

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		JOB NUMBER <i>71-412-06-1</i>	
To: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		DATE RECEIVED <i>5-1-2006</i>	
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) Environmental Protection Agency		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked <input type="checkbox"/> disposition not approved <input type="checkbox"/> or <input type="checkbox"/> withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> in column 10.	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION Region 5, Water Division			
3. MINOR SUBDIVISION State and Tribal Program Branch			
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Dan Cozza	5. TELEPHONE 312-886-7252	DATE <i>3/20/07</i>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>Allen Wenzel</i>
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 for disposal on the attached <u>3</u> 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, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required; <input type="checkbox"/> is attached; or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested.			
DATE <i>4/17/06</i>	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE Constance Downs <i>Constance Downs</i>	TITLE Acting Agency Records Officer	
7. Item No.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)

EPA 442 - Crandon Mine

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This schedule is in draft. It may be used to retire records, but may not be used to destroy records. If you have any questions, please contact the Records Help Desk.

EPA Records Schedule 442

Status: Draft, 01/16/2007

Title: Crandon Mine

Program: All Programs

Applicability: Region 5

Function: 108-023 - Environmental Monitoring and Forecasting

NARA Disposal Authority:

- N1-412-06-1

Description:

Includes records generated or received by EPA Region 5 Water Division's Crandon Project Team. The Crandon Project Team coordinated EPA's activities cooperating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and serving as trustee to American Indian Tribes in reviewing the Crandon Mining Company's mining permit application in northern Wisconsin. EPA agreed to review the draft USACE Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provide USACE with Hydrological Simulation Program FORTTRAN (HSPF) modeling results. The records include correspondence and memoranda, reports, and related documents created or received by multiple units within Region 5, between 1977 and 2004 that the Project Team Coordinator collected and maintained.

The records consist of internal communications within EPA, communications between EPA and USACE, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and other interested individuals and organizations. Also included are records associated with developing hydrological simulation data. Specific records include the following:

Crandon Project Team Coordinator Subject Files, 1986-2004 (24 cu. ft.) - Includes correspondence and memoranda, reports and reference material pertaining to EPA responsibilities arranged by subject. The records are divided into three subseries, distinguished primarily by differences in filing patterns associated with coordinator changes or the status of the project, including files dating from 1986-1995, 1996-2002, and 2002-2004. It also includes printed e-mails relating to the USACE EIS, HSPF and miscellaneous subjects from 1999-2004.

Crandon Mining Company, Environmental Impact Report (1995) and Addendum (1998) (4 cu. ft.) - Fifteen volume set of Crandon Mining Company original EIS and substantial resubmittal. Also includes Mine Permit and Application, 1995 and 1998; and Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit Application, 1995 and 1998. Arranged by volume number.

Records from Region 5, Water Division, Waste Management Permit Branch, 1994-1995 (1 cu. ft.) - Includes subject files and notes from the Waste Management Permit Branch that predate the establishment

of the Crandon Project Team. The files were subsequently transferred to the Project Team Coordinator. The records are not organized.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request files, 1998-2002 (2 cu. ft.) - Copies of FOIA requests and associated documents reflecting the Regional Counsel Office (ORC) responses to the requests. The documents consist of requests granted by ORC, requests that were partially denied and appealed by the requester. The records are not organized.

Studies and reports from the WDNR, 1977-1986 (4 cu. ft.) - Includes correspondence, memoranda, reports and related information created or received by the Region 5 Water Division, Waste Management Permit Branch relating to permit actions of the WDNR. The records were transferred to the Crandon Project Team to provide resource material. The records are not organized.

Hydrological Simulation Program FORTRAN development files, 1994-2003 (3 cu. ft.) - Includes correspondence, memoranda and subject files of project staff responsible for developing the hydrological simulation modeling databases. The records are not organized.

Hydrological Simulation Program FORTRAN database, version 12, 2005 (1 CD) - Includes information input into the hydrological simulation modeling program provided by the U.S. Geological Survey and further developed by EPA. The files reflect collection data for the Pickerel Creek and Swamp Creek watersheds in Northern Wisconsin for a period covering the previous 40 years.

Crandon Mine Web Site Snapshot, 2005 (1 CD) - Includes text and graphics files similar to other EPA Web pages. Includes information relating to the permitting process and the Crandon Mine application. EPA selected and scanned correspondence and permit documents produced or received by EPA in order to provide information to the public.

Disposition Instructions:

Item a: Crandon Project Team Coordinator Subject Files

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives upon approval of SF 115 - Request for Records Disposition Authority.

Item b: Crandon Mining Company, Environmental Impact Report and Addendum

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives upon approval of SF 115.

Item c: Records from Waste Management Permit Branch

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives upon approval of SF 115.

Item d: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Files

- Disposable
- Destroy upon approval of SF 115.

Item e: Studies and Reports from WDNR

- Permanent
- Transfer to the National Archives upon approval of SF 115.

Item f: Hydrological Simulation Program FORTRAN Development Files

- Disposable
- Delete/destroy when superseded or obsolete, or upon authorized deletion of the related system in accordance with EPA 063, item e.

Item g: Hydrological Simulation FORTRAN Model Program

- Disposable
- Delete/destroy when superseded or obsolete or no longer needed in accordance with EPA 063, item a.

Item g(2): Hydrological Simulation Program FORTRAN Database

- Permanent
- Transfer database (download of December 2005) to the National Archives as ASCII flat file with accompanying supporting documentation for the data files upon approval of the SF 115.

Item h: Crandon Mine Web Site Snapshot

- Disposable
- Close at the end of FY 2005. Delete/destroy 5 years after file closure.

Guidance:**Reasons for Disposition:**

The Crandon Mine project was a highly visible project spanning more than 20 years of controversy over the environmental impact of the planned mine. The proposed site would have had effects on four neighboring American Indian Tribes with potentially adverse short- and long-term effects on the environment and the culturally important wild rice crops and other cultural and natural sensitive areas. Since the project involved American Indian Tribes and several different EPA program offices, EPA is recommending that the records be dispositioned as a special project.

Custodians:

Region 5, Water Division, State and Tribal Programs Branch

- **Contact:** Dan Cozza
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Related Schedules:**Previous NARA Disposal Authority:**

None

Entry: 11/17/2003

EPA Approval: 04/17/2006

NARA Approval: Pending