### EQUIS FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

**TO:** NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)  
WASHINGTON, DC 20408

**FROM (Agency or establishment):**  
Tennessee Valley Authority

**MAJOR SUBDIVISION:**  
River System Operations & Environment

**MINOR SUBDIVISION:**

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**DATE:** June 18, 2001

**SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:** Georgia B. Greene  
**TITLE:** Manager, Records Management

### 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 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:** 11-5-01

### 8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION

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