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Agencies are reminded that NARA reserves the right to review agency email practices and records. Pursuant to 36 CFR 1239.20, NARA may undertake an inspection involving high risk to significant records. Problems may be identified through a risk assessment or through other means, such as reports in the media, Congressional inquiries, allegations of unauthorized destruction, reports issued by the GAO or an agency's Inspector General, or observations by NARA staff members.

VERIFICATION FOR IMPLEMENTING GRS 6.1: EMAIL MANAGED UNDER A CAPSTONE APPROACH

SECTION A: Agency and Scope Information

This section captures general information about the agency and the scope of Capstone implementation. This includes: 1) name of the agency to which this form applies; 2) applicable record group number; 3) selection of which GRS 6.1 items the agency is proposing to use; and 4) information on implementation scope, such as whether agency-wide or limited to a specific component/office, as well as information on legacy email.

NOTE: One form is required for each unique implementation plan (for example, if implementation is limited to two program offices, but each program office differs in their implementation, one form for each is required) and/or per record group (RG) included (for example, a department implementing Capstone on behalf of their components which have separate record group numbers would need to submit one form per component/record group). This ensures that all positions are appropriately identified and documented. As a general rule, each record group number will require a separate form.

Name of Agency to Which this Form Applies:	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
Record Group Number:	0015

*** Please spell out full agency name. Please do not use acronyms.*

Is this form superseding a previous submission? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide previous tracking number assigned by NARA:

GRS 6.1 item(s) proposed for use: ☒ ALL ☐ ITEM 010 ☐ ITEM 011 ☐ ITEM 012

Implementation scope for this submission: ☐ Agency-Wide ☒ Component/Office (explain in additional scope comments)

Additional Scope Comments. If an agency did not check "all" under the "GRS 6.1 item(s) proposed for use" section, please summarize how other email is to be managed. If applicable, please include in this section all other RGs for which your agency is submitting a separate form (for example, "The department will also be submitting forms for the following additional components: [list of components, with their record group number]."

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Cutoff Instructions. Agencies using item 010 must also include the cutoff instructions to be used for implementation (for example, "cutoff of email will be annual" or "cutoff of email will be by employee tenure").

Cutoff of email will be at the end of the calendar year.

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Transfer Instructions. Agencies using item 010 must also include the transfer instructions to be used for implementation (for example, "transfer when 15 years old" or "transfer when 20 years old"). Transfer time must be between 15 and 25 years when using GRS 6.1, item 010.

Transfer to NARA 15 years after cutoff.

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Legacy Email Scope. Agencies using this GRS are expected to apply the items being used to all legacy (existing) email. Please provide any general information on legacy email below (for example, "no legacy email exists for this agency, as traditional records management with a print-and-file policy was enforced prior to Capstone adoption" or "agency will be including legacy email for all items being used, dating back to approximately 2010.")

The department does not maintain electronic mail in an electronic record keeping system. Prior to adopting the Capstone approach, Federal records created or received by electronic mail are printed and filed in a traditional/manual record keeping system.

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Capstone Officials and Classified Accounts. Do any of the Capstone officials proposed on this list have email accounts on security classified networks or systems? NOTE: This information will be used by NARA for transfer planning purposes. ☐ YES ☒ NO

URL to Agency Organization Chart (If not available online, please attach with your submission. NARA reserves the right to request additional information to facilitate review):

Please see attachment

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Contact Information for Agency Records Officer (Name, Email, and Phone):

Martin L. Hill, Alternate Agency Records Officer, Martin.Hill@va.gov, (202) 632-7452

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Whom should NARA contact if there are any questions about this form, or the information contained within? (Name, Email, and Phone). NOTE: *only complete if different from above*.

RoxAnn Battise, Roxann.Battise@va.gov, (202) 632-7376

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SECTION B: List of Capstone Accounts (GRS 6.1, item 010)

This section captures a listing of all positions or roles that fit into the definitions provided in item 010 of GRS 6.1. This section is broken down to correspond to the ten categories provided under item 010.

