### **Request for Records Disposition Authority**

Records Schedule Number DAA-0463-2021-0007

Schedule Status Approved

Agency or Establishment Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Record Group / Scheduling Group Records of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Records Schedule applies to Major Subdivsion

Major Subdivision Emergency and Regulatory Compliance Services

Schedule Subject Federal Select Agent Program

Internal agency concurrences will

be provided

No

**Background Information** 

The Federal Select Agent Program is jointly comprised of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Division of Select Agents and Toxins and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service / Division of Agricultural Select Agents and Toxins. The Federal Select Agent Program oversees the possession, use and transfer of biological select agents and toxins, which have the potential to pose a severe threat to public, animal or plant health or to animal or plant products. The Program greatly enhances oversight by:

Developing, implementing, and enforcing the select agent regulations to help ensure this research is conducted in a safe and secure manner.

Providing oversight of possession to ensure that the U.S. government has full awareness of entities in lawful possession of these potentially dangerous biological agents and toxins.

Conducting inspections and approving registrations in order to make sure that appropriate measures are in place at each registered entity to prevent the unauthorized access, theft, loss, or release of select agents and toxins.

Approving individual access to select agents and toxins to help guard against access by bioterrorists or any others who may wish to misuse the agents. All individuals who work with select agents and toxins must first undergo a security risk assessment performed by the FBI.

Receiving reports of a theft, loss, or release of a select agent or toxin to understand and help reduce risks posed by the situation, ensure proper action is taken and appropriate authorities have been notified,

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and help the entity identify ways to prevent it from happening in the future.

Taking appropriate enforcement actions for regulatory violations to address the risk and increase future compliance with the regulations.

Serving as a resource on compliance with the regulations by providing guidance, trainings, and outreach to help entities meet the requirements of the regulations.

Collaborating with domestic and international partners to assist others with the development and implementation of appropriate biosafety and security oversight programs.

#### Item Count

| Number of Total Disposition Items | l | ' ' | Number of Withdrawn<br>Disposition Items |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----|--|
| 1                                 | 0 | 1   | 0  |

**GAO** Approval

# Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0463-2021-0007

| Sequence Number |   |
|-----------------|---|
|                 | Federal Select Agent Program (FSAP) Records           |
|                 | Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0463-2021-0007-0001 |

#### Records Schedule Items

Sequence Number

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#### Federal Select Agent Program (FSAP) Records

Disposition Authority Number DAA-0463-2021-0007-0001

This item covers records related to: an entity's application to possess, use and transfer select agents and toxins (SA&Ts); individuals who will have access to SA&Ts, including records related to background investigations; transfers of SA&Ts; identification and final disposition of any SA&Ts contained in a specimen presented for diagnosis, verification, and proficiency testing; inspections of registered entities; requests for exemptions from regulatory requirements; and reports of any theft, loss or release of SA&Ts.

Final Disposition Temporary

Item Status Active

Is this item media neutral? Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than email and word processing?

overed Yes

Do any of the records covered by this item exist as structured

electronic data?

**Disposition Instruction** 

Cutoff Instruction Cut off closed files at the end of the calendar year.

Retention Period Destroy 10 year(s) after cutoff

Yes

Additional Information

GAO Approval Not Required

# **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 in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

## Signatory Information

| Date       | Action                  | Ву                  | Title  | Organization   |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| 03/22/2021 | Certify                 | Sheniqua Harris     | INformation Manage ment Specialist             | MRPBS - ITD  |
| 07/30/2021 | Submit for Concur rence | Lauren<br>VanZandt  | Archivist Specialist                           | National Archives and<br>Records Administration<br>- ACR3, Appraisal<br>Team 3                       |
| 08/06/2021 | Concur                  | Margaret<br>Hawkins | Director of Records<br>Management Servic<br>es | National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services                               |
| 08/06/2021 | Concur                  | Laurence<br>Brewer  | Chief Records Office<br>r                      | National Records and<br>Archives Administration<br>- National Records and<br>Archives Administration |
| 08/08/2021 | Approve                 | David Ferriero      | Archivist of the Unite d States                | Office of the Archivist -<br>Office of the Archivist   |