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To enable all Records Units of this Department establish and maintain effective and efficient records management programs/ activities in their respective offices, the Records Management Division, Administrative and Manpower Management Service is tasked to furnish copies of the DPWH Records Management Manual to all the various offices of this Department.

The DPWH Records Management Manual defines the major functions of the Records Management Division of the DPWH Central Office; the different phases and policies on records management.

It is therefore hereby directed that the subject Records Management Manual be used by all Records Officers or custodians of documents/records in all Offices of the Department for their guidance and reference.


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Secretary

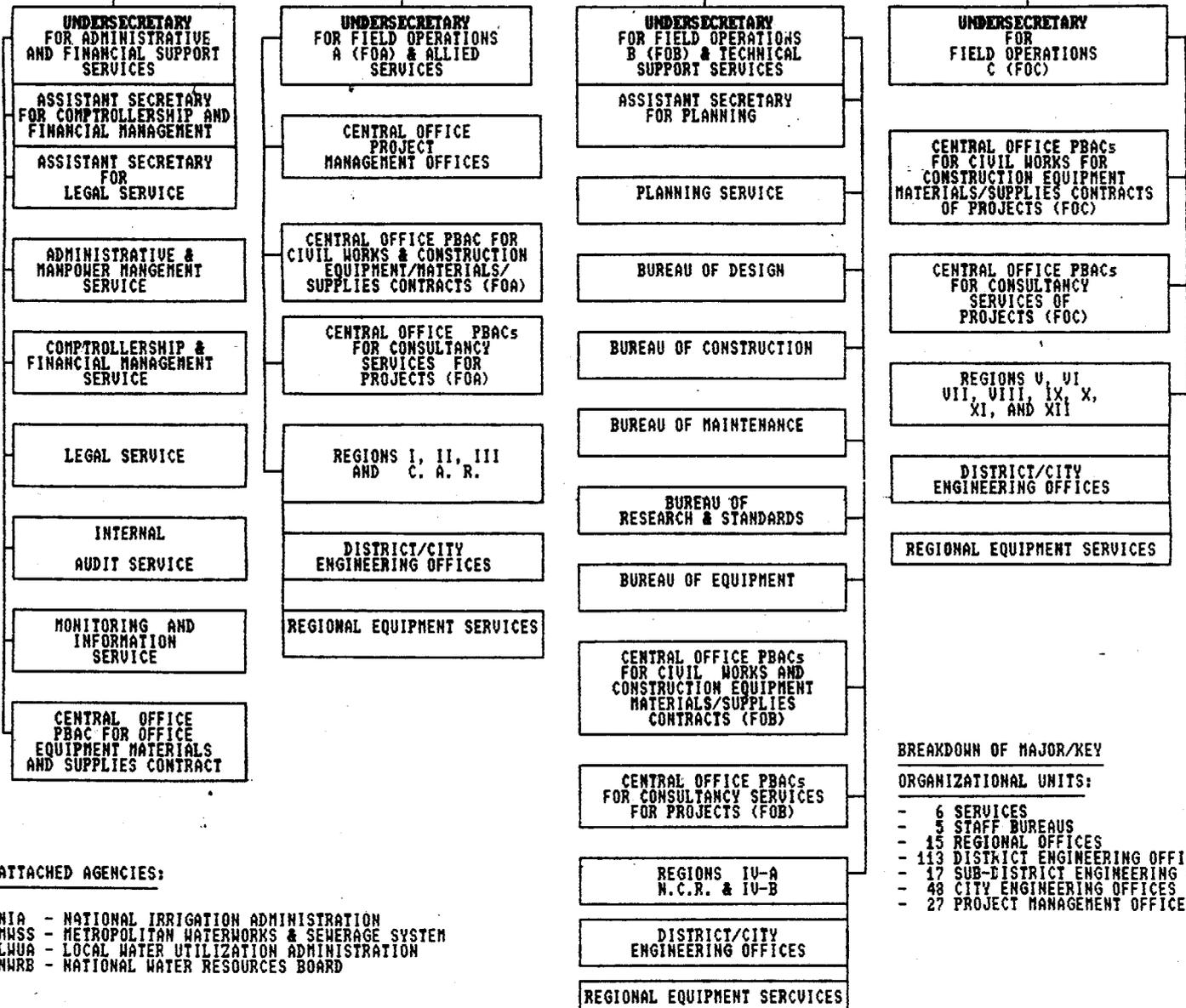
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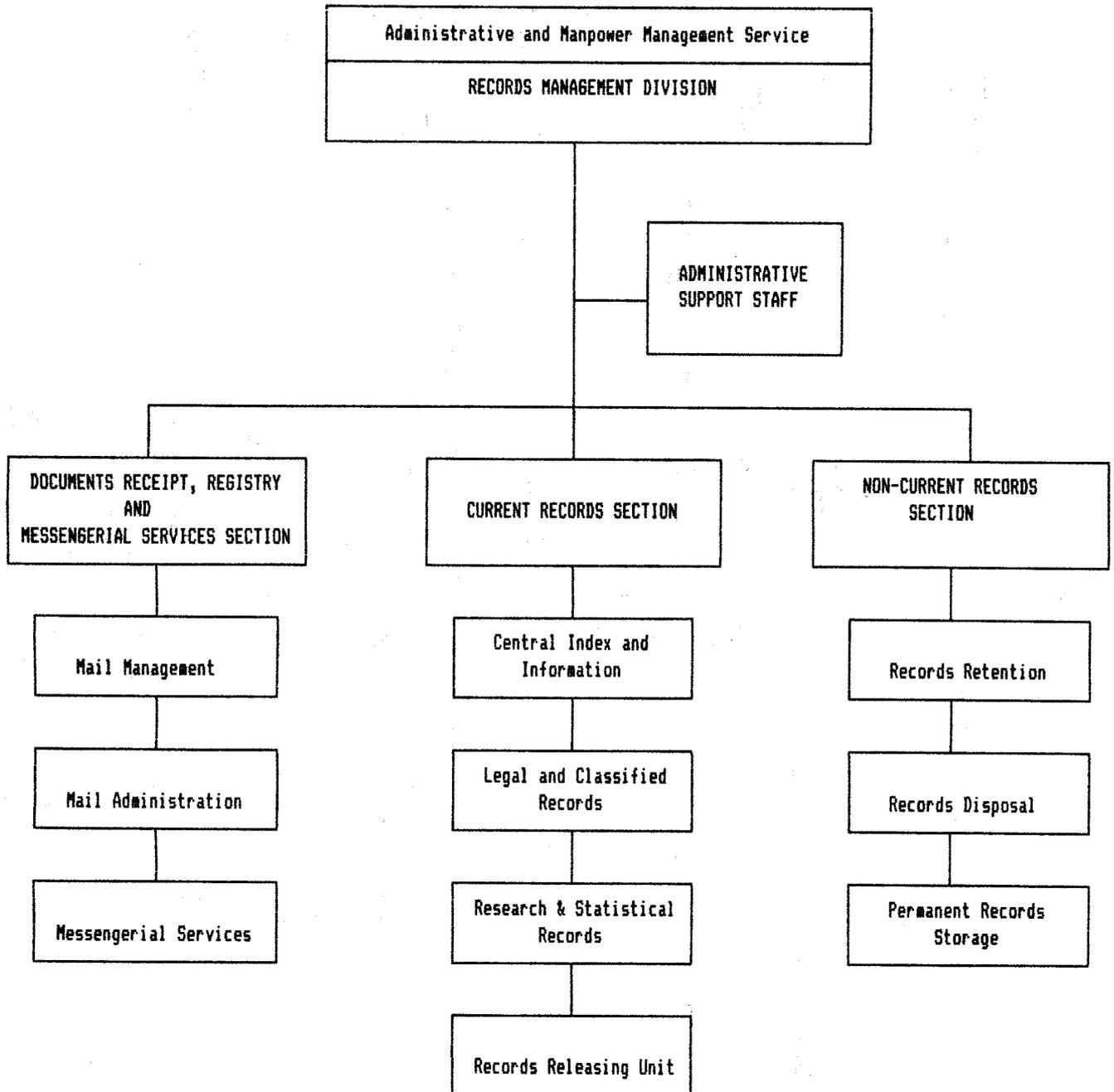
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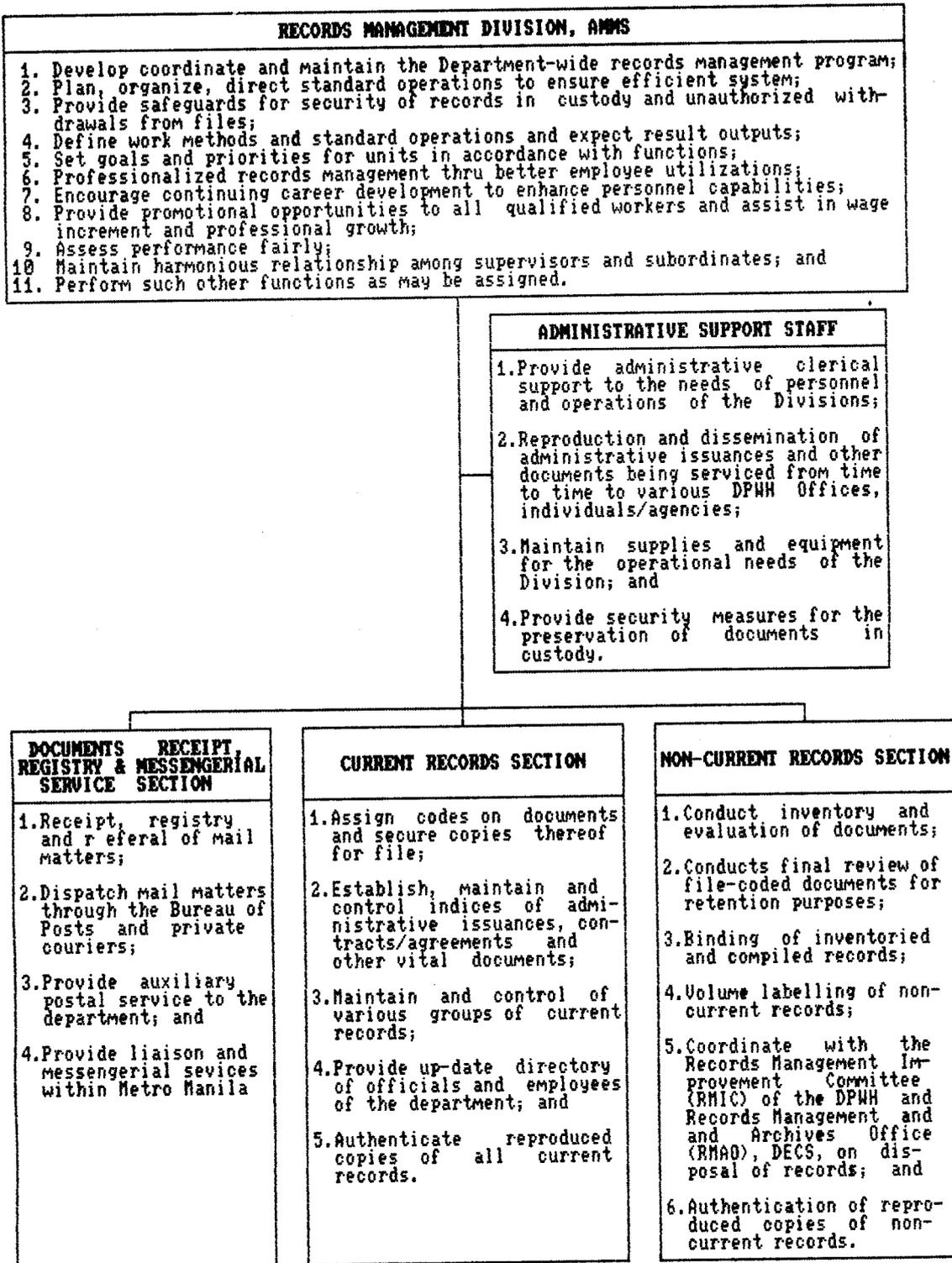
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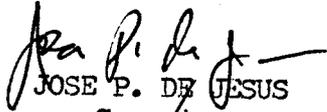
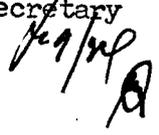
F O R E W O R D

