

<b>REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY</b> (See Instructions on reverse)		<b>LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)</b>	
TO: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NUMBER <i>N1-070-96-1</i>	DATE RECEIVED <i>12-15-95</i>
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) Bureau of Mines		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request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION Information and Analysis		DATE <i>6-4-96</i>	
3. MINOR SUBDIVISION		ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>John W. Carl</i>	
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Joyce A. Hicks	5. TELEPHONE 202/501-9252		

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 2 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	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	TITLE
<i>12/16/95</i>	<i>Elizabeth Khan</i>	Records Management Officer

7. ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	(See Attached)		

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## Item No.

1 Mineral Property Files (New item)

The Mineral Property Files (MPF's) contain hard copy geologic, engineering, and other mining-related information that document, via U.S. Bureau of Mines investigations dating from the 1920s, the mineral potential of thousands of U.S. mine sites. The information was acquired under a variety of Federal defense-related programs such as the War Mineral Report investigations, the Defense Mineral Exploration Administration program, strategic and critical minerals program, and other USBM mineral assessment programs authorized by Federal mineral, environmental, and land-use planning legislation. The technical information may include field notes, mine/geologic/drill hole maps, drill hole logs, sample analyses, drilling and engineering plans and project expenses, quantitative mineral reserves estimates, cost estimates, technical correspondence and reports, and photographs. The MPF's contain, in addition to a large amount of non-confidential data, some company-provided proprietary data and USBM economic evaluations whose confidentiality is provided for by Federal statute (P.L. 96-479, P.L. 62-386).

## PERMANENT

- a. For non-proprietary and non-confidential data, transfer immediately to the National Archives.
- b. For proprietary and other confidential data, transfer to the Federal Records Center upon closure of the USBM. After 30 years, transfer to the National Archives.

2 Mineral Land Assessment Reports (New item)

The Mineral Land Assessment reports are internal government reports that document the technical results of USBM mineral assessments for Federal land management agencies, mainly, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The reports convey information and judgements about the future mineral supply potential of Federal lands obtained through field geologic investigations and economic assessments. The reports also contain inventory and environmental site characterization information on inactive and abandoned mine land sites on Federal lands. These assessments were conducted under the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, the National Environmental Policy Act, etc., and support Federal land management decisions.

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives upon closure of USBM.