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If the records are or pertain to	Consisting of	Which are	Then	
Research and development (R&D) case files accumulated and maintained	Project authorizations; planning documents; cost and technical proposals; contractual and procurement records; literature search results; briefings; engineering drawings, specifications,	Unclassified files retired to WNRC, NPRC, or another records center before January 1, 2008	Destroy 75 years after project completion or termination (See Notes 1, 2, 9, and 10). AUTH:	
scientist, engineer, or manager with primary responsibility for an approved R&D effort	photographs, and audiovisual materials; R&D Record Books and other raw data; project tracking and oversight records; correspondence and email; project status reports; technical reports	Security-classified files retired to WNRC, NPRC, or another records center before January 1, 2008	Retire as permanent. (See Notes 1 and 6). AUTH:	
	including interim and final reports; report tracking information sent to DTIC; and related records	All files maintained in Air Force physical custody or retired to a records center on or after January 1, 2008	Destroy 75 years after project completion or termination (See Notes 2, 3, 9, and 10). AUTH:	
R&D support case files accumulated and maintained			Destroy 3 months after termination or completion of the activity's participation in the R&D effort.	previous
supporting, participating, testing or other activity without prime responsibility				approved
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R&D documentation accumulated at activities other than those covered by rules 1,			Destroy on completion or termination of the R&D effort or when no longer needed, whichever is sooner. AUTH: N1-AFU-90-3	previ- ously appro- Ved
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TABLE 61-2 (continued) | INDIVIDUAL R&D PROJECTS|

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* R&D final and interim reports	Maintained by scientists, engineers, or managers with primary responsibility and filed separate from the R&D case files	Pertaining to R&D case files maintained in Air Force physical custody or retired to a records center on or after January 1, 2008	Retire as permanent. (See Notes 5 and 6.) AUTH:	
* 5.02		Collections held by AFRL directorates' technical libraries, in paper format		Retire as permanent when no longer needed by Air Force (See Note 7). AUTH:
* 5.03		Collections held by AFRL directorates' technical libraries, in electronic format	Unclassified electronic reports dated before January 1, 2008	Retire as permanent (See Note 8). AUTH:
* 5.04		Security- classified electronic reports dated before January 1, 2008 and all electronic reports dated on or after January 1, 2008	Destroy when no longer needed by Air Force. AUTH:	
* 9	Cooperation with other countries in R&D of defense equipment	Multinational R&D and production programs documentation	At OPR	Follow disposition instructions for Rules 1, 1.01, 1.02, or 5.01, as applicable (See Notes 9 and 10). AUTH.

NOTES (to Table 61-2):

^{* 1:} Sets of final and interim reports dated before January 1, 2008, and maintained separate from R&D case files by scientists, engineers, and managers with primary responsibility, should be transferred to the National Archives as permanent using the transfer instructions in Note 6.

- * 2: Air Force may determine that an R&D project has exceptional historical significance because it produced a particularly broad and enduring benefit to Air Force or society, because it generated widespread national or international attention, or because of some other reason. Such a determination may be made upon project closeout by the scientist, engineer, or manager overseeing the project. For a project determined to have exceptional historical significance, Air Force should propose to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) that the relevant case file in toto be retired to the National Archives as permanent. If NARA concurs that the case file should be permanent, Air Force should mark it as "historically significant file". The file then should be transferred to the National Archives as permanent using the transfer instructions in Note 6.
- * 3: For case files covered by Rule 1.02, a copy of all final and interim reports must be kept for permanent retention under Rule 5.01.
- 4: Reserved.
- * 5: The scientist, engineer, or manager responsible for an R&D case file-maintained in Air Force physical custody or retired to a records center on or after January 1, 2008, should ensure that a copy of the final and interim reports is retained for filing under Rule 5.01. These final and interim reports generally should conform to the AFRL or DTIC standard format, including an abstract (SF 298, DD Form 1473, etc.).
- * 6: When the recordkeeping copies are <u>paper</u>, transfer legal and physical custody of the records to the National Archives in 5-year blocks when the latest record in block is 30 years old, after declassification review (for example, 2002-2006 records will be transferred in 2037). When the recordkeeping copies are <u>electronic</u>, transfer an electronic copy of the records to the <u>physical</u> custody of the National Archives for pre-accessioning, in 2-year blocks when latest record in block is 2 years old (for example, 2005-2006 records will be transferred in 2009) in accordance with the standards for permanent electronic records in 36 CFR 1228.270 or other applicable NARA standards. Transfer <u>legal</u> custody of electronic records to the National Archives when records are 30 years old, after declassification review.
- * 7: This note applies to reports at AFRL technical libraries which are in paper format. Transfer physical and legal custody to the National Archives when no longer needed by the Air Force, after declassification review.