Records management is an important component of office administration. This is specially true for a line government agency like the Department of Public Works and Highways where the records that have to be managed are voluminous and critical.

To guide the personnel responsible for records management in the various offices of the Department, this Manual on Records Management is being published. It is designed to help records custodians and handlers understand records creation, maintenance, storage, preservation, retirement and disposal, and other aspects of records management. It is likewise meant to be a reference in pragmatically resolving day-to-day problems related to records management.

I urge all the heads of the records management units in the various DPWH offices to make use of this Manual not only to help them in their individual work but also to contribute to the efficient office administration in the Department.

I would like to thank and commend the Administrative and Manpower Management Service, particularly the Records Management Division, for this worthy undertaking.


JOSE P. DE JESUS
Secretary


INTRODUCTION

Man's limited memory makes records keeping essential in any organization. Without records, the supervisor cannot keep track of all the accomplishments of his people and all the details of the programs and projects of his office. The subordinate cannot possibly remember all the standing orders of his superior and all the policies, rules and regulations issued by higher authorities.

As an organization grows in size and becomes more complex in structure, the records that change hands increase in volume and variety. Records management, which is broader and more encompassing than simple records keeping, then becomes imperative.

The task of a records manager requires a balancing act. It is his duty to safeguard the records but at the same time make them available as needed. The safekeeping should be balanced with easy access and retrieval.

As an organization grows and the records become voluminous, there is also the need to weigh the benefits offered by certain records against the cost of continuous storage. For integral to sound records management is records disposal.

Although records management systems have existed for over 40 years in both public and private sectors, they had been overlooked and neglected by office managers for a long time.

However, with information explosion and the accompanying records overload, office managers are now beginning to realize the value of records management. Already, there are rapid technological developments that involve computerization and microfilming.

Like in any other areas of office administration whose importance is recognized, the system and procedures in records management adopted by an organization deserve to be manualized to serve as a guide of concerned personnel.

Part I:

RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

AN OVERVIEW

PART 1: RECORDS MANAGEMENT: AN OVERVIEW

1.1 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DEFINED:

Records Management is the systematic control over the creation, maintenance, preservation and disposition of records.

1.2 PURPOSES OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

- * To create records that are necessary for the efficient and successful operation of an organization.
- * To produce records when they are needed.
- * To save or retain records that are necessary for the continued operation of an organization.

1.3 IMPORTANCE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

- * Decision Making - records have been described as the extension of the brains. No organization can exist without adequate records. Adequate records does not mean keeping everything that are to the records unit. The traditional method of records keeping is to keep and store everything.

Management depends on accurate records. In decision making, failure on the part of those maintaining records to give accurate records would result in an unsound decision.

- * Economic Waste - Paperwork is the most expensive activity but essential to an organization. The organization must have to appropriate and spend thousands of pesos for personnel services, supplies and equipment. The devotion to the maintenance of the traditional method of records keeping result to economic waste in relation to the total outlay of an organization. Unless management recognizes that records management is an important phase of management in an organization,

separate and highly important operational function, an organization shall continue to appropriate and spend large amount of money. In spite of this large amount appropriated and spent, there would still be inefficiency and mishandling of records.

- * Solution - The inefficiency and mishandling of records could only be solved through a scientific approach to the establishment of an integrated records management program. If established, the result will be the efficient and economical handling of records. There will be fewer but better records, better service and sound decision.

1.4 PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

- * Executives - the person responsible in the creation of records;
- * Processor or User - the person to whom the records is sent for action or information.
- * Officer Worker - the person responsible in the preparation of records, usually the secretary, stenographer, typist or machine operator.
- * Records Personnel - the person responsible in the maintenance and retention of records.

1.5 RECORDS MANAGEMENT GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

- * Regulate the great variety and volume of records/ documents & papers received and **created** in Department transactions.
- * Accomodate and control natural increase in volume and variety due to growth of the organization, new functions and expanded activities.
- * Establish a department-wide uniform system in the classification and coding of records to facilitate easy processing, filing, storage and retrieval when needed.

- * Establish a standard procedures for their receipt, issuance and control.
- * Control, ensure delivery and reduce the accumulation of personal mails and publications with official mails, including GSIS checks.
- * Protect vital records from vandals, fire and other natural hazards, misplacement and faulty storage.
- * Introduce computerization and microfilming of vital records/documents for permanent safekeeping.
- * Initiate training courses in coordination with HRPD and HRTMDD for the records personnel in all aspects of records activities.
- * Establish standard procedures that assure maximum utilization of office repro duction and filing equipment, including space allocation.

