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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) 2.4: Employee Compensation and Benefits Records

Records created or received while conducting payroll functions and while managing specific programs that offer employees monetary or other tangible benefits. Additionally, this schedule includes records needed to support various departmental Health Programs that require records to be maintained for an extended period of time (75 years to 250 years). See DOE/GRS 2.3 (Employee Relations Records) and DOE/GRS 2.7 (Employee Health and Safety Records) for other programs that provide intangible benefits, protections, or assistance to employees.

Most payroll is processed electronically, with payroll system input records both electronic and paper (paper is usually scanned into the system). This schedule covers only versions determined to be official payroll system records.

NOTE: Refer to GRS 2.4 for all other Employee Compensation and Benefits records not addressed in this schedule.

Item	Records Description		Disposition Instruction	Disposition Authority
Payrol				
010	Employee Payroll Record for each Pay Period	Temporary. Destroy when 75 years old.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0001	
EPI	Aggregate records documenting payroll disbursed in agency's or contractors' entire payroll: base pay, ac	dditions to and deductions from pay, and leave		
	balances of all civilian employees within an agency of			
	Note: Deviation to GRS 2.4, item 040 (legal citation various departmental Health and Safety Programs t period of time.	• •		
020	Time and Attendance Source and Input Records	Detailed records that include work locations	Temporary. Destroy when 250 years old.	DAA-GRS-2019- 0004-0002
EPI	Records including sign-in/sign out records,	Time and attendance source and input records		
211	timecards, leave applications and approvals of all that contain work locations for specific days/times, charge codes or other identifiers			
	requests and approvals; premium pay	that could place an employee in a particular		
	authorizations; and other records documenting employees' presence at or absence from work.	location or project/operation.		

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	Note: GRS 2.4, item 030 authorizes a longer retention for business use. Records are needed to support various departmental Health Programs that require records to be maintained for a longer period of time.		
025	Records that do not contain work locations (Federal)	Temporary . Destroy when 10 years old.	DAA-GRS-2019- 0004-0002
EPI	Time and attendance source and input records that do not contain work locations for specific days/times, charge codes or other identifiers that could place an individual in a particular location, project, or operation.		
	Note: GRS 2.4, item 030 authorizes a longer retention for business use. Records are needed longer to support the Office of Inspector Generals (OIG) mission of preventing fraud, waste and abuse in DOE programs and operations.		
030	Records that do not contain work locations (Contractor)	Temporary . Destroy 10 years after final payment.	DAA-GRS-2019- 0004-0002
EPI	Time and attendance source and input records that do not contain work locations for specific days/times, charge codes or other identifiers that could place an individual in a particular location, project, or operation.	,	
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		Generals (OIG) mission of preventing fraud, waste and abuse in DOE programs and operations.		
Compe	ensation and Benefits Administrative Program Record	ds.		
100	 Workers Compensation (Personal Injury Compensation) Case files on injuries employees sustain while perform whether or not the employee filed a workers' compensation. forms, reports, correspondence, claims medical and investigatory records administrative determinations or court rulings payment records Exclusion 1: Copies filed in the Employee Medical Feetings Exclusion 2: Copies filed in Individual Employee Personation Exclusion 3: Records created and maintained by the Compensation. Note: Deviation to GRS 2.4, item 100 and 101. Recondent and Safety Programs that require records to be a support of the supp	ming their duties that result in lost time or death, ensation claim. Includes: older. (See DOE 2.7, item 020) onal Injury Case File. (See DOE 2.7, item 110) Department of Labor's Office of Workers'	Temporary. Destroy 250 years after compensation is terminated or when deadline for filing claim has passed.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0002
110	 Unemployment Compensation Records Unemployment compensation records include, but a notification of termination administrative review 	are not limited to:	Temporary. Destroy 3 years after employee separates.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0003

