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**Department of Energy
Administrative Records Schedule 21:
Audiovisual Records
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This schedule covers audiovisual and related records created by or for Department and those acquired in the normal course of business. For audiovisual records that are not described in this schedule, an SF 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority, must be submitted to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Audiovisual records include still and motion picture photography, graphic materials, and sound and video recordings. Related documentation includes (1) production files or other files documenting the creation, justification, ownership, and rights to the records and (2) finding aids used to identify or access the records.

This schedule does not cover: (1) cartographic records, (2) remote sensing imagery recorded on film or magnetic tape, or (3) microform copies of textual records. Disposable cartographic records and remote sensing imagery recorded on film are covered by ADM 17; temporary computerized data are covered by ADM 20 and ADM 23; and microform copies of textual records that have been authorized by NARA for destruction need not be separately scheduled, in accordance with [36 CFR 1238.32 \(b\)](#).

This schedule provides guidance for certain audiovisual records considered permanent or potentially permanent. Additional guidance in identifying, maintaining, using, and making disposition of potentially permanent audiovisual records is provided in the NARA publication, "Managing Audiovisual Records: An Instructional Guide" available at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/publications/managing-audiovisual-records.html>.

The word "destroy" is used to authorize the destruction of data or information. Erasable media such as audio tape should be reused whenever practical. Silver-bearing photographic film must be destroyed in accordance with 41 CFR 109-45.1003, "Recovery of Precious Metals."

Requirements for Permanent Retention:

Black and white photographs: An original negative and captioned print. If the original negative is unstable safety, acetate, nitrate, or glass, a duplicate negative is also needed.

Color photographs: Original color transparency or color negative, a captioned print, and an internal-negative if one exists.

Slide sets: Original and a reference set, and the related audio recording and script if one exists.

Other pictorial records (posters, artwork, etc.): Original and one reference print.

Departmentally-sponsored motion picture films (for distribution): Original negative or color original plus separate optical soundtrack, and intermediate master positive or duplicate negative plus optical soundtrack, and sound projection print.

Department-sponsored motion picture films (for internet use): Original negative or color original plus sound, and projection print.

Agency-acquired motion picture films: Two projection prints.

Unedited out-takes and trims (the discards of film productions): if properly arranged, labeled, and described, and depict unstaged, unrehearsed events of historical interest or historically significant phenomena: Original negative or color original and work print.

Conventional, mass-produced, or multiple-copy disc recordings: The master tape, the matrix or stamper of each sound recording, and a disc pressing of each recording.

For magnetic sound recordings usually on audio tape (reel-to-reel, cassette, or cartridge): Original tape or the earliest generation of the recording and a “dubbing” if one has been made.

Still Photography

1. Routine Photographs. (GRS 21, item 1)

Photographs of routine award ceremonies, social events, and activities not related to the Mission of the Department.

Destroy when 1 year old.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 050 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0006).

1.1 Departmental Sites and Mission Photographs.

Photographs that relate to the mission of the Department such as:

- a. Major program and laboratory activities, personnel at work, and experimental methods and results determined to be of importance due to public interest in the project, the content or results of the research, or prestige of the researcher; N1-434-98-23(1.1a))
- b. Images that document construction projects of scientific, technical, or public interest; (N1-434-98-23(1.1b))
- c. Images that depict Department sites and their growth such as laboratories or other scientific or technical structures or facilities; N1-434-98-23(1.1c))

- d. High-level, one-of-a-kind, or of significant interest meetings, ceremonies, or events; (N1-434-98-23(1.1d))
- e. High level officials carrying out transactions of political, scientific, technical or public interest.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business. N1-434-98-23(1.1e))

1.2 Photographs That Are Unique. (N1-434-98-23 1.2)

Photographs that contain information that is unique in substance, arrangement, or manner of presentation, which document unusual phenomena, utilize a new technology, or represent an advance in the state of the art, and is unavailable in another form.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.

1.3 Unidentifiable Photographs: (NI-434-90-7) **NON-RECORD**

Photographs of scientific or technical activities that are of unidentifiable persons, experiments, apparatus, or activities and are deemed to be of no special historical, scientific or technical significance.

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded by DOE (non-record). Note: N1-434-90-7 is an Oak Ridge SF115 that is now inactive.

2. Personnel Identification or Passport Photographs. (GRS 21, item 2)

Destroy when 5 years old or when superseded or obsolete, whichever is later.