Part 2:

THE ROLE OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/ENTITIES

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Information is the most important tool of man today whether he is in public or in private enterprise. It is also needed daily in the processes of problem-solving and decision-making. What an individual can do in any organization depends largely upon the information that he received and vice-versa, he may also be the source of information transmitted to others. In short, information is the knowledge communicated by others or obtained by study and investigation.

Information is generated and transmitted within every business and governmental organization countless times every minute of the working day. Executives of government and business offices are informed of the accomplishment of projects or programs through letter or meetings. The accounting unit or section constructs financial statements, budget reports and various other documents and distributes them to other sections or unit. Department/service and division chiefs develop organizational plans and policies and transmit these to their subordinates for implementation. Thus, a great deal of time is spent in receiving or transmitting information directly or indirectly consumed time -- allotted to top management. The following classifications may be helpful in comprehending the different information needs of managers and executives in business and government for decision-making purposes:

- Action - requires the recipient to respond within a specified period of time.
- Non-action - is information on which no action is taken but which will eventually become part of some activity later on such as a monthly or annual report.
- Recurring - much information recurs at regular in a given period of time.
- Non-recurring - Management needs information for planning a new program or constructing a new facility which may be needed only once during the lifetime of an organization.
- Internal - In most organization, the greatest portion of the existing information is generated within the organization.

- External - an example is data gathered from a government agency. This is usually difficult to obtain than the internal information.
- Historical - this consists of records of past events or occurrences which is useful as a basis for management decisions for cost-saving purposes. This is also gathered from both internal and external source.
- Future - this is used for future planning of any activity either by a private or public entity.
- Documentary - this is an information which has been recorded in permanent form. It includes written or printed manuscripts, punched paper tapes, magnetic tapes, microfilms, computer printouts and other forms.
- Non-documentary- is the information that has not been recorded. It is usually obtained through such processes as word of mouth and personal observation.

So much so that business and government information is transmitted from one to another in the form of documents known as records.

2.1 THE ROLE OF THE RECORDS OFFICER

The records officer cannot be successfully in directing a records management program if top management is indifferent or unsupportive of the program. The first requirement, then for the successful implementation of a records management program is active support by top administrators. Once this is assured, the records officer/manager can proceed with confidence.

2.2 QUALIFICATION OF THE RECORDS OFFICER

For a records officer/manager to fulfill his or her duties effectively, certain qualifications are needed. Qualifications needed for effectively directing a records program are **required** through academic preparation as well as through experience in government. Experience in areas of records

management as well as in all phases of office work is certainly beneficial to the officer/manager. Office experience, regardless of the type of work, gives the manager an awareness of the flow and pattern of work and the purpose of documents. A person who cannot delineate the difference between an invoice and a statement is apt to go astray in establishing guidelines for their retention or destruction. A greater confidence in knowing the movement/purpose of documents generated in an office will aid the records officer in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Academic preparation for a career as a records officer should include courses in office administration as well as other business courses, such as management, communication, and computer processing. In addition, history courses are excellent in providing an awareness of the historical value of documents for preservation in the archives. A degree in office administration, although not a requirements, is highly desirable.

In addition to academic preparation and experience, top priority in preparing for a career in records management is the art of communication. This skill, whether used in written or oral communication should not be underestimated by the records officer/manager. Understanding the principles of effective communication enables the records officer/manager to write and update records manuals, to write instructions and guidelines that are clear and concise, and to communicate with top management through well-written reports and proposals. The ability to communicate orally is equally important in supervising personnel. An articulate person will give clear, correct, and complete instructions to supervisors. Lastly, he or she must be CSC First Grade or Career Service Professional Eligible.

2.3 JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS OFFICER V (Division Chief)

1. Formulate policies, standards, procedures, rules and regulation on the creation, maintenance, preservation, security and disposition of records;

2. Plan work program to carry out the function and activities of the division;
3. Provide technical assistance to the Department on matters concerning records management;
4. Represent the Department in response to Subpoena Duces Tecum served by the Courts and Administrative investigating bodies;
5. Responsible for the issuance of certified copies or certification and authentication of document in his/her custody.

2.4 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE RECORDS SUPERVISOR

Probably one of the best qualifications of a Records Supervisor is that he or she relates well to people. The Records Supervisor supervises any number of records clerks and reports directly to the Records Officer/Manager. The Records Supervisor should be highly qualified and have at least two or more years experience in records management. In addition, the supervisor should have a minimum of two years of college work including such courses as office procedures, office administration, and personnel management. The supervisor must be able to supervise staff effectively; coordinate available resources, establish priorities; possess good communication skills; make decisions; and plan, organize and control the records system. The supervisor should cooperate with the Records Officer/Manager in implementing changes that may be needed. He or she will assist the Records Officer in setting up an ongoing training program for all of the employees. The evaluation of employees on a regular basis and sharing the result of that evaluation in interviews with the employees are also supervisor's duties.

The supervisor should assist the Records Officer in selecting and orienting new employees. Job descriptions should be updated regularly to reflect any changes in duties and requirements of the job. The supervisor is in a position to make sure that individuals filling these positions do indeed keep the job descriptions updated.

2.5 JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS OFFICER IV, III, II AND I

Records Officer IV (Section Chief)

1. Assist in formulating policies, standards, procedures, rules and regulations on the creation, maintenance preservation, security and disposition of records;
2. Assist in planning the work program to carry out the function and activities of the division;
3. Direct and coordinates with subordinate supervisors the functions and activities of the division;
4. Render technical advice to the Department on matters pertaining to records management;
5. Represent the Department in answer to Subpoena duces Tecum served by the courts and other investigating bodies; and
6. Certify/authenticate available documents requested.

