REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

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

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)
   Tennessee Valley Authority

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
   Division of Property and Services

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
   Ronald E. Brewer

5. TEL EXT
   615-755-3351

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.

☐ A Request for immediate disposal.

☐ B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C. DATE
   5-18-76

D. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE
   Ronald E. Brewer

E. TITLE
   Assistant TVA Archivist

7. ITEM NO

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
   (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)

9. SAMPLE OR JOB NO

10. ACTION TAKEN

DIVISION OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES

Section 26a of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act requires that "No dam appurtenant works, or other obstruction, affecting navigation, flood control, or public lands or reservations shall be constructed, and thereafter operated or maintained across, along, or in said river (Tennessee River) or any of its tributaries until plans for such construction, operation, and maintenance shall have been submitted to and approved by the board; and the construction, commencement of construction, operation of maintenance of such structures without such approval is hereby prohibited."

The TVA Board established the Committee for Administration of Section 26a on August 23, 1937. With the emergence of water and air quality, factors, other factors of present program emphasis and future developments, the committee was abolished in late 1969. The responsibility of this program has been delegated to the Division of Property and Services.
There are two segments of files covering these records. The first is a file of agenda and minutes of meetings of the Committee for Administration of Section 26a, the Committee established by the board to approve applications. The minutes are only a listing of the applications approved during the meeting. Because this information is recorded in the application file, we suggest that these agenda and minutes be destroyed. These records are dated from 1935 to date.

The record copies of the formal applications' (numbered) for approval of construction or modification, operation or maintenance of structures affecting navigation, flood control, or public lands are filed numerically. These records constitute TVA's only complete records of all structures in the Tennessee River system which have been formally approved. For this reason, we request that these records be designated as permanent records.

On preliminary inquiries concerning procedures to be followed in applying for approval where no further correspondence is received, it is assumed that the proposal has been abandoned. These records are considered to have insufficient value to warrant retention beyond 5 calendar years, unless they are followed by a formal application.

Inquiries are also received concerning whether approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act is necessary. When it is determined that approval is not necessary and the applicant is so advised, this record of action should be retained permanently because of the possible precedent established by the decision. Referencing these records may be necessary in reviewing other applications.

We request that these retention periods be approved:

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(Previous approval for preliminary inquiries was given under job number II - NNA-3151, dated December 31, 1959.)