Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Long-term controls and oversight records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Good laboratory practice (GLP) and audit report files for audits of laboratories involved in performing studies and analyses of EPA's environmental programs, including inspector worksheets, supporting documentation, correspondence, and related records; and
- IG investigative case files for cases that document investigations of known or alleged fraud, abuse, irregularities, and violations of laws and regulations involving EPA personnel, programs, or operations administered or financed by EPA, including contractors and others having a relationship with EPA, and excluding cases covered by item a.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0015-0002

#### Disposable

- Close when audit is complete or case is closed.
- Destroy 20 years after file closure.

Item c: Routine controls and oversight records

- Administrative documentation related to the audit resolution process;
- Audit case file final reports and work papers maintained by the headquarters IG or other auditing organization;
- IG hotline files, including complaints, correspondence with responsible officials, synopses of cases, and monthly and periodic workload and trend reports;
- IG or other auditing organization management assessment reviews and program evaluations of the auditing organization's procedures or programs for economy, efficiency, and compliance with policies and professional standards;
- Laboratory performance evaluation studies proficiency testing (PT) records relating to how well laboratories perform, including studies, performance evaluation reports, performance summaries, statistical reports, method-specific studies, and related records;

- Responses to audits, evaluations, and investigations maintained by the office being investigated, evaluated or audited, conducted internally (e.g., by IG), or externally (e.g., by Government Accountability Office) and that may be initiated by EPA, an outside agency with oversight over EPA, or requested by Congress, and records related to the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA);
- State and other entity relations and oversight files, including records used to oversee programs operated in lieu of a federal program; and
- Suspension and debarment files related to the suspension and debarment of contractors and grantees, including IG reports, attorney recommendations for actions, notifications to respondents, respondents' submissions, hearing transcripts, briefs and motions, final determinations, and settlement agreements.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0015-0003

### Disposable

- Close when case is closed, or activity or report is completed or superseded.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item d:** Short-term controls and oversight records

- Animal welfare records, including Lab Animal Project Reviews (LAPR), letters of assurance, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Minutes, Semi-Annual Facility and Program Inspections and reports to the Institutional Official, Department of Agriculture, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, and Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Animal Care.
- IG audit case files and copies of the IG's semiannual report maintained by offices other than the headquarters IG;
- IG complaint files containing information or allegations that are of an investigative nature but do not relate to a specific investigation, including anonymous or vague allegations not warranting an investigation, matters referred to constituents or other agencies for handling;
- Laboratory activity reports and associated field stations showing program activity;
- Program and program activity evaluation reports and working papers;
- Reports clearance case files maintained for each Agency report created or proposed such as public use reports, including clearance forms, copies of authorizing directives, preparation instructions, and documents relating to the evaluation, continuation, revision, and discontinuance of reporting requirements;
- Regional oversight and coordination records generated by headquarters program offices
  when conducting oversight of regional program operations, including implementation
  reports, inspections, correspondence, reviews and comments on regional program
  activities; and
- State territories and interstate group file containing records related to environmental improvement and pollution control by states and state combines, including lists and descriptions of political leaders, reports on participation in EPA programs, EPA regional

- reports and evaluations, extracts from the Congressional Record, special studies and reports, state legislative activity reports, and reports on and by special commissions and citizen groups.
- Suspension and debarment files related to the suspension and debarment of contractors and grantees, including IG reports, attorney recommendations for actions, notifications to respondents, respondents' submissions, hearing transcripts, briefs and motions, final determinations, and settlement agreements.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0015-0004

- Disposable
- Close when case is closed, or activity or report is completed.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

Item e: Ombudsman and citizen complaint files

Includes, but is not limited to: requests for information or assistance with complaints or problems arising from EPA regulations or "whistle-blower" information on regulatory infractions or issues, consisting of phone notes, referrals, letters, copies of case log forms, action notes, or other related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0015-0005

- Disposable
- Close when case is completed or closed.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information

(CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

FMFIA documentation - Program offices are responsible for retaining the record copy of FMFIA documentation according to the disposition instructions for item c. Internal control coordinators are not responsible for keeping the documentation, only a certification that it exists. All other copies may be destroyed as nonrecords (schedule 0008, item a) when no longer needed.

