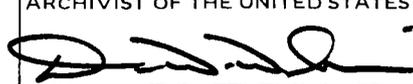


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TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NO <i>NI-412-88-1</i>	DATE RECEIVED <i>4/15/88</i>
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) <u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION <u>Federal Water Pollution Control Board</u>		In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION			
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER <u>Marvin H. Kabakoff</u>	5 TELEPHONE EXT <u>839-7110</u>	DATE <i>7/27/88</i>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES 
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 6 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 <i>4-14-88</i>	C SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Thomas Fack</i>	D TITLE EPA Records Management Officer
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7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARS USE ONLY)
1.	<p><u>General Correspondence</u>, ca. 1950-55, 8.5 cu. ft.</p> <p>Letters, reports, memorandums, and other correspondence, arranged alphabetically, and covering all aspects of NENYIAC activities. Included are minutes of meetings of each of the study groups, transcripts of public hearings held all over New England and New York, status and progress reports from the study groups, and cost/benefit analyses of various projects. The river basin section of these files contains reports from each study group on each river basin or coastal area, and critiques of these reports. Of special interest in the series are records relating to the question of whether the Federal</p>		

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	<p>Government or the states should be responsible for pollution control. One unusual item in the series is a set of Audograph Electronic Soundwriter Discs recording a stormy meeting at which this question was argued. (These discs can be played and copied on equipment available at NNPS-D.) The public hearing files document disputes relative to the whole NENYIAC project over private vs. public, Federal vs. state, and power vs. recreation. These files also include attachments containing data on local situations with regard to floods, pollution, power, etc. The series also contains files on the impact of hurricanes on New England in the areas of water supplies, sewage disposal, public health, and costs. Although these correspondence files do include marginal material such as purchase orders and automotive equipment reports, most of the series contains both evidential data on the functioning of NENYIAC and its sub-groups, and historical information on power, pollution, recreation, etc., in New England and New York during this period.</p> <p><u>Permanent.</u> Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p>		
2.	<p><u>Project Correspondence and Data Files, ca. 1950-55, 1 cu. ft.</u></p> <p>Maps, charts, reports, and correspondence relating to various aspects of the whole NENYIAC project. There is no discernible arrangement to these records which cover a variety of important items, such as difficulties in obtaining information from state agencies; documentation of federal-state cooperation; data on contributions to the project of each federal agency, and on inter-agency problems, especially over areas of jurisdiction; comments on the reception of various draft reports, and a critique of the pollution report stating that pollution estimates were far too low. In addition, there is correspondence on the possibility of establishing a Northeastern Resources Council as the successor to NENYIAC. The series also contains maps of each river basin, indicating location of reservoirs, and charts on the areas and populations of each river basin.</p>		

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3.	<p><u>Permanent.</u> Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p> <p><u>River Basin Data Files</u>, ca. 1950-55, 2 cu.ft.</p> <p>Files, arranged alphabetically by river basin or coastal region, containing data pertaining to the water quality of each river or coastal region. The data was compiled by the Public Health Service for NENYIAC and includes water analysis information collected in the 1940's by state sanitation agencies and NENYIAC's predecessor River Basins commission. The bulk of the material consists of water analysis records measuring the temperature, oxygen, carbon dioxide, pH, current, alkalinity, and turbidity of each river, and describing any suspended material; the data was collected at numerous stations along each river. Some files include, variously, data on nearby industrial activity which was correlated with pollution; documentation on amounts of various types of waste discharged into the river; surveys of towns showing population, industries, and sewage; data on effects of pollution on fish and shellfish; and information on sewer systems and waste treatment. Of special interest to the region are files on the pollution of Boston Harbor, and pollution control data for greater Boston. The series contains statistics on manufacturing related to water use and minutes of meetings of water supply and pollution control groups relating to reservoirs and groundwater conditions. Also included is correspondence documenting how these groups functioned, and concerning problems in federal-state relations, especially in New Hampshire, and methods of sewage treatment.</p> <p><u>Permanent.</u> Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p>		
4.	<p><u>NENYIAC Interim Reports</u>, ca. 1952-54, 1.5 cu.ft.</p> <p>The interim reports were prepared by the various study and report groups in printed form to be sent out for comment, reviewed, and edited for</p>		

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	<p>the final report. They all had blue covers and were referred to as the Blue Books. This particular set of interim reports was created by the pollution control study and report group and a separate one was created for each river basin and coastal area. The Blue Books contain a great deal of information that was not included in the final report; some of this information consists of alternative and/or dissenting views, which may be important sources of data. A comparison of the Blue and Gold Books (final reports) would illustrate the functioning of NENYIAC and the framework through which the final report was prepared.</p> <p><u>Permanent.</u> Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p>		
5.	<p><u>NENYIAC Final Report, ca. 1954-55, 5 cu. ft.</u></p> <p>The culmination of the NENYIAC effort, the final report consists of 46 printed volumes in gold-colored covers, which were referred to as the Gold Books. The report contains introductory volumes, with the remaining material arranged by river basin, and thereunder by topic (based on the study and report groups). The report does not contain conflicting views or alternative plans, and so it does not provide a complete documentation of all the findings of the various groups within NENYIAC. This set of Gold Books appears to have been the one belonging to the Public Health Service. It is not the record copy, which should be in the possession of the Corps of Engineers. Nonetheless, it would be an important addition to the holdings of the Regional Archives, and an excellent source for researchers. The set should be considered archival unless the record copy is retired here, at which time this set could be disposed of as a duplicate.</p> <p><u>Permanent.</u> Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p>		
6.	<p><u>Pollution Control Study Files, ca. 1950-55, 10 cu.ft.</u></p>		

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7.	<p>Questionnaires, reports, charts, maps, and other correspondence relating to the sources of pollution and to water usage in each of the river basins and coastal areas under consideration. The records are generally arranged by river basin, and thereunder by state and town. The series consists mainly of industrial water supply inventory questionnaires sent to each industrial plant and municipality in a given river basin, and containing data on sources and amounts of water used, and types of treatment facilities. In addition, there are computations on water use in agriculture, on ground water and watershed, and on water conditions. Intermixed in the records are some Blue Book reports on water supply, and drafts of reports on water pollution, with background data consisting of charts listing manufacturers and the types and amounts of pollution produced by each. The series also contains maps showing present pollution, future pollution based on various alternate plans, and the costs of these plans.</p> <p>a. All records except industrial water supply inventory questionnaires.</p> <p><u>Permanent</u>. Offer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p> <p>b. Water supply inventory questionnaires.</p> <p><u>Destroy</u> immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p> <p><u>NENYIAC Reading Files</u>, ca. 1949-54, 1 cu.ft.</p> <p>Chronologically arranged copies of NENYIAC's outgoing correspondence. These are merely extra copies of letters filed elsewhere in the collection, generally by subject. Hence, there is no need to retain these records.</p> <p><u>Destroy</u> immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p>		

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8.	<p><u>Index of Manufacturers</u>, ca. 1950-54, 1 cu.ft.</p> <p>Index cards, arranged by state, listing the name and address of a manufacturing plant, the type of manufacture, and the number of employees. These cards were probably used for the mailing of the industrial water supply inventory questionnaires which were sent to each manufacturing plant in the region. These cards have no archival value.</p> <p><u>Destroy</u> immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p> <p>These records are in accessions: 382-67A0377 382-67B0377 382-67C0377</p>		