

National Archives and Records Administration  
REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

Records Schedule Number: DAA-AU-2023-0002

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Date Approved: 02/09/2024

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## General Information

Agency or Establishment	Department of the Army
Record/Scheduling Group	AU - Army Undifferentiated Scheduling Group
Records Schedule Applies To	Agency-wide
Schedule Subject	Jefferson Proving Ground Environmental Records
Additional Schedule Information	<p>The Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG), located in southeastern Indiana, was established in 1940 by the U.S. War Department with the primary mission of testing munitions. It operated under the Test and Evaluation Command from 1941 to 1995. JPG played a crucial role in conducting research, testing, and operations related to various Army ammunition components and ordnance items; however, the testing led to the contamination of soil and groundwater with hazardous chemicals, heavy metals, and unexploded ordnance. In 1996 the Army closed the base and transferred testing operations to the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona. JPG is currently administered by the BRAC Division within the U.S. Army's Installation Management Agency which is responsible for managing JPG's closure, cleanup, and property transfer.</p> <p>These records document the remediation efforts carried out by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the US Army Corps of Engineers to decontaminate the area. Efforts involve the removal of contaminated soil and the implementation of groundwater treatment systems. In addition, the collection documents the actions taken by federal officials to communicate with the public and protect the wildlife in the surrounding area. The Army Environment Management System is outlined in Department of the Army regulation 200-1 Environment Production and Enhancement, which sets the framework for environmental management within the Army. This collection supports the National Archives appraisal policy 1441 appendix 2 Environmental Health and Safety Records.</p> <p>This direct offer applies to a specific set of records currently located at ARMD. The compilation comprises 29 cubic feet (c.f.) of records encompassing a time from 1941 to 1995. The records are stored in standard Federal Records Center boxes. This schedule also applies to similar substantive records if found documenting the Jefferson Proving Ground environmental clean-up.</p>

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Is There a Classified Version of This  
Schedule? No

Is consultation and coordination with  
Tribal Governments required? No - the records covered by this schedule do not implicate Tribal  
interests

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## Item Count

Total number of disposition items: 1

Number of Temporary disposition items: 0

Number of Permanent disposition items: 1

Number of Items with Disposition Not Approved: 0

Number of Inactive disposition items: 0

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Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-AU-2023-0002

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
0001	Jefferson Proving Ground: Base Closure, Realignment, and Environmental Monitoring	Permanent

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Records Schedule Items

<b>DAA-AU-2023-0002-0001</b>		<b>STATUS: Active</b>
<b>ITEM GENERAL INFORMATION</b>		
Item Title	Jefferson Proving Ground: Base Closure, Realignment, and Environmental Monitoring	
Item Description	Records documenting: the closure of the proving grounds and transferring operations to Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona, environmental data and analysis involving exposure to hazardous substances, clean up procedures, risk analysis, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reports, Environmental Impact Statements, scoping reports, Environment Protection Agency (EPA) reports, public hearing transcripts held by Federal Officials, transcripts of internal agency meetings, annual reports to Congress, maps, cost analysis, newspaper clippings, correspondence, radiation testing results, slide presentations from hearings.	
Is this item media neutral?	Yes	
Is this item a Big Bucket?	No	
<b>SUPERSEDED AGENCY DISPOSITION AUTHORITIES AND GRS DEVIATIONS</b>		
Does this item supersede existing disposition authorities?	No	
Is this item a deviation from the GRS?	No	
<b>DISPOSITION INSTRUCTION</b>		
Final Disposition	Permanent	
Cutoff Instructions	There is no cutoff instruction	
Are there multiple instructions for this item?	No	
Transfer Instruction	Transfer to the National Archives immediately after approval of schedule	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>		
Current Records Format	Textual data:29 cubic feet	
Date span of the initial transfer	From: 01/01/1941 To: 12/31/2015	
Are any of the records covered by this item subject to a FOIA exemption?	No	

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Signatory Information

Action	User	Date
Accept	Tony Williams	09/18/2023
Approve	Colleen Shogan	02/09/2024