Records Officer III

- a. Responsible for maintaining records in accordance with prescribed standards and procedures and recommending measures for improvement when necessary;
- b. Supervise the proper filing and safekeeping of records;
- c. Initially appraise the records as to their administrative, fiscal, legal & archival value;
- d. Assist in the implementation of the Department Records Disposition Schedule;
- e. Review and certify available documents in the absence of the RO V (Division Chief) and the RO IV (Assistant Division Chief); and
- f. Check on the mailing operations and does other related work.

Records Officer II

- a. Assume responsibility for the orderly maintenance of records;
- b. Make periodic technical inspection of file station;
- c. Supervise the retrieval of requested documents;
- d. Inventory the records whenever necessary.

Records Officer I

- a. Assume responsibility for the proper filing and safekeeping of records;
- b. Update the filing guide and prepare indices to facilitate the search for records;
- c. Conduct file audit periodically;
- d. Classify and record incoming and outgoing communications;
- e. Maintain logbooks/indices for incoming and outgoing communications to aid in the tracking system of the Department.

Part 3:

THE NEED FOR AN

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PART 3. THE NEED FOR AN INTEGRATED RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

3.1 RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

A Records Management Improvement Program is a predetermined, well-arranged and coordinated plan of activities to attain effectiveness, efficiency and economy in the creation, maintenance and disposition of records in the agency.

It is of common knowledge that the creation of records in a big agency like the Department of Public Works and Highways, entails tremendous amount of expenditures. Even with utmost care in the creation of such records, the desired effectiveness is not attained if they are not well-kept, maintained and controlled. As the records keep accumulating, there is also the corresponding increase in the volume of records that have outlived its usefulness. In such a case, measure should be taken to reduce the agency's records holdings to the minimum of what is necessary in its day-to-day operation. The life cycle of records, from creation and maintenance to disposition, would entail substantial amount of effort, time and money so much so that activities attendant to it require conscientious planning. This can be met through the setting up and development of a Records Management Improvement Program to be judiciously implemented by agency personnel.

3.2 OBJECTIVES OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Create records that are necessary in the operational activities of the agency by limiting production to the desired quantity, and observing the basic principles and accepted practices in records creation.

Identify and classify the various types of records to be retained; establish their location within the agency/department; and account for specific records; systems and procedures.

Establish guidelines for the maintenance, use and control of active and inactive records.

Designate responsibility for the total records management program within the department/agency to a records officer/manager and a specially trained staff of records personnel.

Reduce the amount of records in the department/agency to the level of what is normally needed and to dispose of those that are non-current, inactive or disposable in the manner consistent with sound disposition practices and in accordance with existing regulations.

Provide for effective and economical procedures, systems, and equipment to protect records.

Ensure continuity of operation of the department/agency in case of disaster where there is potential for loss and/or destruction of records.

3.3 RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Pursuant to Article I, Rule 3 of Department Order No. 4 dated July 19, 1968, the Department of General Services has directed the creation of a Records Management Improvement Committee in all government agencies.

On August 27, 1984, the Ministry of Public Works and Highways now Department of Public Works and Highways, under MPWH Memorandum Circular No. 40 created a Records Management Improvement Committee in the Ministry. In 1987, when the MPWH was reorganized, pursuant to Executive Order No. 124, the DPWH Records Management Improvement Committee was reconstituted under Memorandum Circular No. 63 dated August 19, 1988, composed of the following:

Assistant Secretary for Administrative and Manpower Management	- Chairman
Assistant Secretary for Comptrollership and Financial Management	- Co-Chairman
Chief, Administrative and Manpower Management Service	- Member
Chief, Comptrollership and Financial Management Service	- Member

Chief, Internal Audit Service	- Member
Chief, Legal Service	- Member
Bureau Director Concerned	- Member
Project Manager Concerned	- Member
CDA Auditor/Representative	- Member
Chief, Records Management Division	- Secretary

3.4 FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

- * Plan, formulate and undertake the improvement of records management in the Department proper including but not limited to, the various Bureaus, Project Management Offices, Regional, RES, District/City Offices of the Department;
- * Plan, formulate, coordinate and implement a Records Disposition Program with the end in view of identifying and preserving records having permanent value, e.g., administrative, legal, fiscal, technical or archival value, and disposing through destruction or sale of valueless records;
- * Evaluate and establish the retention period of the Department records (produced or maintained);
- * Formulate a Records Retention and Disposal Schedule and revise any schedule which the Committee may deem fit depending on the rationale for its retention/disposition, as the case may be, and as circumstances may warrant, subject to the approval of the Secretary; and
- * Submit to the Director of Records Management and Archives Office the established Records Retention and Disposal Schedule for approval.

In the formulation and **establishment of a** Records Management Improvement Program for the Department, the Committee shall be assisted by a Sub-Committee, to be composed of the following:

CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF SUB-COMMITTEE

For the Central Office:

- Chief, Records Management Division - Chairman
- Chief, Non-Current Records Section - Member
(Inventory, and Appraisal and Disposal of Records)
- Chief of Division where records are stored - Member
- COA Representative - Member

For the Regional Offices:

- Chief, Administrative Division - Chairman
- Chief, Records Section - Member
- Chief, of the Division/Section - Member
where records are stored

3.5 FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

3.5.1 Assist the DPWH Records Management Improvement Committee in the following areas of responsibilities:

- * Plan, formulate and undertake the improvement of a Records Management Program for the Department.
- * Prepare the action plan preparatory to the Inventory of Records.
- * Conduct inventory of all records holdings (by records series) in the Central Office of the DPWH and all its various Offices.
- * Update the Records Retention and Disposal Schedules, subject to review by the DPWH Records Management Improvement Committee, and the approval of the Secretary and the Director, Records Management and Archives Office.

