**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

(See Instruction on reverse)

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**TO: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

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1. **FROM (Agency or establishment)**
   - U.S. Department of Labor

2. **MAJOR SUBDIVISION**
   - Employment Standards Administration

3. **MINOR SUBDIVISION**
   - Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

4. **NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER**
   - Dorothy C. Chester

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**DATE RECEIVED**

1-15-86

**NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY**

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.

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**CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE**

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of ______ 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, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is attached.

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A. **GAO concurrence**: [ ] is attached; or [ ] is unnecessary.

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**DATE**

4-18-86

**SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE**

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**DOL RECORDS OFFICER**

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<td><strong>OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS</strong></td>
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<td>Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC)</td>
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<td>FCMSA Case Files</td>
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Changes in numbering of items authorized on January 15, 1986 by Dorothy C. Chester in telephone conversation with T. Lane Moore.
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Payment Records

Black Lung claims are paid by either the Black Lung Benefit Trust Fund or by the Responsible a & B Mine Operator (R/O).

a. Medical Determination Files

Bills submitted by the providers of medical services to the claimants and requests for reimbursement of travel and other expenses incurred by claimants in their efforts to obtain benefits from the Black Lung Program.

(1) National Office Medical Determination Files, Trust Fund or R/O, pertaining to closed cases transferred to District Offices in 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Transfer to FRC in 1982 or 1983. Destroy 4 years and 3 months after transfer.

(2) Other Trust Fund Batched Bills

When all bills are paid, transfer the pertinent bills to FRC. Destroy bill batches when 6 years and 3 months old.

b. Batched Medical Treatment Bills

Accepted providers of medical and health services and approved claimants with Black Lung or related disorders submit bills to DCMWC requesting payment. Bills are batched complete with a batch control sheet microfilmed and the batch is placed in a folder.

(1) Trust Fund Bills

When all bills in the batch are paid, transfer the batch to FRC. Destroy bill batches when 6 years and 3 months old.
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c. Benefit Payments

Awarded claimants are paid allotments based on the criteria established by the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended.

1. Benefit Payment for Approved Cases

Retain fiscal records in DCMWC for the lifetime of the claimant and as long as there are qualified dependents. After all actions are completed, transfer to FRC. Destroy when 10 years old.

2. Benefits Payments for Interim Pay Cases that are later denied

Retain fiscal records of these payments in DCMWC for two (2) years from the time that the denial becomes final and all actions are completed. Transfer to FRC. Destroy when 15 years old.