Responses to evaluations and audits - Responding offices are responsible for retaining the responses to evaluations and audits, including records of Agency directives and guidance created by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other offices, according to the disposition instructions for item c. Copies provided to internal control coordinators and audit liaisons should be kept as reference material and can be destroyed as nonrecords (schedule 0008, item a) when superseded.

Oversight records - The headquarters or regional office responsible for oversight of states or other entities is responsible for retaining the record copy according to the disposition instructions for item c. The headquarters office responsible for conducting oversight of regional activities is responsible for retaining the record copy according to the disposition instructions for item d. All other copies can be destroyed as nonrecords (schedule 0008, item a) when superseded or no longer needed. Congressional correspondence related to congressional oversight of EPA activities is covered by schedule 1051.

Ombudsman records - The record copy of ombudsman records is retained by the Ombudsman office or the office performing the ombudsman function. Ombudsman referrals to specific site or facility records are to be filed in the community relations files specific to the site or facility (e.g., 1035 for Superfund site-specific records) and are covered by the disposition instructions for the site-specific records.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as schedule 0658a(3), 0701a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (schedule 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made to the 07/31/2015 version:

- Moved from draft to final.
- Added NARA approval date.

The following changes were made to the 09/30/2014 version:

- Moved suspension and debarment records from item c to item d.
- Added animal welfare records to item d.

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

# **Custodians:**

Multiple units

# **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 1036, EPA 1051

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1016\_Controls\_and\_Oversight\_cross walk.docx.

**Entry:** 09/12/2012

**EPA Approval:** 08/19/2013

**NARA Approval:** 03/26/2015

**Status:** Final, 02/28/2015

**Title:** Legislative Relations

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 303 - Legislative Relations

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

- DAA-0412-2013-0005-0001 (Item a)
- DAA-0412-2013-0005-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0005-0003 (Item c)

## **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the development, tracking, and amendment of public laws through the legislative branch of the federal government. Includes: legislative tracking to monitor legislation from introduction to enactment; legislative testimony or evidence in support of, or opposition to, legislation; drafting proposed legislation that creates or amends laws subject to congressional action; and activities that support the relationship between EPA and the U.S. Congress.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant legislative relations records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Congressional data transfer of grants made to states, municipalities, counties, interstate groups, and institutions within the states;
- Final reports to Congress or the President prepared according to the mandates of all environmental legislation;
- Legislative history file maintained by the Office of Legislative Affairs at Headquarters; and
- Significant congressional correspondence not included in the controlled correspondence system (Correspondence Management System (CMS)).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0005-0001

#### Permanent

- Close at end of congressional session, end of calendar year, or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

# **Item b:** Legislation

Includes, but is not limited to: legislation formulated and proposed by EPA and other government agencies and executive units circulated within EPA for evaluation and comment, and held in offices other than the Office of Legislative Affairs at Headquarters.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0005-0002

- Disposable
- Close upon final action on legislation.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Other legislative relations records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Congressional committee records related to their makeup, character, status, mission, and activities;
- Congressional correspondence consisting of routine inquiries not included in CMS;
- Weekly legislative reports related to major provisions, issues, status, and expectation of EPA bills, and non-EPA bills with environmental impact and scheduled for congressional action; and
- Work files for reports to Congress or the President.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0005-0003

# • Disposable

- Close upon transmission of final report, end of congressional session, or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

### **Guidance:**

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10,

1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Congressional correspondence - Significant congressional correspondence entered into the controlled correspondence system is covered by schedule 1051, item a, for senior officials. If significant congressional correspondence is maintained separately from the controlled correspondence system, use item a of this schedule for significant correspondence and item c for routine correspondence. Significant congressional correspondence is major correspondence that significantly documents program activities and may be processed under special handling control procedures because of the importance of the letters or time requirements of replies. Records related to the operation of CMS are covered by schedule 0077.

