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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2016-052]

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 Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (DAA-0145-2016-0003, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Records relating to Federal acquisition contracting and certification.

2. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (DAA-0436-2016-0005, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Records related to the importers of firearms and ammunition.

3. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Fiscal Service (DAA-0425-2016-0010, 7 items, 7 temporary items). Records of the Surety Bond Branch relating to the qualification of insurance companies as acceptable sureties on bonds, including financial statements and worksheets, policy files, and auditor notes.

4. Executive Office of the President, Council on Environmental Quality (DAA-0580-2014-0001, 17 items, 6 temporary items). Records include routine administrative records and correspondence, volunteer applications, general emergency management files, and working files. Proposed for permanent retention are files of senior agency

officials including correspondence, briefing materials, and subject files; emergency management files for essential functions; and files associated with regulatory oversight.

5. Federal Reserve System, Office of the Inspector General (DAA-0082-2015-0001, 19 items, 16 temporary items). Records include investigation and audit case files and related records, general program files, legal opinion records, and strategic plans. Proposed for permanent retention are case files of significant investigations, final reports, and reports to Congress.

6. General Services Administration, Agency-wide (DAA-0352-2016-0001, 5 items, 5 temporary items). Records related to information technology hosting and shared services provided for agencies, including agreements; management, operations, and standards development files; and publicly-posted web content for agencies.

7. National Science Foundation, Office of the Inspector General (DAA-0307-2016-0003, 17 items, 13 temporary items). Records include investigative and audit case files (exclusive of those with significant historical value), peer review files, audit policies and procedures, strategic plans, project files, and administrative and case tracking records. Proposed for permanent retention are investigative and audit case files with significant historical value, final investigative policies and procedures, and semiannual reports to Congress.

8. Peace Corps, Office of Global Operations (DAA-0490-2016-0005, 3 items, 2 temporary items). Records of the Office of Peace Corps Response including routine program files and administrative records. Proposed for permanent retention are program management files.

9. Peace Corps, Office of Volunteer Recruitment and Selection (DAA-0490-2016-0006, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Records related to the management, placement, support, recruitment and return of Peace Corps volunteers.

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