

Request for Records Disposition Authority <small>(See Instructions on reverse)</small>		Leave Blank (NARA Use Only)	
To. National Archives and Records Administration (NIR) Washington, DC 20408		Job Number 71-029-05-2	
1 From (Agency or establishment) Department of Commerce		Date Received 8-1-2005	
2 Major Subdivision Bureau of the Census		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request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
3 Minor Subdivision American Community Survey Office			
4 Name of Person with whom to confer Agnes Kee	5 Telephone (include area code) 301-763-1516	Date 12/30/05	Archivist of the United States <i>Ally W. Winston</i>
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 <u>4</u> 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required <input type="checkbox"/> is attached <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
Signature of Agency Representative <i>Leonard J. Thompson</i>		Title Records Officer Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/22/2005	
Item Number	8 Description of Item and Proposed Disposition	9 GRS or Superseded Job Citation	10 Action taken (NARA Use Only)
	American Community Survey, 2005 The American Community Survey (ACS) will collect decennial census long-form data every month instead of once every ten years. The Census Bureau will provide tabulations of these data on a yearly basis rather than only once each decade. After years of research, development and testing, the ACS began full implementation in January 2005 in every county of the U.S. with an annual sample of three million housing units. Full implementation also included all municipios in Puerto Rico with an annual sample of approximately 432,000 housing units. The ACS data will be available every year for areas and population groups of 65,000 or more beginning in Summer 2006. For small areas and population groups of 15,000 or less, it will take five years to accumulate a sample to provide estimates with accuracy similar to that of the decennial census. That means updated information for areas such as neighborhoods will be available starting in Summer 2010 and every year thereafter.		
<i>cc Agency NWME NWMD NWMA NWCT</i>			

AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS:

a. Unedited Master Files with Names and Addresses

These files are the first files created when the data are initially captured. The data have not been edited and missing answers have not been imputed. Therefore, the files reflect responses provided by the respondents.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer the 2005 and beyond Unedited Master File annually to the National Archives upon release of the public use microdata to the public, in accordance with 36 CFR 1228.188.

b. Edit Master Files without Names and Addresses

Files created by editing the data from the unedited master file. This is the basis for the public use file. The edited master files contain personal information regarding ACS respondents and is restricted under Title 13, U.S. Code.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer the 2005 and beyond Edit Master Files annually to the National Archives upon release of the public use microdata to the public, in accordance with 36 CFR 1228.188.

c. Public Use Microdata Files

Public use files are created from the edited data files by suppressing certain data to protect the confidentiality of the respondents.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer the 2005 and beyond Public Use Microdata Sample data annually to the National Archives upon release to the public, in accordance with 36 CFR 1228.188.

d. System Documentation

Technical information such as narrative descriptions, logbooks, codebooks, data dictionaries, file layouts, and similar information that is needed to read or process the records.

Disposition: Permanent. Transfer documentation for the Unedited Master, Edited Master and Public Use Microdata files to the National Archives with the files in accordance with 36 CFR 1228.188.