3.5.2 Implement the Records Retention & Disposal Schedules of their respective Offices as approved by the Records Management and Archives Office.

- 3.5.3 Determine and set File breaks generally during slack periods of filing and servicing at the end of the calendar year.
- 3.5.4 Prepare the request for authority to dispose of valueless records of their Offices after a file break for approval by the Director of Records Management and Archives Office.
- 3.5.5 Assist in the conduct of Public bidding for award of contract for the disposal of valueless records of their respective offices following the pertinent provisions of PD 1445, preferably towards the end of the calendar year.
- 3.5.6 Shall have custody of the records holding of their respective offices and shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the valueless records until its disposal is authorized.
- 3.5.7. Remit to the National Fund all proceeds realized from the sale of disposable valueless records.

3.6 GOVERNMENT-WIDE RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS:

Inadequate over-all coordination of records management improvement program agencies.

Ineffective control of records management

- * Creation of valueless records

- * Storage of obsolete records

- * Inefficient administration of valueless records

Lack of coordination and control of records management

- * Economic waste

- * Inefficiency

3.7 COMMON RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN AGENCIES

- * Lack of uniform classification & filing system.
 - * Loss of misfiling of records.
- * Lack of storage space and filing equipment for active and inactive files.
- * Lack of systematic and orderly transfer to non-current records from office stations to records centers
- * Lack of control in the creation of reports, forms and directives.
- * Too many unnecessary reports.

3.8 AGENCY PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

3.8.1 THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVES OFFICE:

The Central agency responsible for developing and implementing the government-wide records management program.

- * Responsible for the promotion of a sound records management program in the government.
- * Establish and operate records centers for the storage, servicing, security and screening of all records which must be preserved for a time but need not be retained in office space.
- * Shall evolve and operate government-wide improvements and economies in records management.
- * These shall include.
 - * Standards and controls for records making and records keeping, selective records preservation, scheduled records disposal and transfer to records centers.
 - * Discriminating application of tested methods, practices, materials, equipment and machines in the creation and maintenance of records.

- * Authorization by law to inspect records and to require reports as to their management.
- * Training programs directed at improving the effectiveness and technical knowledge of personnel assigned to records making and records keeping, and
- * Standards and controls for physical, legal and security safeguards for all records.

Part 4:

DPWH POLICIES ON

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

4. POLICIES ON RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

1. The Records Management Division with its Standard Operating Procedures and Internal Policies shall be responsible for the establishment of a more effective and efficient Records Management Improvement Program (RMIP) on a Department-wide application.
2. Centralization of Records Management in the Central Office - for the full control of incoming and outgoing communications/documents to assure prompt action thereon.
3. The Central Records Management Division shall be the focal point of all records management activities of the Department.
4. The Records Management Division shall be the repository of the Department's vital records/documents. It shall also be the custodian of inactive records deemed necessary for current operations.
5. The Records Management Division shall prepare the inventory of the Department's records holding and dispose of its valueless records at least once a year.

Part 5:

PHASES OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT

5.1 Records Creation

5.2 Records Maintenance

5.3 Records Disposition

5.1 RECORDS CREATION

5.1.1 RECORDS CREATION: is defined as the putting down of information on papers, printed forms, punch cards, tapes or any information transmitting media.

5.1.2 PRIMARY PURPOSE OF RECORDS CREATION: is to create records that are necessary for the continued operation of an entity.

5.1.3 WHAT ARE RECORDS? The term "records" is any paper, book, photograph, drawing, motion picture film, microfilm, sound recording, map or other documents of any physical form or character, or any copy thereof, created by an entity or received by it, in connection with the transaction of public business, and has been retained by that entity as evidence of the objectives, organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations and other activities of the government, or because of the information contained therein.

A record maybe the creation of an individual. An example of this may be the historic "Emancipation of Tenants", PD # 27. Yet, a record may also be the creation of more than one person. A good example of this is a "Committee Report".

5.1.4 ORIGIN OF RECORDS: Records in an agency come from two sources. One is the agency itself and the other is from outside the agency.

5.1.5 CONCEPTS OR GUIDE IN THE CONTROL OF CREATING RECORDS:

- * Measure of Necessity: emphasizes that records are created only if they become necessary tool or medium for the completion of a given task within an agency.

- * **Basis for Simplicity:** states that in the creation of records, the writer should use only well-known, clear, specific, short, and direct sentences, if possible, one idea per document or communication.
- * **Rule of Substitution:** simply states that a writer must substitute the simple for the complicated and the formal for the informal, provided that in so doing, the desired results are achieved.
- * **Rule for Simplification:** shows that it is always advisable to use a method that is direct, better, easier, faster and cheaper because complicated procedures are time consuming and costly.
- * **Measure of Good Supervision:** points out that the supervisor has a very important role to play in preventing the creation of unnecessary records.

5.1.6 **Persons Responsible for Controlling the Creation and Use of Records in an Entity:**

- * Secretaries or typists who prepare the records for the creator;
- * Processors who must see to it that the necessary actions required in the records are taken;
- * Filing clerks who are entrusted with the safekeeping of records;
- * Encourage the use of the telephone so that communication will become faster, more efficient and more economical;
- * Use the form letter, guide letters and routine slips.