Legislative history file - Enrolled bill reports submitted by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs are transferred to the legislative history file (item a) at the end of each month. EPA congressional hearing testimony maintained by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs is transferred to the legislative history file (item a) after presentation to the congressional committee.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as schedule 0155a(3), 0527a(3) and 0528a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (schedule 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following change was made in the 04/30/2014 version:

• Added definition of significant congressional correspondence to guidance.

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 0077, EPA 1051

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at:

http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1020\_Legislativ\_Relations\_Crosswalk.docx.

**Entry:** 07/12/2012

**EPA Approval:** 03/26/2013

**NARA Approval:** 07/22/2014

**Status:** Final, 02/28/2015

**Title:** Planning and Resource Allocation

**Program:** All Programs

**Applicability:** Agency-wide

Function: 304 - Planning and Resource Allocation

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0006-0001 (Item a)

• DAA-0412-2013-0006-0002 (Item b)

# **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to planning and resource allocation activities determining strategic direction, identifying, and establishing programs and processes, allocating resources (capital and labor) among those programs and processes, and developing environmental and administrative policies and programs. Includes: budget formulation activities undertaken to determine priorities for future spending and to develop an itemized forecast of future funding and expenditures during a targeted period of time and the collection and use of performance information to assess the effectiveness of programs and develop budget priorities; capital planning processes for ensuring that appropriate investments are selected for capital expenditures; strategic planning activities to determine annual and long-term goals and the identification of the best approach for achieving those goals; and workforce planning processes for identifying the workforce competencies required to meet EPA's strategic goals and for developing the strategies to meet these requirements.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant planning and resource allocation records

- Annual headquarters operating guidance paper and regional guidance plan covering the objectives of EPA, the priority and strategy for their attainment;
- Management studies, including staffing, analyses of administrative policies and procedures, manpower surveys, organization and methods surveys and studies, management improvement, and related records;
- Organizational plans related to the establishment and organization of EPA, missions, functions and functional statements, organizational charts, and delegations of authority;

- Program development files documenting the development of environmental programs, program priorities and objectives, program evaluation and planning major shifts in the focus of existing programs, new initiatives, and similar records; and
- Program policy planning records, including formulating policies and plans in areas which
  cross-cut program functions, and records related to developing and analyzing key policy
  and legislative issues impacting on environmental programs.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0006-0001

#### Permanent

- Close upon completion of activity, project, or topic, or at the end of the fiscal year.
- Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Routine planning and resource allocation records

Includes, but is not limited to: Agency program plans review files, including headquarters and regional office program plans, goals, and requests for changes to the plans, regional guidance reports and revisions, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0006-0002

- Disposable
- Close at the end of the fiscal year.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral – This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

IT planning - records related to planning for information and technology management, including enterprise architecture records, are covered by schedule 1012.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as EPA 0105a(3), EPA 0106a(3), EPA 0145a(3), EPA 0190a(3), and EPA 0194a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (EPA 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 1012

# **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1021 Planning Crosswalk.docx.

Entry: 09/12/2012

**EPA Approval:** 08/12/2013

**NARA Approval:** 01/30/2015

**Status:** Final, 08/31/2014

**Title:** Public Affairs

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 305 - Public Affairs

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0007-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0007-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0007-0003 (Item c)

### **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the exchange of information and communication between the federal government, citizens, and stakeholders in direct support of citizen services, public policy, and/or national interest. Includes official information dissemination to provide information to external stakeholders through the use of various types of media, such as video, paper, web, etc.; tech transfer and training providing targeted information to specific stakeholders on technical or scientific topics, or that provide a specific type of training related to Agency responsibilities; public information and outreach providing general information to the public either through ongoing services or in response to specific requests; activities to operate Agency libraries providing traditional library functions such as access to journals, periodicals, literature searches, and online library subscriptions; and all other activities providing public information, education, and outreach to the public and Agency stakeholders, including support by the Agency of education programs or subjects relevant to the Agency's mission.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant public affairs records