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	 any dispute hearings, correspondence compensation enrollment forms employment verification employee depositions computation of benefit amounts 			
120	Employee Tuition Assistance Program Employee tuition assistance program reimbursement records for work related undergraduate, certificate, and graduate level courses taken at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Records include, but are not limited to: original signed tuition request forms notification of grades proofs of payments related correspondence		Temporary. Destroy when 6 years old.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0004
130	Health Compensation Program The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) and the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act provide that the Department of Energy respond to requests received from employees or their survivors, or from Federal agencies, in support of employee compensation claims, to determine whether exposures have been a factor of illness.	Claims Response Files (Individual Case Files) The following records represent health compensation program Individual case file which include, but are not limited to: • compensation claim forms • notifications of resolution of claims • industrial hygiene records • medical records • payroll files • radiological files • training records • neutron dose reconstruction • employment records	Temporary. Destroy when 250 years old.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0007

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Item	Records Description Disposition Instruction			Disposition
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		 employee position descriptions employee work schedules investigatory records relating to on-the-job injuries individual health care records and other medical information that could be used to determine whether exposures may have been a factor in illness Note: Claim case files on individuals are maintained by the organization that is responsible for submitting the claim to the EEOICPA Office through either the Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) system or 		
140		another means. DOE Privacy Act System of Record – DOE-10 – Energy Employ Compensation Program Act: Federal employees or survivors of employees or survivors of employees of the Department of En National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), its predeces contractors and subcontractors. Working Files	of federal employees, nergy, including the	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0008
		The following records represent health compensation program working files, maintained separately from the final response file, which may include, but are not limited to: • drafts • reference materials		

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		 file copies created and collected to process Health Compensation Programs claims and to prepare final response files 		
150		Control Files The following represent health compensation program control working files which could include, but not limited to: • finding aids • procedures • logs • reports • databases • statistical summaries	Temporary. Destroy 15 years after program completion or discontinuation.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0009
160		Administrative Files Program administrative records include, but are not limited to: • implementation • reporting Program performance • routine correspondence • administrative memoranda	Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0010

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170	Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) The SERT system is the host for collecting and reviewing Energy Employee Occupational Illness and Compensation Act (EEOICPA) claims of employees and former employees of DOE. The SERT system access is shared with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The system collects claimant requests and information needed to administer EEOICPA compensation claims, including information collected from DOL to establish the DOE employee case file. The Program information collected is	Claims data (metadata) include, but is not limited to: SERT claim numbers request dates claimants' full names social security numbers dates of birth Claims data is utilized in reviewing and processing claims, generating pending and overdue case reports and preparing claims and response metrics.	Temporary. Destroy 15 years after program completion or discontinuation.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0005
180	used to identify the appropriate servicing DOL district office and/or the NIOSH office making the request. Claimant information is aggregated to support DOE business uses, such as statistical reporting for pending cases, overdue cases, number of claims, and timeliness of Program responses. Note: The documentation on the SERT system is scheduled under GRS 3.1, Item 011.	Claims support files include, but are not limited to: official requests forms letters and other supporting documentation of claimant names, social security numbers and dates of birth final DOE request responses issued to DOL and NIOSH	Temporary. Destroy 60 days after download by recipient.	DAA-0434- 2020-0013-0006

General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.4
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GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE 2.4: Employee Compensation and Benefits Records

This schedule covers records Federal agencies create while conducting agency payroll functions (items 010-061) and while managing specific programs that offer employees monetary or other tangible benefits (items 070 to 141). See GRS 2.3 (Employee Relations Records) and GRS 2.7 (Employee Health and Safety Records) for other programs that provide intangible benefits, protections, or assistance to employees.

Most payroll is processed electronically. Agencies create payroll system input records both electronically and on paper (brought into the system by scanning). This schedule covers only versions the agency determines to be official payroll system records. GRS 5.2, item 020 (Intermediary records) covers paper documents for which the agency designates their equivalent electronic versions to be the record copies.

This schedule does not cover Office of Personnel Management files that reflect its own or other agencies' personnel needs and problems. Agencies must offer records they created prior to January 1, 1921, to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) before applying disposition instructions in this schedule.

