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## Description of Item

(7) Initial Decisions of the Administrative Law Judge

(8) Final Decision of the Reviewing Authority

(9) Appeals to the Secretary, DHEW

(10) Secretarial Dispositions

The purpose of the files are to maintain records of the proceedings as required by CFR Part 81. The files are subject to review by Congress, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and other interested parties and agencies.

Files are used by attorneys in the DHEW and private attorneys representing parties involved in administrative hearings. The files may also be used as evidence in court proceeding or before semi-judicial bodies.

## Disposition of Files:

Transfer of Federal Record Center (5) years after the close of procedure. Files must be permanently retained because they often serve as relevant evidence in long term administrative litigation and civil litigation in the federal courts.

Transfer to the FARC seven (7) after the close of procedure. Destroy twenty-five (25) years after close of procedure unless needed as precedential cases or for legal purposes. The files which are saved for these purposes must be reviewed annually for disposal.

Approved by

OS Records Officer