Request for Records Disposition Authority

Records Schedule Number

DAA-0436-2019-0002

Schedule Status

Approved

Agency or Establishment

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Record Group / Scheduling Group

Records of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Records Schedule applies to

Major Subdivsion

Major Subdivision

Office of Science and Technology

Minor Subdivision

Laboratory Services Division

Schedule Subject

Forensic Science and Fire Research Laboratories Case Files

Internal agency concurrences will

be provided

No

Background Information

ATF Laboratory Services Division provides scientific testing and information needed by ATF to reduce violent crime and protect the public. The ATF Laboratory Services Division comprises Forensic Science Laboratories currently located in Atlanta, GA; Walnut Creek, CA and Ammendale, MD. The Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) is co-located with the Forensic Science Laboratory in Ammendale. The laboratories examine evidence from cases in which ATF has a preliminary or open investigation. The services provided to laboratory clients include examination and analyses of explosives, fingerprints, DNA, and trace evidence; questioned document examination; firearm and toolmark examination; and fire debris examination and analyses, as well as scientific support in determining fire origin and cause. Once the examination and analysis of evidence has been completed, a report is provided to the requesting client and the evidence is returned.

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent	Number of Temporary	Number of Withdrawn
	Disposition Items	Disposition Items	Disposition Items
1	0	1	

GAO Approval

Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0436-2019-0002

Sequence Number

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Laboratory Case Records Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0436-2019-0002-0001

Records Schedule Items

Sequence Number

1 Laboratory Case Records

Disposition Authority Number DAA-0436-2019-0002-0001

Forensic Science Laboratory case records: Case files containing transmittal documents, shipping and receipt documents, the evidence control card, communications log, and case record action sheet. Also included are intralaboratory evidence chain of custody records, documentation of the laboratory tests conducted, standards and controls used, diagrams, data printouts, photographic and video documentation, references, observations, communications, the results of testing and examination, and a copy of the laboratory report(s) created for the requesting client. Fire Research Laboratory case records: Case files containing case activities and communications logs, the supplemental information log, the evidence control card, intra-laboratory evidence chain of custody records, investigative information and reports, submitted photographic and video documentation, shipping and receipt documents, information about instrumentation used, including video and still photography, the experiments and tests conducted in support of the case, standards and controls used, diagrams, data printouts, photographs, references, observations, communications, the case examiner analysis and supporting documentation, the results of testing and examination, and a copy of the laboratory report(s) created for the requesting client.

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 thanæmail and word processing?

Do any of the records covered

by this item exist as structured

electronic data?

Yes

Yes

GRS or Superseded Authority

Citation

NC1-436-80-002 / 169

Disposition Instruction

Cutoff Instruction End of calendar year final report is issued.

Retention Period Destroy 50 year(s) after cutoff.

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
06/24/2019	Certify	Gregory Carroll	ATF Records Officer	Office of Science and Technology - Resource Management Staff
06/26/2019	Return for Revisio n	Lloyd Beers	Appraisal Archivist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACNR Records Management Services
06/26/2019	Submit For Certific ation	Rachel Vera	Records Manageme nt Staff	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobbacco, Firearms, and Explosives - Office of Science and Technology
06/27/2019	Certify	Gregory Carroll	ATF Records Officer	Office of Science and Technology - Resource Management Staff
10/28/2019	Submit for Concur rence	Lloyd Beers	Appraisal Archivist	National Archives and Records Administration - ACNR Records Management Services
10/30/2019	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Servic es	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
10/31/2019	Concur	Laurence Brewer	Chief Records Office r	National Records and Archives Administration - National Records and Archives Administration
11/04/2019	Approve	David Ferriero	Archivist of the Unite d States	Office of the Archivist - Office of the Archivist