- Environmental training materials, including course plans and manuals;
- Final manuscripts of articles related to EPA's environmental missions;
- Presidential and other significant environmental awards to organizations, states and other entities, youth groups, private citizens, students and other individuals;
- Public awareness and official dissemination products such as press or news releases, fact sheets, briefings and briefing books;

- Public hearings used as a forum for public involvement, including public notice of hearing, hearing transcript, and related documents; and
- Publications and promotional items depicting EPA's environmental mission activities, including manuals, handbooks, brochures, newsletters, pamphlets, posters, buttons, bumper stickers, and similar items.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0007-0001

#### Permanent

- Close upon issuance or publication, or when superseded or inactive.
- Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Routine public affairs records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Communications and distribution plans;
- Final manuscripts of articles not related to EPA's environmental activities;
- Publications and promotional items not depicting EPA's environmental activities; and
- Speeches of EPA employees other than senior officials.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0007-0002

#### Disposable

- Close at end of activity or calendar year.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Short-term public affairs records

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Background and working papers;
- Library program files, including policies, procedures, statistics, holdings information, and related records (excluding library contract records);
- Records related to the participation or sponsorship of EPA staff in professional associations, societies, and related groups, including conference literature, trip reports, meeting agendas and arrangements, evaluations, copies of papers and other materials collected during participation; and
- Routine documentation for environmental awards.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0007-0003

#### Disposable

- Close at end of calendar year or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 3 years after file closure.

#### Guidance:

Media neutral - This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer.

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Congressional correspondence - Significant congressional correspondence entered into the controlled correspondence system is covered by schedule 1051, item a, for senior officials. If significant congressional correspondence is maintained separately from the controlled correspondence system, use item a of this schedule for significant correspondence and item c for routine correspondence. Records related to the operation of CMS are covered by schedule 0077.

Legislative history file - Enrolled bill reports submitted by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs are transferred to the legislative history file (item a) at the end of each month. EPA congressional hearing testimony maintained by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs is transferred to the legislative history file (item a) after presentation to the congressional committee.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as schedule 0155a(3), 0527a(3) and 0528a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (schedule 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed.

#### **Reasons for Disposition:**

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 0077, EPA 1051

### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

**Entry:** 07/12/2012

**EPA Approval:** 03/26/2013

**NARA Approval:** 08/14/2014

**Status:** Final, 03/31/2015

Title: Legal Services

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 317 - Legal Services

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0016-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0016-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0016-0003 (Item c)

# **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to providing legal advice and support for the Agency's business. Includes: legal support for EPA's rules and policies, case-by-case decisions (such as permits and response actions), and legislation; legal representation in court challenges to Agency decisions (such as regulations), appeals of enforcement cases, Supreme Court litigation, and cases related to EPA's day-to-day operations, including entering into contracts, awarding grants, managing property and money, and working with EPA employees. It also includes legal advice to EPA and articulation of the Agency's legal positions in the federal courts and before other tribunals and organizations.

#### **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant legal services records

Includes: legal interpretation and opinions related to the intent and application of environmental laws and regulations, excluding the background material (item b).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0016-0001

- Permanent
- Close upon the expiration, amendment, or revision of an act or regulation.
- Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

