

<b>REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY</b>		JOB NUMBER N1-473-99-1	
To: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		DATE RECEIVED 11-29-99	
1. FROM (Agency or establishment)  Department of The Interior		<b>NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY</b>	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION  Minerals Management Service		In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	
3. MINOR SUBDIVISION			
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER	5. TELEPHONE	DATE 1-6-00	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>John W. Carl</i>
<b>6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION</b> 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 on the attached ___ 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, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required; <input type="checkbox"/> is attached; or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested.			
DATE 11/22/99	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Charles L. Spillally</i>	TITLE <i>Records Manager</i>	
7. Item No.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	RG 473 : Records of the Minerals Management Service  WNRC Project - SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE		

**Minerals Management Service  
WNRC Project  
RG 473 records stored at WNRC**

NOTE: This schedule provides one-time only disposition authority for the specific Minerals Management Service records listed which are stored at WNRC. This schedule cannot be used to provide continuing disposition authority for Minerals Management Service records which may be located elsewhere in agency custody.

**1. Mine Trespass, Explosion, and Fire Files, 1924-68**

Series was created by the U.S. Geological Survey, Conservation Division, Bureau of Mining Operations and reallocated to the Department of Interior, Minerals Management Service when the duties of the Conservation Division were transferred to the Service in 1982. The files pertain to investigations into alleged mining or removal of coal from public lands without authority (i.e. trespasses) as well as investigations into the cause and status of mine explosions and fires. Files consist of memorandums, inspection reports, safety pamphlets, correspondence, trespass decisions, black and white photographs of mine fire sites, press releases, newspaper clippings, and maps of mine sites and surrounding lands. The files have the following decimal designations: Explosion (442.1), Fire (442.2), and Trespass (609.45) and may signify that they were once part of a larger decimal file series. The files are arranged by subject (trespass, explosion, fire) and thereunder alphabetically by State.

**AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION:** Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives in FY 1999.

Acc. 73B0014, boxes 7-8

**Justification:** Files provide evidential value with regard to the policies and decisions regulating mining on public lands as well as mine safety procedures, prevention/containment techniques, and investigatory procedures for fires and explosions on leased land. Series warrants permanent retention.