

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR)
 WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (Agency or establishment)
 Department of Energy

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
 Office of Environmental Health and Safety

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION
 Office of Human Radiation Experiment Records

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER **5. TELEPHONE**
 William LeFurgy 202-254-5028

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JOB NUMBER
 NI-434-96-1

DATE RECEIVED
 10-17-95

NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.

DATE **ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES**

2-26-96 *John W. Carl*

6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached 3 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,

is not required; is attached; or has been requested.

DATE 10/11/95	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Mary Ann Wallace</i> Mary Ann Wallace	TITLE Leader, Records Management Team
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7. ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
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SF-115: Request for Records Disposition Authority

U. S. Department of Energy
Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health
Office of Human Radiation Experiments (OHRE)

1.

OHRE Project Office Files. Collection includes information and decision memoranda on project guidance, management decisions, staff organization, structure, missions, policies, and activities of OHRE. Files contain the initial Office of Security Evaluations documentation for the human radiation experiment effort, including information on the origins, formation, structure, function, mission, policies and early activities of the project. Other records include copies of public document releases, site progress reports and other formal submissions from the field, documents containing Privacy Act information, and subject files including information officially submitted to the Assistant Secretary's office and the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments (ACHRE). In addition, this collection includes eight cubic feet of files from the office of the OHRE Director. These files contain information and decision memoranda on project guidance, management decisions, staff organization, structure, missions, policies, and activities of OHRE. Records include meeting memoranda, staff papers, internal communications, and correspondence. Volume: 34 cubic feet. Dates: 1994-1995.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives when 10 years old.

2.

Case Files of the Human Radiation Experiment Information Center (HREIC). Collection includes the office files of the HREIC, an element of the Office of Human Radiation Experiments. A small volume of these files relate to the origins, structure, functions, mission, policies and activities of the office. The majority of the records in this collection contain documentation on the coordination, receipt and response to over 5,000 public inquiries. These records relate to specific activities carried out by the Department in investigating human radiation experiments and associated medical, occupational and environmental exposure inquiries. Files contain Congressional correspondence and some correspondence which contains Privacy Act information. Volume: 130 cubic feet. Dates: 1994-95. Privacy restricted.

Disposition: Destroy when 65 years old.

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3. Division of Biology & Medicine, Plutonium Injection Files. The records were created or collected by AEC staff during the 1974 investigation of the plutonium injections. They document information on persons who were injected with plutonium between 1945 and 1947 at several hospitals as part of the effort to establish adequate guidelines for the protection of workers against workplace exposures to plutonium. The records provide information on the measurement of the plutonium excretion rate and the plutonium body content of several subjects by the staff of Argonne National Laboratory many years after injection. The files also contain medical information relating to health status at the time of injection, medical status at the time of measurement in the mid 1970's, and death certificates for those deceased. They also contain documentation relevant to the 1972-1974 search and contact efforts and to the scientific investigations conducted as part of the Argonne National Laboratory follow up efforts. The followup studies focused on three persons who were alive in the 1970's and four persons who had died. For the living subjects the purpose was to determine the excretion rate long after injection. For the deceased subjects, the purpose was to determine the amount of plutonium retained by the body at the time of death and to evaluate the degree to which the plutonium had redistributed within the skeleton. The files contain original records created by AEC/DBM, and Argonne staff, and copies of records created by others before Argonne's follow up studies. The collection consists of patient records, letters, memoranda, reports, handwritten notes, and charts. No index is available. Volume: 3.3 cubic feet. Dates: 1945-88. Privacy restricted.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives immediately.

4. U.S. AEC, Division of Biology and Medicine, Radiation Exposure ("Special Case") Files. This collection consists entirely of files which document exposures of individuals and groups to radiation. Most seem to be occupational or accidental exposures to radiation. The collection includes files on exposures of named individuals, the Marshall Islanders in 1954, the Lucky Dragon crew in 1954, radium cases, and of weapons testing personnel. The collection was consolidated into a special collection by the AEC division of biology and medicine. The collection contains letters, memoranda, reports, and telegrams. A folder title listing is available. Volume: 4 cubic feet. Dates: 1945-62. Classified.

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5.

Records of Human Radiation Experiments Associated with DOE and Its Predecessors. Collection includes a complete hard copy listing of 435 experiments OHRE identified as performed or funded by the DOE or its predecessor agencies, as cited in two OHRE publications: Human Radiation Experiments: The DOE Roadmap to the Story and the Records and Human Radiation Experiments Associated with the DOE and Its Predecessors. In addition, this collection includes experiment descriptions and copies of many of the primary and secondary sources from which the descriptions were drawn. Volume: 7 cubic feet. Dates: 1994-1995.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives when 10 years old.

6.

Records of the Oral History Project. This collection documents twenty-nine audiotaped interviews of thirty scientific researchers and government officials conducted between September 1994 and January 1995. Files include bibliographies, curricula vitae, journals, technical reports and papers, and transcriptions of sessions with interviewees. Collection also includes staff memoranda, correspondence and approximately seventy-five 60-minute audiocassettes copies of interviews. Volume: 6 cubic feet. Dates: 1994-1995.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives immediately.