**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

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

**1 FROM (Agency or establishment)**
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

**2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION**
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

**3 MINOR SUBDIVISION**

**4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER**
Vicki Callahan

**5 TELEPHONE**
423-751-6249

**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 one 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**
10/21/97

**SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE**
Georgia S Greene

**TITLE**
Assistant TVA Archivist

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**JOB NUMBER**: N1-4142-98-4

**DATE RECEIVED**: 10-27-97

**NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY**
In accordance with the provision of 44 U.S.C. 3303(a) the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for may of the items marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 7.

**DATE**: 9-16-99

**ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**NSN**: 7540-00-634-4064
PREVIOUS EDITION NOT USABLE

**STANDARD FORM 115 (REV 3-91)**
Prescribed by NARA
36 CFR 1228

**9/27/1999 CBC copies to: agency, NAME, NR, NRC**
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS)

Material Safety Data Sheets, required since 1983, are prepared and distributed to users of hazardous materials by the manufacturers of those materials. TVA maintains approximately 45,000 of these sheets, and approximately 20 are created by TVA. They are the primary source of information on hazardous materials. They must be readily accessible during each work shift while employees are in their work area. They include chemical characteristics, physical hazards, health hazards, special protection, spill or leak procedures and special precautions for handling as well as cleanup and fire instructions. The owner of MSDS is Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S).

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An index of the MSDS is maintained on a CICS data base. The MSDS are being scanned and will be maintained electronically. Plans are to have them available for viewing throughout TVA.

A. MSDS created by TVA and created by manufacturers of hazardous materials that are maintained by OH&S (or successor organization)
   1. Hard copy
      Destroy when imaged and verified.
   2 Imaged version
      Destroy 75 years from date of MSDS unless earlier destruction is authorized by OSHA regulations.
   3 Electronic mail and word processing versions
      Delete when recordkeeping copy has been produced unless needed longer for revision or dissemination, whichever is later.

      (TO BE APPROVED BY NARA)

B. All other copies
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(Nonrecord)
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C. Index
   Delete with related records or when TVA determines that they are no longer needed for administrative, legal, audit, or other operational purposes, whichever is later.

(GRS 20, item 9)