

statutory provisions concerning the examination and use of records applicable to the head of the transferring agency are applicable to the Archivist of the United States and the employees of the National Archives and Records Administration.

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**§ 1228.262 Types of records to be transferred.**

(a) *General.* Records that have been determined by the Archivist of the United States to have sufficient historical or other value to warrant preservation; i.e., appraised by NARA and identified as permanent records, are normally transferred to the National Archives of the United States when:

- (1) They are 30 years old; or
- (2) At any age when:

(i) The originating agency no longer needs to use the records for the purpose for which they were created or in its regular current business; or

(ii) Agency needs will be satisfied by use of the records in NARA research rooms or by copies of the records; and restrictions on the use of records are acceptable to NARA and do not violate the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Records appraised as permanent that are not yet eligible for transfer because of agency needs or restrictions may be stored in a Federal records center pending transfer. (See subpart I of this part.)

(b) *Archival depositories.* NARA reserves the right to determine and change the archival depository in which records transferred to the National Archives of the United States are stored. Such determinations are normally made as follows:

(1) *Presidential libraries.* Records appropriate for preservation in a Presidential library because they can most effectively be used in conjunction with materials already in that library.

(2) *Regional Archives.* (i) Records of field offices of Federal agencies, except for records of agency field offices located in the Washington, DC area;

(ii) Records including both headquarters and field office records of regional agencies such as the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

(iii) Other records determined by NARA to be of primarily regional or local interest.

(3) *National Archives Building and other Washington, DC area depositories.*

(i) Records of Washington, DC area field offices of Federal agencies and other records relating to the District of Columbia and the Washington, DC area, such as records of the National Capital Planning Commission;

(ii) All other records not deposited in a Presidential library or Regional Archives.

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**§ 1228.264 Certification for retention of records in agency custody.**

(a) Permanent records shall be transferred to the National Archives of the United States when the records have been in existence for more than 30 years unless the head of the agency which has custody of the records certifies in writing to the Archivist that the records must be retained in agency custody for use in the conduct of the regular current business of the agency. Records that are scheduled in a NARA-approved records schedule to be transferred to the National Archives of the United States after a specified period of time are subject to the certification requirement only if the records are not transferred as scheduled.

(b) In order to certify that records must be retained for the conduct of regular current business, an agency should consider the following factors:

(1) Character of use (to be retained by an agency, records should be used for the normal routine business of the agency at the time of certification);

(2) Frequency of use (to be retained by an agency, records should be used more than one time per month per file unit); and,

(3) Preservation of the records (to be retained by an agency, permanently valuable records should be preserved in accordance with NARA guidelines).

(c) The written certification of need of a series of 30-year-old records for current agency business must: