

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
		JOB NUMBER N1-374-09- <i>4</i>	
To: NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001		Date received <i>9/29/09</i>	
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) Defense Threat Reduction Agency		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION Research and Development Enterprise (RD)		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request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	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 Nuclear Test Personnel Review Branch (RD-NTSN)			
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Dorotheia (DeeDee) Byrd	5. TELEPHONE NUMBER 703-767-5089	DATE <i>11 Sept 12</i>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>[Signature]</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 this page are not needed now for the business for 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,			
X is not required; <input type="checkbox"/> is attached; or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested.			
DATE <i>7/31/09</i>	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Dorotheia Byrd</i>		TITLE Records Officer, Chief of Information Management Branch
7. ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) – See Attached	N1-374-97-1	

NTPR and VBDR Records

1: Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR)

Background:

DTRA keeps case files of participation and dose information for a cohort of 488,000 atomic veterans (avg. age 82), who participated in United States atmospheric nuclear testing and the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki from August 6, 1945 to July 1, 1946, and individuals who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll. The Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Program supports the approximately 40% of the group that survives, who can seek compensation for alleged, service induced, radiogenic disease from VA and/or DOJ. The NTPR Program (by law) provides verification of qualifying compensation status and radiation dose reconstruction. Stakeholders include the Armed Forces, Department of Energy, Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Health and Human Service and the individuals and their families involved.

The records exist either as hard copy files or on a database called the Nuclear Test Personnel Review. In the NTPR, a case file has been opened for all identified individuals; however, not all cases have information other than the name. The program is in the process of scanning the case files (following NARA requirements) into each applicable case file, as time allows from other duties. Therefore, a portion of the collection is scanned each year. In addition, as new information arises, it can be entered directly into the electronic case file.

~~a. Inputs~~

~~Hardcopy inputs covered by GRS 20, item 3a and include Name, Rank, grade, service number, Social Security Number, last known or current address, dates and extent of test participation, exposure data, unit assignment, medical data, and documentation relative to administrative claims or civil litigation. Source from which these inputs are extracted from the following:~~ *GRS 20.3a*

- ~~• Retired Military Personnel records from the National Records Center~~
- ~~• US DTRA Form 10 from individuals voluntarily contacting DTRA or other elements of DoD or other Government Agencies by phone or mail~~
- ~~• DoD historical records~~
- ~~• Dosimetry records~~
- ~~• Records from the Department of Energy, Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Health and Human Service~~

b. Master File

This includes records of veterans that might have been exposed to radiation and the effects.

Disposition: Permanent. Cut off annually ~~and pre-accession records to NARA~~. Retain physical and legal custody at agency for 75 years after case termination then transfer to NARA. (Records contain information subject to the Privacy Act). *NARA revoked pre-accession policy 4/19/2022*

~~c. Outputs~~

~~The outputs from NTPR are covered by the GRS 20 item 16 and include ad hoc reports and print-outs. This system contains at least 75% Privacy Act Information.~~ *GRS 20.16*

~~d. Documentation~~

~~The system documentation ~~disposition~~ is covered under GRS 20, item 11a(1) and includes data systems specifications, file specifications, codebooks, record layout, user guides, output specifications, and final reports (regardless of medium) relating to a master file, database or other electronic records.~~ *GRS 20.11 & (1)*

2: Veteran Board Dose Review (VBDR)

The Veterans Board Dose Review system is used to review and manage claims from all veterans alleged of being subjected to nuclear radiation which results in various cancers and other acute and chronic radiological diseases. The Federal Advisory Board will conduct the meetings or hearings to determine if the dosage/ exposure levels are linked to the radiological agents. The VBDR system is used to maintain and store the laboratory records and data. The records that are being maintain minute meetings and request of inquiries for all veterans.

Background:

Beginning in 1978 radiation dose reconstructions have been performed for military personnel who participated in the atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons from 1945 to 1962 at the Trinity Site in New Mexico, at the Nevada Test Site, and in the Pacific, or who were prisoners of war in Japan or were stationed from September 1945 to July 1946 in Hiroshima or Nagasaki, Japan after the atomic bombs were detonated.

Because of concerns about the increased risk of cancer and other illnesses in Veterans who may have been exposed to radiation from nuclear weapons, several laws have been passed by Congress since 1981 that relate to the reconstruction of radiation doses received by Veterans and the compensation of Veterans for adverse health effects associated with radiation exposure. The latest legislation was enacted on December 16, 2003, as the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-183, referred to below as the Act).

Following the recommendation of a National Academy of Sciences report published in 2003 on the Dose Reconstruction Program, this Act required the establishment of an independent Advisory Board that will provide oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims settlement programs for Veterans. The Board, which has been named the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR), is required by the Act to conduct periodic, random audits of dose reconstructions and decisions on claims for radiogenic diseases, assist the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in communicating to Veterans information on the mission, procedures, and evidentiary requirements of the Dose Reconstruction

Program; and carry out such other activities with respect to the review and oversight of the Dose Reconstruction Program as the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs shall jointly specify.

VBDR may also make recommendations on modifications in the mission or procedures of the Dose Reconstruction Program if it considers these changes to be appropriate as a result of its audits.

~~a. Inputs~~

~~Inputs to VBDR hardcopy inputs covered by GRS 20, item 3a and include Name, Rank, grade, service number, Social Security Number, last known or current address, dates and extent of test participation, exposure data, unit assignment, medical data, and documentation relative to administrative claims or civil litigation. Source from which these inputs are extracted from the following:~~

GRS 20.3a

- ~~• Retired Military Personnel records from the National Records Center~~
- ~~• US DTRA Form 10 from individuals voluntarily contacting DTRA or other elements of DoD or other Government Agencies by phone or mail~~
- ~~• DoD historical records~~
- ~~• Dosimetry records~~
- ~~• Records from the Department of Energy, Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Health and Human Service~~

b. Master File

This includes records of veterans that might have been exposed to radiation and the effects. This system contains 25% of Privacy Act Information.

Disposition: Temporary. Cut off annually. Retain in Agency custody. Destroy 75 years after case termination. (Records contain information subject to the Privacy Act).

~~e. Outputs~~

~~The outputs from VBDR are covered by the GRS 20 item 16 and include ad hoc reports and print-outs.~~

GRS 20.16

d. Documentation

The system documentation disposition is covered under GRS 20, item 11a(1) and includes data systems specifications, file specifications, codebooks, record layout, user guides, output specifications, and final reports (regardless of medium) relating to a master file, database or other *GRS 20.11A(1)*
~~electronic records~~