5.1.7 MAJOR FIELDS IN RECORDS CREATION:

5.1.7.1 **Correspondence Management:** Government correspondence consists of letters, memoranda, indorsements and directives, including written or printed matters, transmitted, enclosed or used in

place of more formal correspondence. It is always a writer's responsibility to be understood by the person of the firm to whom he is addressing a letter. So, before writing, he should be able to visualize the ideas, thoughts and emotions intended to be put down in writing. In other words, he/she should plan his/her letter. In planning, he should remember the classic patterns for letter, that is the block, the semi-block, or the full-block form, the rules of unity, coherence and emphasis, the elements such as the communicator receiver, circumstances, expressions, channel and purpose which contribute to the desired effect of a letter, and clarity of the letter's content and style.

An equally effective guide for correspondence is the Four (4) S Formula.

- * Shortness
- * Simplicity
- * Strength
- * Sincerity
- * Shortness - means the writer must avoid needless inquiry, words and information. Omit unnecessary expressions such as, at hand, at an early date, beg to inform, enclosed herewith, and shorten prepositional phrases.
- * Simplicity - is knowing your subject, using short words, sentences and paragraphs, and using simple and compact statements.
- * Strength - means using concrete words and active verbs. In other words, don't hedge.
- * Sincerity - is being human. Admit mistakes and don't be servile or arrogant. Think of the other person.

It is also equally important if you check your letter against the Five C Formula.

- * Is it complete?
- * Is it Concise?

- * Is it Clear?
- * Is it Correct?
- * Is it Courteous?

One way of having an effective and economical correspondence management is the use of form letter and this should be used when it can adequately attend to a routine business and informational matters.

Advantages of FORM LETTERS over that of plain letters.

- * Assures prompt reply
- * Readable
- * Easy to understand
- * Eliminate unnecessary reviews
- * Easy to control

5.1.7.2 FORM MANAGEMENT:

What is a Form? A form is any piece of paper reproduced or duplicated by any printing process, which contains information and blank spaces for the entry of variable information. There are many types of forms. Some of these are:

- * Printed or Business Letters
- * Printed Memoranda
- * Postal Cards
- * Information Slips

These forms are used in place of typewritten ones for reasons of appropriateness, speed and economy. Forms may also be classified according to their office function such as, purchase forms, accounting and auditing forms, and procurement and supply forms. They may also be classified according to the authority in which they are used such as, agency forms which are created and standardized by the agency for its internal or administrative purposes, and standard forms which are created and prescribed by an agency for the mandatory use of other agencies.

Importance of Forms:

- * Forms show clearly what information must be gathered and communicated.
- * Provide specific location for each information needed.
- * Facilitate the use of multiple copies.
- * Identify records and facilitate filing.

5.1.7.3 REPORTS MANAGEMENT:

A report management is defined as an official statement of facts relevant to any event, activity program or condition. It is usually written in narrative, statistical or graphic form. A report may be presented by a subordinate to his superior or by one office to another with the purpose of furnishing management much needed informations necessary for managerial decision-making.

Reports are important because:

- * They evaluate and improve performance.
- * Monitor progress of operation.
- * Provide factual measurement of condition.
- * Indicate deficiencies and need for creative action.
- * Measure progress of program with respect to objective.
- * Determine program values.
- * Recognize trends and problems which affect the program.

Reports are classified as special reports such as investigations, studies, proposals, and recurring reports such as regular periodic report, progress report, financial report, and recurring irregular reports like audits, inspection or appraisal report. A good report must have the following.

- * Accuracy
- * General Appearance
- * Relevancy
- * Current Application

- * Brevity
- * Impartiality
- * Promptness

The other originate from the management down to the lower group of employees and this is called Administrative Issuances or Instructions.

5.1.7.4 INSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT:

Is defined as the technique of planning, preparing, organizing, conveying promptly the right instruction to the right person at the right time and at the lowest possible cost. Instruction management is important because it enables an organization to function economically, efficiently and effectively.

Types of Administrative Issuances that are applicable within the Department.

- * Administrative Order - which is issued for the supervision of matters in the government which is purely internal and not of general interest to the people.
- * Office Memoranda - an issuances addressed exclusively to a particular group of officials and employees of a particular unit or a division.
- * General Circular - this contains administrative instruction which are directory, advisory or informative in nature, more or less general in application, permanent in duration and requiring compliances or observance from the employees of the issuing office and the public in general.
- * Office Circular - this involves assignments and other related matters affecting the status of personnel, including details, designation, communications, supervisions, reinstatement, etc.

- * Special Order - this treats of special assignment or mission to be accomplished by officials and employees concerned for a definite period.
- * Travel Order - these are issued exclusively for travel assignments of personnel.
- * Department Orders - these are issuances which include, directives, rules, regulations order, and/or instruction which establish new policies or implement existing laws and executive orders. They are regulatory in nature, permanent and mandatory in character and of general application.
- * Office Memorandum Circular and Office Memorandum Orders
 - These are intended as follow-up or calling attention to or as a reminder on a previous general circular and office order respectively.
- * Bulletins - these are used for brief informative issuances which do not require compliance from the employees such as periodical publication of the agency, news announcement, public notice and allied matters.

5.1.7.5 Guidelines in the Preparation of Written Instruction:

- * Determine the purpose of the instruction.
- * Plan or outline the writing of the instruction.
- * Check previous instructional release.
- * Use natural conversational language
- * Be complete and clear.
- * Be brief without sacrificing the substance.
- * Use language with appropriate tone.
- * Determine the appropriate format.

- * Determine the right number of copies to be produced.
- * Determine whether it needs necessity for indexing.
- * Determine the most effective method of transmission.
- * Review releases as frequently as possible.
- * Secure clearance and approval.

