

**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
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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disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "disposal not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.

**SIGNATURE OF THE ARCHIVIST IS NOT REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF PERMANENT RETENTION OF RECORDS**

Date

Archivist of the United States

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

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)

Tennessee Valley Authority

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION

Office of Natural Resources

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

Land and Forest Resources

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER

Ronald E. Brewer

5. TEL. EXT.

FTS 858-2520

6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

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.

☐ A Request for immediate disposal.

☒ B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C. DATE

D. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

E. TITLE

3/30/82

*Ronald E. Brewer*

Assistant TVA Archivist

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Strip Mine Reclamation Case Files

TVA owns mineral rights only in 148,653 acres of coal properties as follows: 52,914 acres in Tennessee, 89,610 acres in Kentucky, and 6,129 acres in Illinois. These reserves, totaling about 400 million tons, were acquired since 1960.

It is expected that any mining of TVA coal reserves will be performed through private contractors. Each such case will be examined to determine what controls are necessary to obtain effective reclamation of the mined lands and otherwise protect the environment. The mining contracts will include provisions requiring the contractor to meet TVA's standards for restoration and protection. If State or Federal law then in existence provides for effective standards, TVA will require that the contractor fully meet the standards of the applicable law.

Because three states (Alabama, Tennessee, and Virginia) in TVA's coal purchase area had not passed regulatory legislation, TVA in 1965 adopted the policy of including reclamation provisions in all subsequent contracts

1 item

to agency 6/28/82 Closed Out: 6-29-82: K.T.  
to NNB, ~~XXXX~~ & UNCN - 6/28/82  
no copy to FRC needed

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	<p>involving surface mining of coal in any state in mines contractor operated by TVA and in privately owned mines. Under such provisions, TVA inspects the mining operations to determine whether the contractor is meeting the prescribed contract standards. In states which now have applicable laws (Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia), such inspections are closely coordinated with the work of state enforcement agencies.</p> <p>The Office of Natural Resources provides guidance concerning the environmental acceptability of TVA coal mining activities as determined by applicable laws and regulations and agency policies. It conducts and coordinates surveys and studies, including research on the impact of mining on watershed ecology and stream conditions in mining areas and, in collaboration with the Office of Power and other appropriate offices and divisions, establishes demonstrations of reclamation and related coal mining techniques designed to protect the environment. (These surveys, studies and demonstrations are not a part of this record series.) In collaboration with the Office of Power, it develops and recommends to the Division of Purchasing reclamation provisions to be included in coal purchase contracts. It reviews and makes recommendations on contract awards after consulting with the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, and appropriate State regulatory agencies. It evaluates specific cases where adverse effects on the scenic, natural, or recreation resources from proposed mining activities are potentially significant, and recommends appropriate action to the Division of Purchasing. It maintains cooperative relationships with appropriate State and Federal agencies including the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, relative to techniques for environmental protection of coal mined land and contractor compliance with reclamation laws and notifies the Division of Purchasing of any violation of contract reclamation provisions. When requested by the Office of Power, it monitors reclamation efforts on TVA's coal properties. It reports to the General Manager on TVA's overall efforts to protect the environmental quality of coal mined land.</p> <p>Information contained in this record series includes forms such as:</p> <p>TVA 5592, Surface Mine Reclamation Checklist TVA 5593, Strip Mine Reclamation Case File Summary</p>		

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1.	<p>TVA 5594, Initial Reclamation Report TVA 9901, Spot Coal Contract (copy) TVA 9904, Spot Coal Producer's Statement TVA 9909, Coal Contract Performance Bond TVA 9910, Term Coal Bid TVA 9911, Schedule of Coal Offered TVA 9914, Contract Supplement TVA 9916, Example of Calculation of Evaluated Cost of Coal TVA 20002, Reclamation Violation and Potential Problem Report Contract for Purchase and Sale of Coal 3' x 4' maps and 8-1/2 x 11" xerox maps Aerial photographs Related correspondence</p> <p>A new Federal agency, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, has been established in the Department of the Interior by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (91 Stat. 445), effective August 3, 1977. District offices will inspect mining operations and provide direct oversight to State programs, and administration of State, Federal, and Indian lands programs. Until the time that the State and Federal offices are established and operating satisfactorily, L&amp;FR will continue to have the responsibility and records for mining inspections. When the District offices assume all the inspection responsibilities, L&amp;FR may begin a responsible phasing out of its inspection program. Inspections will continue until all reclamation due under TVA coal contracts has been obtained.</p> <p>The requested retention is required because of length of time necessary for reclamation, including such factors as the need for a full growing season for germination, weather conditions affecting vegetation, acid conditions that may exist, and soil problems. This information might also be used in case of law suits. The photographs are used to locate mining operations and to compare previous years' operations.</p> <p>This series has an accumulation of 36 cubic feet since 1967 and is filed by geographic location then alphabetically by name of contractor and by number. Ca. 1/2 cu ft/yr.</p> <p>Disposition: <u>PERMANENT</u>, <del>Offer to NARS</del> <del>Destroy in Agency</del> 15 years after contract and/or supplement expires.</p>		