**Item b:** Other legal services records

#### Includes, but is not limited to:

- Background material for legal interpretation and opinions related to the intent and application of environmental laws and regulations;
- Board of Contract Appeals cases, consisting of copies of the appeal filed with the Department of Interior Board of Contract Appeals, written memoranda of legal arguments (if any filed), relevant documents relating to disputed contractual issues, contracting officer's final decision, briefs, motions, and pleadings;
- Environmental alternative dispute resolution (ADR) program case files held by ADR program staff or other EPA employees serving as a neutral third party related to the use of ADR in matters affecting public health and the environment that involve parties outside of the Agency such as regulatory matters, permits, remediation of Superfund sites, closure of treatment, storage and delivery facilities, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decisions, controversies stemming from Environmental Justice concerns, and other matters of importance to EPA and other parties;
- EPA personnel law files consisting of records related to discrimination, labor relations, adverse employee actions and labor standards appeals or complaints;
- General Accountability Office (GAO) contract bid protest cases consisting of copies of
  contract protests filed with the GAO, written memoranda of legal arguments (if any
  filed), statement of EPA contracting officer, relevant documents related to the protest,
  contract award or other contracting actions, the protest file, the Agency reports, and
  related records;
- General legal records, including records related to such matters as contracts, appropriations, real property, claims files consisting of records related to considerations and settlement of claims by and against the U.S. such as tort claims, employees' claims, waivers of claims, claim collection actions, and similar records;
- Information law and intellectual property records, including patents, copyrights, data rights and interpretations under contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements awarded by EPA, records involving EPA's rights to use patented inventions and copyrighted material, licensing of EPA inventions, disclosures of inventions made under grants, contracts, and by EPA employees, lists and copies of issued EPA-owned U.S. patents; and
- Litigation involving EPA and documenting the nature, course, and outcome of defensive litigation involving EPA and related to EPA's environmental laws and regulations, matters outside of EPA's specific environmental regulatory statutes (e.g., Freedom of Information Act, Endangered Species Act, contracts, personnel, federal tort claims, etc.), as well as cases where the government brings suit on a matter outside of EPA's regulatory area (e.g., someone owes the government money), including court pleadings and orders, opinions, depositions, interrogatories, transcripts, affidavits, exhibits, documents related to discovery and evidence, and other records relied on to make the case.

Excludes: Confidential ADR case files (item c), records related to an EPA action that uses ADR held by EPA staff other than Agency employees serving as an ADR neutral, and ADR records for matters involving citizen complaints and employee relations (see Guidance).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0016-0002

- Disposable
- Close upon final action, decision or resolution, or completion of the case or program.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item c:** ADR confidential case records

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0016-0003

- Disposable
- Close after ADR is discontinued.
- Destroy 1 year after file closure.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral – This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Board of Contract Appeals and GAO contract bid protest case files - Case files maintained by the Office of General Counsel (OGC) in Cincinnati and RTP are also covered by this schedule.

Contract source selection information - Restrictions related to source selection information can be found in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, FAR 3.104.

ADR held by EPA staff other than Agency employees serving as an ADR neutral - Records related to an EPA action that uses ADR held by EPA staff other than Agency employees serving as an ADR neutral are retained according to the disposition instructions for the records of the actions they support, e.g., permits, enforcement cases, grants, etc. See schedule 1016 for ombudsman and citizen complaint files, and schedule 0051 for ADR files related to employee relations.

Other related records schedules - EPA enforcement actions (not defensive cases) are covered by schedule 1044, except for Superfund, Brownfields, and oil site-specific cases which are covered by schedule 1036.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as schedule 0674a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (schedule 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed.

### **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 03/31/2015 version:

- Moved from draft to final.
- Added NARA approval date.

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 0051, EPA 1016, EPA 1036, EPA 1044

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at: http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1025\_Legal\_Services\_Crosswalk.doc x.

Entry: 07/12/2012

**EPA Approval:** 08/09/2013

**NARA Approval:** 03/08/2015

**Status:** Final, 08/31/2015

**Title:** Permits

**Program:** All Programs

Applicability: Agency-wide

Function: 108 - Environmental Management

# **NARA Disposal Authority:**

• DAA-0412-2013-0018-0001 (Item a)

- DAA-0412-2013-0018-0002 (Item b)
- DAA-0412-2013-0018-0003 (Item c)
- DAA-0412-2013-0018-0004 (Item d)
- DAA-0412-2013-0018-0005 (Item e)

### **Description:**

This schedule covers records related to the issuance or denial of environmental permits by EPA offices or authorized states, federal facilities, interstate, or local agencies.