Superseded by GRS 2.2, item 090 (DAA-GRS-2023-0002-0002) (in part) and GRS 5.6, items 120 & 130 (DAA-GRS-2021-001-0005 & -0006) (in part).

3. Training (Internal Personnel and Administrative Filmstrips and Slides of Programs.

- a. Mission-related training materials. Materials that reflect the mission, and mission related functions, policies or procedures of the Department and contractors.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business. (N1-434-98-23 3a))

- b. Other training materials. Materials that do not reflect the mission responsibilities of the Department.

Destroy 1 year after completion of training program. (GRS 21, item 3)
Superseded by GRS 2.6, item 010 (DAA-GRS-2016-0014-0001).

3.1. Duplicate Audiovisual Items. **NON-RECORD**

Duplicate audiovisual items in excess of those record elements required for preservation, duplication, and reference service by 36 CFR 1228.184.

Destroy when no longer needed.
Rescinded by DOE (non-record).

4. Reserved. (GRS 21, item 4) **Does not exist.**

Graphic Arts

5. Viewgraphs. (GRS 21, item 5)

Destroy 1 year after use.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 050 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0006).

6. Routine Artwork. (GRS 21, item 6)

Routine artwork for handbills, flyers, posters, letterhead, and other graphics.

Destroy 1 year after final publication or when no longer needed.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 030 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0003).

6.1 Published Posters. (N1-434-90-1 1))

Posters depicting DOE facilities, research projects, security awareness themes and related topics which are distributed to Departmental and contractor offices as a means of promoting DOE program concerns and policy initiatives.

Permanent. Transfer 2 copies of each poster along with information about the poster (copyright, title, artist, date and file number) to the National Archives upon publication.

7. Photo-mechanical Reproduction. (GRS 21, item 7)

Line and Halftone negatives, screened paper prints and offset lithographic plates used for photo-mechanical reproduction.

Destroy when no longer needed for publication or reprinting.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 030 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0003).

8. Line Copies. (GRS 21, item 8)

Line copies of graphs and charts.

Destroy 1 year after final production or when no longer needed.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 030 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0003).

Motion Pictures

9. **Films Acquired from Outside Sources.** (GRS 21, item 9)

Films acquired from outside sources for personnel and management training.

Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

Superseded by GRS 2.6, item 010 (DAA-GRS-2016-0014-0001).

9.1 **Non-Mission Training Films.** (GRS 21, item 3)

Films developed or sponsored by the Department or its contractors for non-programmatic training; i.e., security or records management training.

Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

Superseded by GRS 2.6, item 010 (DAA-GRS-2016-0014-0001).

9.2 **Mission Training Films.** (N1-434-98-23 9.2)

Films developed by the Department or its contractors for programmatic training that relates to the missions and functions of the Department.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.

9.3. **Entertainment Films.** **NON-RECORD**

Films acquired from outside sources for personnel entertainment and recreation.

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded – Non-record.

10. **Reserved.** (GRS 21, item 10)

Does not exist.

11. **Routine Surveillance Footage:** (GRS 21, item 11)

Destroy when 6 months old.

Superseded by GRS 5.6, item 090 (DAA-GRS-2021-0001-0003).

12. **Routine Scientific, Medical, or Engineering Footage.** (GRS 21, item 12)

Destroy when 2 years old.

Rescinded by Transmittal 26.

12.1 **Unique Films.** (N1-434-98-23 12.1)

Unique or one-of-a-kind films that document programs, functions, and activities of significant scientific, environmental, medical, historical or public interest.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.

12.2. Duplicate Print. NON-RECORD

Duplicate prints and pre-print elements in excess of those elements required for preservation by 36 CFR 1228.184.

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded by Transmittal 26.

13. Reserved. (GRS 21, item 13)
Does not exist.

Video Recordings

14. Programs Training Acquisitions. (GRS 21, item 14)

Programs acquired from outside sources for personnel and management training.

Destroy 1 year after completion of training program.

Superseded by GRS 2.6, item 010 (DAA-GRS-2016-0014-0001).

14.1. Entertainment Outside Acquisitions. NON-RECORD

Programs acquired from outside sources for personnel entertainment and recreation.

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded – Non-record.

15. Reserved. (GRS 21, item 15)
Does not exist.

16. Rehearsal or Practice Tapes. (GRS 21, item 16)

Destroy immediately.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 030 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0003).

17. Internal Personnel and Administrative Training Programs.

- a. Programs that do not that do not reflect the mission of the Department. (These include "role-play" sessions, management and supervisory instruction, etc.)

