

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY <i>(See Instructions on reverse)</i>		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NUMBER N1-434-92-7	DATE RECEIVED 8-20-92
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) U.S. Department of Energy		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION Asst. Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health		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request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	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 Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance (EH-42)			
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Mr. Paul J. Paradis	5. TELEPHONE 586-5955	DATE 9/18/92	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES C. L. H. G.

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 ___ 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,

is not required; is attached; or has been requested.

DATE 7/21/92	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>C. L. H. G.</i>	TITLE Departmental Records Officer
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7. ITEM NO	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	See Attached Sheet		

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Administration of DOE Health and Mortality Study.

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, and related documents pertaining to all aspects of DOE and predecessor agency study of radiation exposure health effects upon agency and contractor employees. The DOE Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research within the Office of Energy Research assembled this file in 1978 in response to public controversy surrounding the termination of a DOE contract with Dr. Thomas Mancuso. Dr. Mancuso had been collecting data and conducting health effects research on DOE workers since 1964. In withdrawing Mancuso's funds for the Health and Mortality Study, DOE was charged with attempting to suppress findings linking occupational radiation exposure with higher levels of cancer. According to former Division officials, this file was assembled by obtaining duplicate copies from existing files in DOE headquarters and field offices. The intent of establishing the file was to dispel coverup charges by presenting a comprehensive historical overview of agency health effects research into radiation exposure. The file includes internal agency research reports as well research evaluations and policy formulations. Due to the extensive controversy this matter generated, as well as to the intense ongoing interest in radiation exposure health effects, permanent disposition of these records is warranted. Volume: 9 cubic feet (40 3-ring binders; item index included in box 9); dates: ca. 1959-1978; unclassified.

Disposition: Permanent. Send to Washington National Records Center immediately. Transfer to National Archives when 25 years old (January 1, 2003).