# **Disposition Instructions:**

**Item a:** Historically significant permits

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) generators, transporters, and treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facilities files for RCRA land disposal permits, including notification forms, permit applications and modifications, background and supporting documentation, public notices, drafts and final permits, comments and records of public meetings, fact sheets, exception reports, appeals, import and export notifications, closure and post-closure documents, inspection reports, court orders, manifests, delistings, correspondence, records relating to interim status, and related records; and
- Underground injection control (UIC) Class I, II, III, V, and VI permits, when EPA is the permitting authority, UIC aquifer exemptions, land ban petitions, monitoring reports for UIC Class I permits, including permit applications and final permits, permit modifications, background and supporting documentation, public notices, documentation of compliance with statutory requirements (e.g., Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Endangered

Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act), comments and records of public meetings, fact sheets, exception reports, appeals, correspondence, and related records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0018-0001

#### Permanent

- Close RCRA records at permit termination if post-closure care is not required; if post-closure care is required, close records at completion of post-closure care period. Close UIC records when a well has been properly plugged, abandoned and terminated per EPA requirements; or when a permit application has been denied or withdrawn; or when a determination has been made that a permit is not required or if the permit has been issued and not acted upon by the company within one year.
- Transfer electronic records to the National Archives 5 years after file closure. Transfer non-electronic records to the National Archives 15 years after file closure.

Item b: Administrative records for historically significant permits

Includes, but is not limited to:

- Administrative records for RCRA land disposal permits when EPA is the permitting
  authority, if maintained separately from the permit file, including permit applications,
  draft permits or notices of intent to deny, statements of basis and documentation,
  comments received during the public comment period, public hearing transcripts, final
  permits, and related records; and
- Administrative records for UIC and UIC land ban exemptions, if maintained separately
  from the permit file, including land ban petitions, permit applications, draft permits or
  notices of intent to deny, statements of basis and documentation, comments received
  during the public comment period, public hearing transcripts, final permits, and related
  records.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0018-0002

#### Disposable

- Close at issuance of administrative record.
- Destroy 30 years after file closure.

**Item c:** Routine permits

- Administrative records for permits excluding those covered by item b, including permit
  applications, draft permits or notices of intent to deny, statements of basis and
  documentation, comments received during the public comment period, public hearing
  transcripts, final permits, and related records;
- Other permit files such as UIC (excluding where EPA is the permitting authority and UIC aquifer exemptions), national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES),

pretreatment, sewage treatment, ocean dumping, new source review (NSR) (including prevention of significant deterioration (PSD), nonattainment NSR, and minor NSR), and Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) disposal, including draft and final permits, permit modifications, background and supporting documentation, public notices, comments and records of public meetings, fact sheets, exception reports, appeals, delistings, correspondence, and related records (except those covered in items a and d);

- RCRA permits excluding RCRA land disposal covered by item a, including facilities that
  comply with regulations without following the usual permitting process, and contains
  notification forms, permit applications and modifications, background and supporting
  documentation, public notices, drafts and final permits, comments and records of public
  meetings, fact sheets, exception reports, appeals, import and export notifications, closure
  and post-closure documents, inspection reports, court orders, manifests, delistings,
  correspondence, records relating to interim status, and related records; and
- UIC Class V survey forms where the facilities have responded that there is no shallow well on their property and do not require a permit, or businesses change ownership or go bankrupt.

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0018-0003

#### Disposable

- Close when administrative record is issued, or permit is renewed or terminated, or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 10 years after file closure.

**Item d:** Dredging and fill permits (except the 404 program under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) covered by schedule 1035).

