

## Request for Records Disposition Authority

Records Schedule Number DAA-0057-2017-0001  
Schedule Status Approved

Agency or Establishment U.S. Geological Survey  
Record Group / Scheduling Group Records of the U.S. Geological Survey  
Records Schedule applies to Agency-wide  
Schedule Subject The National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive. Specifically, the film derived from the electronic signals from the Landsat Multispectral Scanner (MSS) and Thematic Mapper (TM) sensors.

Internal agency concurrences will be provided No

### Background Information

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) serves the Nation as an independent fact-finding agency that collects, monitors, analyzes, and provides scientific understanding about natural resource conditions, issues, and problems.

The mission of the USGS's Climate and Land Use Change (CLU) Mission Area is to meet the Nation's need for basic geospatial data, ensuring access to and advancing the application of these data and other related earth science information for users worldwide.

In 1992, Congress directed the Department of the Interior to establish a permanent Government archives containing satellite remote sensing data of the Earth's land surface -- and to make these data easily accessible and readily available for study. Residing in the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this collection of information is known legally as the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive (NSLRSDA). It is a comprehensive, permanent, and impartial record of the planet's land surface derived from 50+ years of remote sensing. U.S. Public Law 102-555 authorizes the USGS to permanently maintain, preserve, and add to our Nation's remotely sensed collections over land areas of the world. Additions to the NSLRSDA are continuously sought and those that meet the NSLRSDA criteria will become part of the permanent archive.

This schedule updates records management guidance and record schedule for the Landsat Multispectral Scanner (MSS) and Thematic

Mapper (TM) film that has a digital equivalent. This film was created from 1972 to 1992 from the digital signals received from Landsat satellites. The film is either of a 9-inch by 9-inch or 70-millimeter form factor. The film totals approximately two million frames. The approximate volume of the film amounts to 480 cubic feet for the TM collection and 3,700 cubic feet for the MSS collection. Including duplicates, the shelf space occupied by the film totals 5,180 feet.

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent Disposition Items	Number of Temporary Disposition Items	Number of Withdrawn Disposition Items
1	0	1	0

GAO Approval

## Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0057-2017-0001

Sequence Number	
1	Copies of Landsat MSS and Landsat TM film derived from electronic signals received from the two sensors on board Landsat satellites. Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0057-2017-0001-0001

## Records Schedule Items

Sequence Number	
1	<p data-bbox="358 406 1398 476">Copies of Landsat MSS and Landsat TM film derived from electronic signals received from the two sensors on board Landsat satellites.</p> <p data-bbox="358 495 1141 529">Disposition Authority Number      DAA-0057-2017-0001-0001</p> <p data-bbox="358 549 1503 804">Landsat MSS and Landsat TM film, for which there is a viable, digital equivalent. This film was created from 1972 to 1992 from the digital signals received from Landsat satellites. The film is either of a 9-inch by 9-inch or 70-millimeter form factor. The film totals approximately two million frames. The approximate volume of the film amounts to 480 cubic feet for the TM collection and 3,700 cubic feet for the MSS collection. Including duplicates, the shelf space occupied by the film totals 5,180 feet.</p> <p data-bbox="358 823 919 857">Final Disposition                      Temporary</p> <p data-bbox="358 876 854 910">Item Status                              Active</p> <p data-bbox="358 929 808 963">Is this item media neutral?          No</p> <p data-bbox="358 983 1503 1123">Explanation of limitation              The original data stream was received from electronic signals sent from Landsat satellites. The electronic records were also recorded on film, which is a derivative from the e-records.</p> <p data-bbox="358 1142 824 1261">Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing?      Yes</p> <p data-bbox="358 1281 808 1372">Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured electronic data?                      No</p> <p data-bbox="358 1410 672 1444"><b>Disposition Instruction</b></p> <p data-bbox="358 1464 1442 1534">Cutoff Instruction                      This film was created from 1972 to 1992 from the digital signals received from Landsat satellites.</p> <p data-bbox="358 1553 1305 1587">Transfer to Inactive Storage          No interim storage planned or required.</p> <p data-bbox="358 1606 1474 1640">Retention Period                        Destroy immediately after approval of the schedule.</p> <p data-bbox="358 1678 672 1713"><b>Additional Information</b></p> <p data-bbox="358 1732 954 1766">GAO Approval                            Not Required</p>

## 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 in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

## Signatory Information

Date	Action	By	Title	Organization
05/11/2017	Certify	Larry Reedy	Records and Information Management Specialist	Office of Information and Investment Management - Information Management Branch
08/01/2017	Submit for Concurrence	Jessica Blessman	Appraisal Archivist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACRA
08/02/2017	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Services	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
08/02/2017	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Services	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
08/03/2017	Approve	David Ferriero	Archivist of the United States	Office of the Archivist - Office of the Archivist