 Note 8 replaced by pen-and-ink charge. (See Following 2 pages.) R. Noble 5/12/08

 * 8. This note applies to reports at AFRL technical libraries which (a) are in electronic format, (b) are not security classified, and (c) are dated before January 1, 2008. As soon as possible after January 1, 2008, transfer an electronic copy of the reports to the physical custody of the National Archives for pre-accessioning, in accordance with the standards for permanent electronic records in 36 CFR 1228.270 or other applicable NARA standards. Transfer legal custody to the National Archives when reports are 30 years old, after declassification review.
- * 9. Electronic systems that replace temporary hard copy records: Destroy on expiration of the retention period previously approved for the corresponding hard copy records.
- * 10: Electronic systems that supplement temporary hard copy records where the hard copy records are retained to meet recordkeeping requirements: Destroy when the agency determines that the electronic records are superseded, obsolete, or no longer needed for administrative, legal, audit, or other operational purposes.

[The asterisks above identify the Rules and Notes covered by this SF115.]



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Subject: Pen-and-ink change to N1-AFU-03-3 (Air Force Table 61-2, Rule 5.03)

το : NWMD, NWME, NWMW, NWCS, NWCT-2R, NR

Attached is a pen-and-ink change to job N1-AFU-03-3 covering Air Force R&D case files and reports (Table 61-2, Rules 1, 1.01, 1.02, 5.01 – 5.04, and 9, in the Air Force records disposition schedule). The change specifically relates to Rule 5.03, covering unclassified electronic R&D final and interim reports dated before 2008, held by Air Force Research Laboratory technical libraries.

The attached change (which is shaded) replaces Note 8 (to Rule 5.03) and thereby modifies the period for transferring physical custody of these permanent records to the National Archives. Specifically, the period for transferring physical custody is changed from "as soon as possible after January 1, 2008" to when the records are "20 years old or when no longer needed by Air Force, whichever is sooner". This change has been accepted by NWME and the Air Force Records Officer.

If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact me.

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Pen-and-ink change, 5/12/08:

- *8. This note applies to reports at AFRL technical libraries which (a) are in electronic format, (b) are not security classified, and (c) are dated before January 1, 2008. As soon as possible after January 1, 2008, transfer an electronic copy of the reports to the physical custody of the National Archives for preaccessioning, in accordance with the standards for permanent electronic records in 36 CFR 1228.270 or other applicable NARA standards. Transfer legal custody to the National Archives when reports are 30 years old, after declassification review.
- * 8. This note applies to reports at AFRL technical libraries which (a) are in <u>electronic</u> format, (b) are <u>not</u> security classified, and (c) are dated <u>before</u> January 1, 2008. Transfer <u>physical</u> custody to the National Archives, fer pre-accessioning, in 2-year blocks when the latest record in block is 20 years old or when no longer needed by Air Force, whichever is seener. The transfer should be in accordance with the standards for permanent electronic records in 36 CFR 1228.270 or other applicable NARA standards. Transfer <u>legal</u> custody to the National Archives when the records are 30 years old, after declassification review.

WARA revoked pre-accession policy on 4/19/2027.