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0018-0004

#### Disposable

- Close when permit is renewed or terminated (revocation or expiration), or at end of calendar year, or when no longer needed for current agency business.
- Destroy 5 years after file closure.

**Item e:** Financial and state assurance documents

NARA Disposal Authority: DAA-0412-2013-0018-0005

#### Disposable

- Close when related records are destroyed or transferred to the National Archives.
- Destroy after file closure or return to submitter.

#### **Guidance:**

Media neutral – This schedule authorizes the disposition of the record copy in any media (media neutral). However, if the format (e.g., electronic) of permanent records is specified in a records schedule approved by NARA, the records are to be transferred to the National Archives in accordance with NARA standards at the time of transfer. If the record copy is created in electronic format or digitized (e.g., imaged) and maintained electronically (e.g., Data on Aquatic Resources Tracking for Effective Regulation (DARTER) maintained in the Office of Water), the electronic records must be retrievable and usable for as long as needed to conduct Agency business and to meet NARA-approved disposition to comply with 36 CFR Sections 1236.10, 1236.12, 1236.14, and 1236.20. Retention and disposition requirements for the various components of electronic systems (e.g., software, input, output, system documentation) are covered in schedule 1012, Information and Technology Management. In addition to 36 CFR 1236, see "Basic Requirements of an Electronic Recordkeeping System at EPA" on the EPA records internet site [http://www.epa.gov/records/tools/erks.htm].

Sensitive information - When records are due for destruction according to the disposition instructions, records containing sensitive information (e.g., confidential business information (CBI), personally identifiable information (PII)) must be shredded or otherwise definitively destroyed to protect confidentiality.

Recordkeeping requirements for authorized states –If authorized states maintain disposable records for the retention periods identified above, the program office may decide to review the records in the state offices rather than maintain copies in regional offices and destroy the copies it receives. If recordkeeping requirements (e.g., what records to keep and how long to keep them) for authorized states are not covered in EPA's regulations, they should be established in a memorandum of understanding or agreement.

Draft permits and working papers – Draft permits and working papers may be destroyed after approval of the final permit.

Notification forms â€" Notification forms that have been withdrawn or canceled prior to issuance of a permit and TSDs that have not gone through the permitting process are subject to the same retention as the permits. Regional offices may determine the appropriate file closure for notification and other files for which a permit is not issued.

Land disposal permits – If land disposal permits are included or combined with other permits, they may be separated, if practical and volume warrants.

Financial assurance documents â€" Financial assurance documents are "ability to pay" documents, and negotiable instruments such as letters of credit and stock certificates. Original negotiable instruments must be protected and kept in fireproof, locked containers such as a safe. Copies of the negotiable instruments may be kept in the related files.

Related records - Compliance and enforcement records are covered by schedule 1044. Clean Water Act, Section 404 records are covered by EPA 1035.

Copies of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives - The copy of permanent electronic records transferred to the National Archives (previously scheduled as schedule 0205a(3) and 0478a(3)) maintained by the submitting office until they are notified by NARA that the transfer is successful is a nonrecord (schedule 0008, item a) and can be deleted when no longer needed.

Regional Off-Site Contact (ROC) records - Regional Off-Site Contact (ROC) records related to facilities approved to receive Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) wastes are currently under review for retention purposes and are not to be destroyed until the retention is approved.

# **Reasons for Disposition:**

The following changes were made in the 08/31/2015 version:

- Moved from draft status to final.
- Added NARA approval date.

The following changes were made in the 05/31/2015 version:

- Revised the file closure instructions for RCRA records covered by item a.
- Deleted Regional Off-Site Contact (ROC) records covered by item c due to re-evaluation of retention

This schedule combines and consolidates previously approved EPA and GRS schedule items.

#### **Custodians:**

Multiple units

#### **Related Schedules:**

EPA 0008, EPA 1035, EPA 1044

#### **Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

Previous NARA disposal authorities can be found at:

http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/consolidation/files/1047 Permits Crosswalk.docx.

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