

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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JOB NO.

N1-142-90-7

TO: **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408**

DATE RECEIVED

3/19/90

1. FROM (Agency or establishment)

NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

Tennessee Valley Authority

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION

Resource Development

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

River Basin Operations

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER

5. TELEPHONE EXT.

DATE

3/12/90

ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

Whom
Ronald E. Brewer

615-751-2520

[Signature]

6. 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.

A. GAO concurrence: is attached; or is unnecessary.

B. DATE	C. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	D. TITLE
<i>3/12/90</i>	<i>Ronald E. Brewer by d.e.b.</i>	TVA Archivist

7. ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM <i>(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)</i>	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN <i>(NARS USE ONLY)</i>
1	TVA History Timeline and Data Base (see attached description).		

Copies sent to NNA, 4NN 9/13/90

TVA HISTORY TIMELINE AND DATA BASE

The TVA Timeline is a graphic general overview of TVA history. The Timeline illustrates TVA's origins and its mission as defined in the TVA Act, as well as listing various chronologies of concurrent world, national, and regional events from 1890 through 1988 that have formed the settings for TVA's existence. The interrelationships of individual program elements that form the integrated resource development concept that is TVA can be seen on the Timeline.

The Cultural Resources organization conducted the research necessary to create the TVA Timeline. A large version of the Timeline, divided into four panels measuring 7-by-12 feet each, has been set up in an attractive display and shown at various TVA locations and at TVA-related functions. The Timeline is available in two standard sizes, 26-by-40 inches and 40-by-62 inches, and is available to the public for purchase. Cultural Resources plans to update the Timeline annually.

Intergraph software was used to create a data base on the Geographic Information System at Norris to produce the Timeline. The data base is accessed through alpha terminals and graphic work stations. The Timeline can be displayed on the screen and printed from the display. It can also be printed on a line printer or a Versatech Electrostatic Color Plotter. The data base is backed up weekly, and is archived onto magnetic tape. Information for the input to the data base was provided by the Cultural Resources organization from their research. The text is stored in a text data base and the charts are stored in a graphics program. The text data base and elements are only used to produce the hard copy and have a limited ability to be queried or searched. The text items that can be searched are year, month (if given), day (if given), history type (see below), and text itself. The data elements are shown below:

TEXT DATA BASE (HISTORY TYPES)

TVA History
General Electrical History
Muscle Shoals
Political and Economic - World, National, or Local
Social and Cultural - World, National, or Local
Technical advances and environmental changes - World, National, or Local
Co-op History
River History

CHARTS (STORED IN A GRAPHIC PROGRAM)

Power
Navigation
Flood Control
Reforestation
National Defense and Agricultural Development
Industrial Development

TVA HISTORY TIMELINE AND DATA BASE (continued)

DISPOSITION

A. Data elements and information in the text and graphic data bases

Revise as necessary to keep the Timeline current.

B. Printouts

1. One timeline measuring 40-by-62 inches

PERMANENT. Transfer a Timeline updated through 1990 to the National Archives upon approval of this schedule. Transfer one copy of each annual updated version of the Timeline in 5-year blocks in the calendar year that the fifth annual update is produced (the first transfer will include Timelines for the years 1991-1995 and will be shipped in 1995).

~~2. All other printouts (timeline drawings)~~

~~Destroy when no longer needed for historical purposes.~~