

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY (See Instructions on reverse)		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NUMBER N1-60-93-9	
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of Justice		DATE RECEIVED 3-15-93	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION Environment and Natural Resources Division		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request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	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 Field Offices		DATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES 5/13/93 James W. Moore	
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Sharon Hitzelberg	5 TELEPHONE 272-6758		
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>1</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, or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested.			
DATE 03-12-93	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE Bernard W. Berglund	TITLE Records Officer	
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
1.	The Environment and Natural Resources Division is responsible for all suits and matters of a civil nature in the Federal district courts, state courts, and in the Court of Claims relating to real property, including lands, water and other related environmental resources. Responsibilities include the administration of real property and the establishment and protection of Federal water rights. Water rights case files. The Denver field office litigates all water rights cases. Water rights cases involve the protection of water rights of the United States, specifically client agencies such as the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. The case files contain such materials as the application by individuals or the United States, statements of opposition, decrees setting terms and conditions regarding water rights of the United States as established by state courts, and related documents. Conditional decrees require the applicant to come back to the court every 7 years, and	N1-60-82-3, Item # 1	

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prove it has been working on the water project, in an attempt to put the water to beneficial use. These cases go on for decades before they are decreed absolute. Courts usually retain jurisdiction over water matters for administration, even though the quantification of the water right is completed at the time the decree is entered. Subsequent applications by water users on the river system may be filed for new water rights, or for changes in the point of diversion, place, or type of use. The subsequent filings may require the attorney to pull the original water court case for a variety of reasons. Approximately six cubic feet per year.

Disposition: Cut off at the end of the calendar year in which the case is closed. Transfer to the Federal records center one year after cutoff. Destroy 75 years after cutoff.