Destroy 1 year after completion of training program. (GRS 21, item 17)

Superseded by GRS 2.6, item 010 (DAA-GRS-2016-0014-0001).

- b. Internal training programs that relate to the missions and functions of the Department.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.
(N1-434-98-23 17b))

18. Routine Surveillance Recordings. (GRS 21, item 18)

Destroy when 6 months old.

Superseded by GRS 5.6, item 090 (DAA-GRS-2021-0001-0003).

19. Routine scientific, medical or engineering recordings. (GRS 21, item 19)

Destroy when 2 years old or when no longer needed.

Rescinded by Transmittal 26.

19.1 Unique Recordings. (N1-434-98-23(19.1))

Unique or one-of-a-kind recordings that document programs, functions and activities of significant scientific, environmental, medical, historical or public interest.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.

20. Routine Recordings. (GRS 21, item 20)

Recordings that document routine meetings and award presentations.

Destroy when 2 years old.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 050 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0006).

20.1 Mission-related Recordings. (N1-434-98-23(20.1))

Formal informational recordings (and scripts) by the Secretary or other senior officials for presentation to DOE and contractor entities that are of historical interest and relate to the mission, policies, scope of work or state of the Department.

Permanent. Cutoff at end of fiscal year. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.

20.2 Duplicate dubbings. **NON-RECORD**

Duplicate dubbings and pre-mix elements in excess of those elements required for preservation, duplication, and reference by 36 CFR 1228.184.

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded by Transmittal 26.

21. **Reserved.** (GRS 21, item 21)
Does not exist.

Audio (Sound) Recordings

22. **Recordings Exclusively for Transcription.** (GRS 21, item 22)

Recordings of meetings made exclusively for note taking or transcription, EXCLUDING recordings of proceedings of Presidential commissions and other executive commissions.

Destroy immediately after use.

Superseded by GRS 5.2, item 020 (DAA-GRS-2022-0009-0002).

- 22.1 **Recordings of High-level Meetings.** (N1-434-98-23(22.1))

Recordings of proceedings of high-level meetings of historical, public, scientific, or technical interest.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in five-year blocks when the newest record is 5 years old. Earlier transfers are authorized if no longer needed for current Department business.

[NOTE: Recordings of Presidential and other executive commissions are not covered by the ADM. Such records are usually appraised as permanent, and they must be described on an SF 115 submitted to NARA for final disposition approval.]

23. **Dictation Belts or Tapes.** GRS 21, item 23)

Destroy immediately after use.

Superseded by GRS 5.2, item 020 (DAA-GRS-2022-0009-0002).

24. **Premix Sound Elements.** (GRS 21, item 24)

Premix sound elements created during the course of a motion picture, television, or radio production.

Destroy immediately after use.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 030 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0003).

- 24.1 **Library Sound Recordings (e.g., Effects, Music).** **NON-RECORD**

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded by Transmittal 26.

25. **Reserved.** (GRS 21, item 25)
Does not exist.

26. **Daily or Spot News Recordings.** (GRS 21, item 26)

Daily or spot news recordings available to local radio stations on a call-in basis.

Destroy when 6 months old.

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 040 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0004).

26.1 Duplicate Dubbings. NON-RECORD

Duplicate dubbings in excess of those elements required for preservation, duplication, and reference by 36 CFR 1228.184.

Destroy when no longer needed.

Rescinded by Transmittal 26.

27. Reserved. (GRS 21, item 27)

Does not exist.

Related Documentation

28. Production Files.

Production files or similar files that document origin, development, acquisition, use, and ownership of temporary audiovisual records.

a. Temporary audiovisual.

Dispose of according to the instructions covering the related audiovisual records. (GRS 21, item 28)

Superseded by GRS 6.4, item 050 (DAA-GRS-2016-0005-0006).

b. Historically significant audiovisual records.

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives along with related audiovisual records. (N1-434-98-23(28b))

29. Finding Aids. (All finding aids, electronic as well as paper versions, whenever they exist).

Finding aids for identification, retrieval, or use of :

a. Temporary audiovisual records.

Dispose of according to the instructions covering the related audiovisual records. (GRS 21, item 29)

Superseded by GRS 4.1, item 010 (DAA-GRS-2013-0002-0016).

b. Permanent audiovisual records. (N1-434-98-23(29b))

Permanent. Transfer to National Archives along with related audiovisual records. (Electronic versions should be in native format, as well as an ASCII version).