

public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule. We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the *regulations.gov* docket for this notice as “other” documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we will post on *regulations.gov* a “Consolidated Reply” summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we have made to the proposed records schedule. We will then send the schedule for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The

RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA’s approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records’ administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government’s activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist’s consideration process.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency, DLA Criminal Incident Reporting System (DAA–0361–2021–0021).
2. Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Action-Operation Files (DAA–0374–2020–0003).
3. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Records of the Security Features Design and Development, Research and Testing (DAA–0318–2020–0003).
4. Department of Veterans Affairs, Agency-wide, Contracting Officer Appointment Records (DAA–0015–2021–0001).
5. Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Agency-wide, Personnel Records (DAA–0116–2019–0001).
6. National Archives and Records Administration, Agency-wide,

Engagement and Public Affairs Records (DAA–0064–2018–0008).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (#1110).

Date and Time: April 15, 2021; 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; April 16, 2021; 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 | Virtual. Due to ongoing social distancing best practices because of COVID–19 the meeting will be held virtually among the Advisory Committee members. Livestreaming will be accessible through this page: <https://nsf.gov/bio/advisory.jsp>.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Karen Cone, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone Number: (703) 292–8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Agenda items will include a directorate business update, update on BIO’s responses to the COVID–19 pandemic, a joint session to discuss matters of mutual interest with the Advisory Committee for Geosciences, discussion of recent Committee of Visitors report for the Division of Biological Infrastructure, and discussion with the NSF Director.

Dated: March 8, 2021.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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