

Inspector General Records

Case files developed during investigations of known or alleged fraud, abuse, and irregularities or violations of laws and regulations. Excluding those that result in national media attention, Congressional investigation, or substantive changes in agency policy or procedure. Cases relate to agency personnel and programs and operations administered or financed by the agency, including contractors and others having a relationship with the agency. This includes investigative case files relating to employee and hotline complaints, and other miscellaneous complaint files. Files consist of investigative reports and related documents, such as correspondence, notes, attachments, and working papers.

1. Investigative Case Files. Case files established to investigate allegation of fraud, abuse, and violations of laws and regulations, consisting of the final investigative report and correspondence, forms, reports, notes, and working files relating to the development of the final report.

a. Record Copy

Disposition: **Destroy 5 years after case is closed.**

b. Electronic Copies. Electronic version of records created by electronic mail and word processing applications.

Disposition: **Temporary.** Delete when file copy is generated or when no longer needed for updating or reference purposes, whichever is later.

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2. Non-Investigative Case Files. Files containing information or allegations of an investigative nature that do not result in establishment of a formal case file. The files include anonymous or vague allegations not warranting an investigation, matters referred to constituents or other agencies for handling, and support files providing general information which may prove useful in Inspector General investigations.

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3. High visibility Investigative Case Files. Final investigation reports and case files that pertain to high ranking officials, attract national or regional media attention, or result in Congressional investigations or substantive changes in agency policies and procedures.

- a. Record copy.

Disposition: **Permanent**. Transfer to a Federal Records Center 5 years after close of case and retire to archives after 5 years.

- c. Electronic Copies. Electronic version or records created by electronic mail and word processing applications.

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4. Audit case files. Case files of internal audits of agency programs, operations, and procedures, and of external audits of contractors and grantees, containing audit reports, correspondence, memoranda, and supporting working papers.

- a. Record Copy

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- b. Electronic Copies. Electronic version of records created by electronic mail and word processing applications.

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