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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2017-023]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when agencies no longer need them for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. NARA publishes notice in the Federal Register for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. § 3303a(a).

DATES: NARA must receive requests for copies in writing by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Once NARA finishes appraising the records, we will send you a copy of the schedule you requested. We usually prepare appraisal memoranda that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. You may also request these. If you do, we will also provide them once we have completed the appraisal. You have 30 days after we send to you these requested documents in which to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting Records Appraisal and Agency Assistance (ACRA) using one of the following means:

Mail: NARA (ACRA); 8601 Adelphi Road; College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: request.schedule@nara.gov

FAX: 301-837-3698

You must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency that submitted the schedule, and a mailing address. If you would like an appraisal report, please include that in your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Hawkins, Director, by mail at Records Appraisal and Agency Assistance (ACRA); National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road; College Park, MD 20740-6001, by phone at 301-837-1799, or by email at request.schedule@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing records retention periods and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. These schedules provide for timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the agency to dispose of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

The schedules listed in this notice are media neutral unless otherwise specified. An item in a schedule is media neutral when an agency may apply the disposition instructions to records regardless of the medium in which it creates or maintains the records. Items included in schedules submitted to NARA on or after December 17, 2007, are media neutral unless the item is expressly limited to a specific medium. (See 36 CFR 1225.12(e).)

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without Archivist of the United States' approval. The Archivist approves destruction only after thoroughly considering the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value.

In addition to identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records (or notes that the schedule has agency-wide applicability when schedules cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency); provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction); and includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it also includes information about the records. You may request additional information about the disposition process at the addresses above.

SCHEDULES PENDING:

1. Department of the Army, Agency-wide (DAA-AU-2016-0045, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system used to track parts and asset shortages in support of depot-level maintenance operations.

2. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency (DAA-0361-2017-0001, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records relating to personally owned property abandoned at Department of Defense activities.

3. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency (DAA-0361-2017-0002, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system used to report food inspections at installations.

4. Department of Energy, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (DAA-0434-2015-0008, 11 items, 10 temporary items). Records relating to finance and procurement including accounting, purchasing, contract administration, asset valuation, and preparation and maintenance of the budget and payroll and related material. Proposed for permanent retention are records relating to first prime contracts.

5. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (DAA-0443-2016-0002, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Administrative technology transfer records including agreements, application files, letters, and progress and sales reports.

6. Department of Justice, Agency-wide (DAA-0060-2016-0006, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Records related to the coordination of agency rulemaking actions.

7. Department of Justice, Agency-wide (DAA-0060-2017-0004, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records documenting office and program level annual work plans.

8. Department of the Navy, Agency-wide (DAA-NU-2015-0006, 36 items, 33 temporary items). Records relating to medicine and dentistry including routine correspondence, tissue exam results, diving and hyperbaric medical treatment, dental reports, training, obesity case files and associated records. Proposed for permanent retention are records relating to policy and planning, individual health care files, and reports of medical research.

9. Department of the Navy, Agency-wide (DAA-NU-2015-0008, 35 items, 28 temporary items). Records relating to ordnance management including routine correspondence, deperming and degaussing, ordnance equipment, device calibration, occupational vision tests, and related matters. Proposed for permanent retention are records relating to policy and planning, ordnance technical instructions, logistics programs, ordnance design, technical reports and manuals, harbor defense, and special weapons records.

10. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Agency-wide (DAA-0180-2017-0001, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Registered entity applications, and related amendments and supplements.

11. Peace Corps, Office of Global Operations (DAA-0490-2016-0004, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records of the Office of Staging and Pre-Departure, related to facilitating the orientation and departure of volunteers to overseas posts.

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