Item	Records Description	Disposition Instruction	Disposition Authority
Payro			
010	Records used to calculate payroll, arrange paycheck deposit, and change previously issued paychecks. Includes: additions to paychecks child care subsidies Internal Revenue Service form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number) other additions deductions from paychecks insurance retirement accounts (e.g. Thrift Savings Plan, my Retirement Account, etc.) flexible spending accounts, such as medical savings and dependent care assistance union dues Combined Federal Campaign garnishments (IRS form 668A—Notice of Levy—and similar records) Treasury bond purchases other deductions authorizations for deposits into bank accounts	Temporary. Destroy 3 years after paying agency or payroll processor validates data, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2019-0004- 0001

Item	Records Description		Disposition Instruction	Disposition Authority
	changes or corrections to previous trans-Fair Labor Standards Act exemption world	actions either at paying agency or payroll processor ksheets		
020	Employee withholding allowance certificates such as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) W-4 series forms and state equivalents, and records of fringe benefits and expense reimbursements provided to employees.		Temporary . Destroy 4 years after superseded or obsolete, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0002
030	family medical, military service, jury duty, le	applications and approvals of all types (annual, sick, eave donations, etc.); overtime, compensatory, and m pay authorizations; and other records documenting ork. Utilize DOE 2.4, items 020, 025 or 030	Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2019-0004- 0002
035	Phased-retirement employees' overtime documenting ordering or permitting Legal citation: 5 CFR 831.1715, section 4	mentation. (FEDERAL ONLY) ng phased-retirement employees to work overtime.	Temporary . Destroy when 6 years old , but longer retention is authorized if required for business use .	DAA-GRS- 2018-0001- 0001
040	00 0	bursed in each pay period: base pay, additions to and all civilian employees within an agency or employing Utilize DOE 2.4, item 010 for Employee Payroll records for each pay period	Temporary. Destroy when 56 years old.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0004
050	Wage and tax statements. Agency copies of IRS form W-2 (Wage and T Tax Statements), IRS forms in the 1099 series	Tax Statement, IRS form W-3 (Transmittal of Wage and es, and state equivalents.	Temporary . Destroy when 4 years old, but longer retention	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0005

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	four years." Agen IRS Publication 15 (20	Form section states, "The IRS recommends retaining copies of these forms for cies attach their copies of form W-2 to form W-3. 14), (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide, section on Recordkeeping (copies of onfirmation numbers).	is authorized if required for business use.	
060	Payroll program administrative records. Records produced in administering and operating payroll	Administrative correspondence between agency and payroll processor, and system reports used for agency workload and or personnel management purposes.	Temporary. Destroy when 2 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0006
061	functions of a general nature and not linked to an individual employee's pay.	Payroll system reports providing fiscal information on agency payroll.	Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old or after GAO audit, whichever comes sooner, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0007
Compe	ensation and Benefits Adm	inistrative Program Records		
070	 records of leave ba records of leave ba publicity and progr statistical and narra 	inaging the program, including: ink management ink governing board award decisions ram announcements	Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0008
071	or denials; medical or	ndividual case files. leave donation and receipt, including recipient applications; agency approvals physician certifications; and records of leave donations, supervisor approvals, Il notifications, and terminations from the program.	Temporary. Destroy 1 year after the employee receiving leave is no longer participating in the program, but longer retention is	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0009