The number of accounts is an estimate of the number of accounts affiliated with an entry. For example, the head of the agency may be one Executive Director who utilizes two (2) different accounts to conduct business. In this case the entry would be "Executive Director" and the number of accounts would be "2."

Some agencies may not have any positions for certain categories. Please explain why under each applicable category. (For example, "We do not have any regional administrators" or "These positions are included under another submission" or "all the positions in this category are already covered in other categories.") Please refer to GRS 6.1, the corresponding FAQ #6, and the definitions provided within each category below for additional information on which positions must be included in a Capstone approach.

This section is required even in instances where only the temporary items (011 and/or 012) are being used, in which case it acts as an exception list.

NOTE: the list should be of positions or roles (for example, "Secretary"), not specific individual names or email addresses (for example, "John Smith" or "John.Smith@agency.gov"). Agencies may summarize or condense specific levels of management, rather than repeat positions. For example, an agency may input one entry for "All Under-Secretaries" with a position total that represents the number of said positions, rather than listing out each specific Under-Secretary.

Category 1) The head of the agency, such as Secretary, Commissioner, Administrator, Chairman or equivalent. The very top executive of the agency. For cabinet level agencies, this is typically a Secretary. For independent agencies, and components within cabinet level agencies, this may be a Commissioner, Administrator, Director, or a specialized title (such as "Archivist of the United States"). For other agencies, including Commissions and Boards, this may be a Chairman, Executive Director, a group of Commissioners, Council Members, Board Members, or the equivalent. Most agencies will have one position for this category (although the one position may have multiple email accounts); some agencies, such as Commissions and Boards, may have multiple positions in the category. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row / Remove Last Row: These positions are included under another submission.	
(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	

Category 2) Principal assistants to the head of the agency (second tier of management), such as Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Commissioners, and/or their equivalents; this includes officers of the Armed Forces serving in comparable position(s). Generally the second-tier of management within an agency, this may include Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Commissioners, Vice Chairmen, etc. Some agencies may use other terminology, such as "Associate." The number of positions at this level will vary greatly agency to agency. Some may only have one, such as an Assistant Commissioner, while others may have multiple, such as numerous Assistant Secretaries each with oversight of a specific program, bureau, or line of business within the agency. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row / Remove Last Row: Under Secretary for Health (10)	1
(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	1

Category 3) Deputies of all positions in categories 1 and 2, and/or their equivalent(s). Most of the first- and second-tier executives covered in the first two categories have corresponding deputy position(s) that assist in the daily operations of the agency. This includes Deputy Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners, Deputy Assistant Commissioners, etc. The number of deputy positions will also vary greatly from agency to agency. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable, no positions in this category exist.")**

		POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health (10A)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Deputy Under Secretary for Health Community Care (10D)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services (10P)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence (10E)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management (10P)	1
		(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	5

Category 4) Staff assistants to all positions in categories 1 and 2, such as special assistants, confidential assistants, military assistants, and/or aides. For those senior officials in categories 1 and 2, important work is often carried out by special assistants, confidential assistants, military assistants, aides, executive assistants, etc. They may send email on behalf of senior officials and/or their email account contains email closely related to the responsibilities and actions of the senior officials they support. For example, a "special assistant" to the Secretary of Defense, or a "Counselor" to Secretary of Health and Human Services would fall into this category. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable, no positions in this category exist.")**

		POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Chief of Staff of Under Secretary for Health (10B)	1
		(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	1

Category 5) Principal management positions, such as Chief Operating Officer, Chief Information Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, and/or their equivalent(s). These positions tend to be those executives who have operational and management responsibilities within an agency, including Chief Operating Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Knowledge Officer, Chief Technology Officer, and Chief Financial Officer. These positions are often required by statute or Executive Order, such as, for example, the Chief Financial Officer Act and the Chief Technology Officer Act. For some agencies, these positions may already be covered by other categories. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

		POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row	Remove Last Row	These positions are included under another submission.	
		(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	

Category 6) Directors of significant program offices, and/or their equivalent(s). Those Directors (or equivalents, such as Executive Directors, Managers, Directorates, or Chiefs) that oversee and manage major program offices, bureaus, or lines of business that support the agency mission. For example, many agencies will have a Director that oversees Congressional and Legislative affairs, or a Director that oversees one specific mission-related program office. For some agencies, these positions may already be covered by other categories. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

		POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operation (10NC)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations (10NA)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Chief Financial Officer (10A3)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy & Services(10P1)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Informatics and Information Governance (10P2)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Workforce Services (10A2)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Quality, Safety, and Value (10E2)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care (10D1)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Integrity (10E1)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Chief of Nursing Services (10A1)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Chief Officer, Readjustment Counseling Services (10RCS)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Executive Director, Office of Research Oversight (10R)	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services (10P4)	1
		(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	13

Category 7) Principal regional officials, such as Regional Administrators, and/or their equivalent(s). Those agencies with a regional structure must include the accounts of principal regional officials. For most agencies with a regional presence this will be limited to Regional Administrators, or those officials who are responsible for the management and operations of specific regional areas (e.g., an agency that has 10 regions to carry out mission-critical activities would include those 10 Regional Administrators). It does not pertain to the heads of individual offices within regions, such as, but not limited to, customer-service centers, processing centers, or administrative offices that conduct routine activities (e.g., passport offices, or Social Security claims processing offices). ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist."**)

		POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Director Veterans Integrated Service Network 1	1

Add Row	Remove Last Row	Director Veterans Integrated Service Network 2	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Director Veterans Integrated Service Network 4	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Director Veterans Integrated Service Network 5	1
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Add Row	Remove Last Row	Director Veterans Integrated Service Network 22	1
Add Row	Remove Last Row	Director Veterans Integrated Service Network 23	1
(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)			18

Category 8) Roles or positions that routinely and directly advise the above positions, including special advisers, General Counsels, Chiefs of Staff, Inspectors General, etc. Many management positions routinely provide advice and oversight to the agency in the course of daily business, and are involved in mission related policy formulation, implementation, and/or interpretation. This may include general program oversight, legal protection and oversight, and daily operations and management. For most agencies this will include General Counsels, Chiefs of Staff, Inspectors General and special advisers (such as "Policy Advisors") within the top tiers of the agency. This does not include those that advise on purely administrative issues. For example, a Chief of Staff within a lower tier of the agency would not be included in this category. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

		POSITION TITLE / ROLE	**# of Accounts**
Add Row	Remove Last Row	These positions are included under another submission	
(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)			

Category 9) Roles and positions not represented above and filled by Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation (PAS positions). This category is a catch all for any position that was filled by Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation (PAS) but not represented in any of the other categories. For most agencies the PAS positions will already be captured in categories 1 through 8, and no other PAS positions will need to be identified. ***If no positions are identified, please briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row / Remove Last Row — No positions exist in this category.	
(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	

Category 10) Additional roles and positions that predominately create permanent records related to mission critical functions or policy decisions and/or are of historical significance. These represent roles, positions, and/or programs within the agency that predominantly create permanent records related to mission critical functions or policy decisions and/or are of historical significance. This category is for those roles and positions that are appropriate for permanent retention, but not captured in the other nine (9) categories. ***If no positions are identified, briefly explain why (for example, "Not applicable; no positions in this category exist.")**

POSITION TITLE / ROLE	# of Accounts
Add Row / Remove Last Row — No positions exist in this category.	
(total number of accounts for this category; this number will auto-populate)	

SECTION C: Agency Approvals

NOTE: Approvals must be completed digitally.

By checking these boxes, you are confirming that this form has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate agency officials, and is ready for review by the National Archives and Records Administration. The information provided on this form will be made publicly available, unless the agency provides, in its email submission, NARA with a proper citation requiring the protection of this information.

TITLE and PRINTED NAME	APPROVAL	DATE
Agency Records Officer: Martin L. Hill, Alternate Agency Records Officer	☒ Approved	Mar 1, 2017
Senior Agency Official, Records Management: Rob C. Thomas II	☒ Approved	Mar 1, 2017

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TITLE and PRINTED NAME	STATUS		DATE
Chief Records Officer for the U.S.: Laurence Brewer	☒ Approved	☐ Denied	Aug 10, 2017

If denied, reason: