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:
Office of Natural Resources

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION
Land and Forest Resources

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

5. TEL Ext
FTS 858-2520

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 3 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
4/21/83

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)

FORESTRY RELATIONS CORRESPONDENCE FILE

The correspondence file for the Forestry Relations Division (presently the Land and Forest Resource Division) includes administrative and program records from 1933 to 1955. The Division's administrative records cover its organizational structure and reorganizations, administrative codes, policies and procedures, annual and monthly progress reports, and speeches and articles prepared by division employees.

Specific functions documented by the Division's program records are as follows:

1. Forestry research activities were conducted to provide information regarding forest resources (growth and draining of timber, ownership, forest taxation, wood-using industries), forest products marketing (distribution and consumption), and experiments and investigations in forest management, silviculture, forest protection, and forest influences; to test and demonstrate superior forest trees and tree crops, minor forest products...
including seasonal crops, chemical products (tannins, essential oils, and medicinals); to gather data during the operation of an experimental forest nursery and testing grounds at Norris, Tennessee, for the development and application of new or improved techniques; and to explore and test techniques of harvesting, transporting, processing, and use of biomass materials as a supplemental or alternative energy source. Included in these records are correspondence, reports, studies, saw-mill and woodworking surveys, fence post data summaries, checklists for determining commercial trees, and Tennessee Valley-wide Forest Inventory and Volume Compilations.

2. **A cooperative program** with State, Federal and local agencies, landowners, timber operators, forest products trade associations and citizen groups for watershed protection and forest development in tributary watersheds, forestry problem areas, and throughout the Tennessee Valley. This program was designed to secure and expedite economical forestry methods in woodland development and utilization, timber production, forest fire control and erosion control through reforestation. Labor for this program was provided by the Civilian Conservation Corp under the direction of the Tennessee Valley. TVA nurseries at Clinton, Tennessee, and Muscle Shoals, Alabama, produced and distributed forest planting stock in cooperation with Tennessee Valley State foresters. Also provided was technical advice in forest nursery planning and operation.

3. The **fish and wildlife development program** included limnological studies of reservoirs and tributary streams; surveys and technical studies of resources and their environment that were affected by TVA reservoir development; analyses of problems and opportunities for development and utilization of fishery and wildlife resources; cooperation with U. S. Fish and Wildlife and Atomic Energy Commission (presently the Department of Energy) about the effect of reservoir operation, stream sanitation and disposition of radioactive wastes on fish life.

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