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			authorized if required for business use.	
080	Wage survey files. Records created while conducting periodic surveys of wages paid to a specified wage area to support and modify the Federal Wage System background documents, correspondence and reports on area wages background papers establishing need, authorization, direction, and a development and implementation of wage schedules; and request for rates (excluding authorized wage schedules and wage survey recapit	Includes survey data, paid for each employee class; nalysis of wage surveys; or an authorization of specific	Temporary. Destroy after completing second succeeding survey in the specific wage area (i.e., retain records of the two most recently completed surveys), but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0010
090	Incentive package records. (FEDERAL ONLY) Records of recruitment, relocation, and retention incentives; federal supervisory differentials offered under the Federal Employees Pay Co Contractors utilize DOE 2.2, item 030 Contractor Employee Personnel File for employment agreements, recruitment, relocation, employee awards, and retention incentive packages		Temporary. Destroy 3 years after date of approval, completion of service agreement, or termination of incentive or differential payment, whichever is later, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0011
100	Workers' Compensation (personnel injury compensation) records. Federal Employees' Compensation Act case files on injuries Federal employees sustain, while performing their duties that result in lost time or death, whether or not the employee filed a workers'	Records of agencies that forward case file material to DOL for retention in DOL's master OWCP records.	Temporary. Destroy 3 years after compensation ceases or when deadline for filing a claim has passed.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0012
	 compensation claim. Includes: forms, reports, correspondence, claims medical and investigatory records administrative determinations or court rulings 	· ·	Norkers Compensation (personal OE 2.7, Item 110 for Individual Erase File	
101	payment records Exclusion 1: Copies filed in the Employee Medical Folder.	Records of agencies that do not forward case file material to DOL for retention	Temporary. Destroy 15 years after compensation ceases or	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0013

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		d and maintained by the Department of	in DOL's master OWCP records.	when deadline for filing a claim has passed.	
	Labor's Office of Workers' Co	kers' Compensation. Utilize DOE 2.4, item 100 for Wo		Workers Compensation (persona OOE 2.7, Item 110 for Individual E Case File	
110	Requests for health benefits under spouse equity. (FEDERAL ONLY) Applications and related	Successful applications, including those appealed.	e denied and successfully	Transfer to appropriate retirement system after enrollment is cancelled or terminated, or annuity payment begins.	
111	papers. If applications are denied, may include denial letters, appeal letters, and court orders.	Denied applications.		Temporary. Destroy 1 year after original denial, denial of appeal, or final court order, whichever is appropriate.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0014
120	 verifying child care cent tracking funds disbursed publicity and program a statistical and narrative 	g the program, including: subsidy available to employees ers' accreditation I to individual child care centers nnouncements		Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0015
121	enrollment documentatapplications and supporeligibility verification (er	oyee participation in child care subsidy pr ion	rograms, such as:	Temporary . Destroy 2 years after employee participation concludes, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0016

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	 agreements between agencies and employees notice of approval or denial of participation in program child care provider information 		
130	Transportation subsidy program administrative records. Records related to managing the program, including: determining subsidy amount available to employees publicity and program announcements records of program-wide benefit delivery and receipt statistical and narrative reports similar records not linked to individual employee participation	Temporary. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0017
131	Transportation subsidy program individual case files. Case files of individual employee participation in transportation subsidy programs, such as: applications and supporting documents eligibility verification notice of approval or denial of participation in program participant training documentation periodic estimates of transit expenses record of individual benefit delivery and receipt de-enrollment documents settlement of outstanding debts by employee or Government when employee leaves program	Temporary. Destroy 2 years after employee participation concludes, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0018
140	Family Medical Leave Act program administrative records. Records related to managing the program, including copies of policies and guidance describing employee benefits and employee use of paid and unpaid leave under the FMLA, statistics, reports, and other records not linked to individual employee participation. Legal citation: 29 CFR 825.500	Temporary . Destroy 3 years after superseded or obsolete, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0019

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141	Family Medical Leave Act program individual case files. Includes: employee eligibility to participate in program eligibility notice given to employee notice of employee rights and responsibilities, questions from employees about those rights and responsibilities, and responses to them medical certifications employee identification data records of pay basis, compensation terms, normal hours per pay period, additions to or deductions from wages, total compensation normally paid leave request, approval/non-approval leave records records of premium payments of employee benefits records of disputes between employers and eligible employees regarding designation of leave as FMLA leave periodic reports of employee status and intent to return to work	Temporary. Destroy 3 years after conclusion of leave being taken, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.	DAA-GRS- 2016-0015- 0020