

<b>REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY</b> <i>(See Instructions on reverse)</i>		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
TO: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NUMBER	N1-416-93-2
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of Transportation		DATE RECEIVED	4-7-93
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
3. MINOR SUBDIVISION Research and Development		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request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER	5. TELEPHONE	DATE	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES
Christina Morgan	202/366-0183	5-15-93	<i>Acting</i> <i>Cindy Hickman Peterson</i>

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 \_\_\_ 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
Mar. 29, 1993	<i>Edward R. Kordecki</i>	Records Officer, NHTSA

7. ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	See attached description and proposed disposition of the Texas State Accident Data Files and Documentation.		
<i>Copies sent to agency, NN-W, NN-T, NSx 5/19/93</i>			

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ITEM NO. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM & PROPOSED DISPOSITION

1. TEXAS STATE DATA. One of a collection of 27 states police reported accident data. Each state provides a census of all police accident reports, annually. The State Data are used to support National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) identification of traffic safety problems, development and implementation of vehicle and driver countermeasures, and evaluation of motor vehicle safety standards.

State police, local police, sheriffs and other enforcement officers in Texas fill out a Police Accident Report (PAR) for each motor vehicle accident resulting in \$250.00 worth of property damage, a personal injury, or a fatality. They record environmental and road conditions and accident, vehicle, and occupant characteristics. These reports are forwarded to the Texas Department of Public Safety who microfiche the hard copy and code data from the report onto a database containing reports from all police jurisdictions in the state. Texas uses these data to produce a report and analyze their highway safety and roadway problems. NHTSA obtains the data from the Texas Department of Public Safety and has used the data in many ways including to evaluate the relationship between injury severity measures obtained in the New Car Assessment Program and real-world crash experience and the relationship of car size to occupant injury in single-vehicle and two-vehicle crashes.

YEARS AVAILABLE: 1972, 1974 & thereafter

ARRANGEMENT STATEMENT: It is arranged by DPS Accident Number.

STATEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS: There are no restrictions.

CURRENT VOLUME: 12 cartridges and 11 tapes.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL ACCUMULATION: 1 tape.

DISPOSITION: Permanent. Cutoff annually. Transfer to the National Archives 12 months after the cutoff. First transfer (1972, 1974-1991 data) to the National Archives on May 1, 1993.

2. TEXAS STATE DATA DOCUMENTATION. File specification, user's manual, codebooks, record layouts, Police Accident Report (PAR), and coding instructions submitted by the state with its data.

YEARS AVAILABLE: 1972(data only, 1971 manuals apply); 1974(data only, 1975 manuals apply); 1975-1987; 1988(data only, 1987 manuals apply); and 1989 & thereafter

ARRANGEMENT STATEMENT: No special arrangement.

STATEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS: There are no restrictions.

CURRENT VOLUME: 6 inches.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL ACCUMULATION: Half an inch.

DISPOSITION: Permanent. Transfer copy of documentation with the data. Transfer updates and changes annually with subsequent transfer of the data.