

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY
TO DISPOSE OF RECORDS**

(See Instructions on Reverse)

TO: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)
Department of the Interior

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
Bureau of Reclamation

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION
Navajo Indian Irrigation Project

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
Ms. Charlotte R. King

5. TEL. EXT.
806-376-2493

6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

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| DATE RECEIVED JUN 27 1975 | JOB NO. NC - 115-75-1 |
| NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY | |
| In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "disposal not approved" or "with-drawn" in column 10. | |
| (Date) | Archivist of the United States |

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 3 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

6/13/75

Theodore M. Kelly - Chief, Records Management Branch

Date (Signature of Agency Representative) (Title)

| 7. ITEM NO. | 8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods) | 9. SAMPLE OR JOB NO. | 10. ACTION TAKEN |
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| | <p align="center"><u>Background History</u></p> <p>The Secretary of the Interior issued a directive dated May 20, 1953, to the Commissioners of the Bureaus of Reclamation and Indian Affairs for the two agencies to cooperate in an investigation of a project as proposed by the Governor of New Mexico.</p> <p>Through the cooperative efforts of the two bureaus, a feasibility report dated January 1955 was prepared. Estimated cost to construct the features was \$212,454,000 for development of 137,250 irrigable acres. A supplemental report dated March 1957 to the 1955 Feasibility Report later established a revised project of 110,630 acres with a total estimated cost of \$135,000,000. This was the project as authorized by the Act of June 13, 1962.</p> <p>In February 1963, the construction office for the project was established. The first duty of the Project Construction Engineer was to initiate a more acceptable study or plan for the project.</p> <p>A field draft of a Reappraisal Report was prepared to insure that a physically successful project could be developed. The report presented the Bureau's plan of development, defined the lands to be served, and reappraised the costs. It also was prepared to achieve concurrence by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the project plan, as required by Item 4 of the Memorandum of Agreement between the two agencies.</p> | | |

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| | <p>The field draft of the Reappraisal Report was completed and submitted to the Regional Director on July 9, 1964. It contains appendices as follows: (1) Appendix A - Hydrology; (2) Appendix B - Project Plan and Estimates; and (3) Appendix C - Project Lands. At the end of the calendar year, the Reappraisal Report was under review by the Office of the Commissioner.</p> <p>On August 12, a joint conference including representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Reclamation was held in Washington, D.C. to discuss those sections of the Reappraisal Report objectionable to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.</p> <p>The Reappraisal Report was up-graded and differences resolved; however, the Secretaries did not approve the report.</p> <p>By letter of March 4, 1966, from the Assistant Secretaries of Water and Power Development and Public Land Management, the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, was requested to jointly form a committee with the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a complete reevaluation of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project.</p> <p>The Reevaluation Report, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 20, 1966, established a plan for development of a full 110,630 acres east of Chaco Wash, and revised the total estimated construction cost of the project to \$175 million.</p> | | |

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| | Correspondence, maps, charts, field books, and drawings amassed during compilation of the Reappraisal Report are obsolete and have no record value, and we request immediate disposal. | | |
| 1 | Reappraisal Report Volume I July 1964 Revised May 1965 | | |
| 2 | Appendix A Hydrology May 1964 Revised May 1965 | | |
| 3 | Appendix B Project Plan and Estimates July 1964 Revised May 1965 | | |
| 4 | Modified Alinement DC-1 Cost Estimates July 1964 | | |
| 5 | Appendix C Project Lands May 1964 | | |
| 6 | Correspondence, maps, charts, field books and other media accumulated in the process of producing this Reappraisal Report 1962 through 1965 | | |