Regardless of the size of the office in which records are created, records must be controlled. Every copy produced must be justified because needless copies will only add to the bulk of the records being maintained. Fewer but better records would result in an efficient, economical and effective records management.

5.2 RECORDS MAINTENANCE

5.2.1 MAIL MANAGEMENT

Approaches to an Improved Operations:

Proper organization is the groundwork for effective mail operations. In organizing the handling of mails and correspondence, the Agency should have a Unit responsible for managing and coordinating various aspects of mail operations.

Combine communications and records function into a single unit. Since communication process is the beginning and end of the paperwork chain, it could be better served if combined with the records function. The authority and responsibility of this function should be defined either thru a directive or in the form of an Order.

5.2.1.1

WHAT IS MAIL? Mail includes letters, postcards, documents, packages, publications and telegrams or any other written communications or documents transmitted through electrical, electronic or mechanical devices, or through postal service, that are received or sent by Agency of Office.

MAILS are considered communications/documents on sealed container.

MAIL MANAGEMENT in order to be effective should be set up in a mail room; this room provides vital services to the Agency. The heart of a mail management program is a well organized and efficient run mail room.

In small offices having no mail room, the Records Office is used as mail room. If possible, it should be located at a convenient place which is accessible to the action and to the public. It must have lights pleasing to the eyes and proper ventilation too.

5.2.1.2

BASIC GUIDES IN ORGANIZING A MAIL ROOM

* Planning - is to determine the volume handled, size of the agency and the equipment and materials needed for its operation.

- * Organizing - is to determine the right number and kind of positions to be created and the qualifications of the personnel.
- * Coordinating and Controlling - coordination between the mail room personnel and the agency's action unit be established including a system of review.
- * Funding - is to provide funds to cover postage and other communication and transportation expenses, costs needed for materials, equipment and supplies including their replacement.

5.2.1.3 MAJOR PHASES OF MAIL MANAGEMENT:

- * Handling of Incoming Mails and Correspondences/Communications.
- * Handling of Outgoing Mails/Signed Communications.
- * Messenger Service System

5.2.1.4 FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN THE HANDLING OF INCOMING MAILS

Remember, effective servicing of mail starts at the time the Agency receives it. Therefore, an appropriate procedure should be done to facilitate rapid distribution, at least cost throughout the Department.

5.2.1.5 TOOLS NEEDED IN ORDER TO OPERATE AND EFFICIENTLY CONTROL THE MOVEMENT OF MAILS:

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|----------------|---|
| * Sorting Tray | * Letter Opener |
| * Log Books | * Stamps |
| * Mail Guide | * Plastic pouch/Transpack |
| * Envelope | * Stamp Pad |
| * Rubber Stamp | * Wrapping, Packaging,
and Bailing, Materials. |

The recording and control of all incoming mails can be minimized if we classify them into two categories:

Official Mails - are those that are addressed to the officials of the Department with their designations.

Personal Mails - are those which are personally addressed without stating their official designations.

Official Mails are further classified into:

Accountable Mails - are mails that needs recording and should properly be receipted and acknowledged by the receiver.

Example:

package, printed matters and foreign mails.

Ordinary Mails - this type of mail need not to be recorded. However, if the Department decides to do so, it may be recorded for statistical purpose.

Sometimes, mails require action within a specific time. This includes those that are marked "URGENT or RUSH", CONFIDENTIAL and official correspondence from very important persons, like high ranking government officials.

5.2.1.6 PROCEDURES IN HANDLING INCOMING MAILS:

- * Receiving -The agency's mail room is usually the first receiving point for mails addressed to the offices served by said mail unit. For receiving mails, arrangement should be made in such a way that the agency should have a pick-up and delivery schedule in coordination with the Postal Service. Arrange mail shortly before office hours or soon after.

- * Sorting -is the segregating of mails by units or by the addressee. Routine mails are separated from non-routine mails. In sorting, we may find mails with wrong addresses, so, it shall be the responsibility of the sorter to place the correct address if available, or dispose it in accordance with existing policies.

- * Opening of Mails -is a matter of policy by the agency. It is ideal that the opening shall be the responsibility of the records office. This is done either by hands or mechanical letter opener depending on the mails to be opened.
- * Date Stamping -this is made on the face of mail matter to show date of receipt. It is a must in the handling of an incoming correspondence, especially if it has legal and or financial value. Time stamping should be confined to essential mails like bids, contracts, claims, etc.
- * Scanning -is reading and analyzing the correspondence to determine the subject matter for the purpose of recording/registry.
- * Recording/
Registration -the Department of Public Works and Highways is using the Record Book in recording mails. It indicates the origin, date received, subject matter and action unit having jurisdiction on/over the matter treated therein.
- * Routing -it is the process of delivering the mail materials from one action unit to the other. This is done after the mail clerk has recorded the correspondence/document.
- * Controlling -it is the process of recording all types of mail and correspondence concerning the receipts, location, status and dispatch. To facilitate and expedite work involved in controlling mail, there are devices, forms and other tools commonly used in mail operations. Among these are:

Mail Guide - this serves as the basis in determining what mail control to apply and where to route mail.

Records or Registrar Book - mails are listed down in this record book and only important informations are recorded in the record book so as to avoid undue delay in mail delivery/dispatch.

Such informations are:

Correspondence Number

Source of mail

Date Mail was received

Subject matter of the mail as briefly as possible.

Date when mail was dispatched and signature of person to whom it was released.

5.2.1.7 HANDLING OF OUTGOING MAIL:

Any correspondence that is being prepared either as a reply to incoming mail or as an originally created piece intended to be sent outside the agency acquires the category of an outgoing mail. It is the concern of the agency to speed up the flow of mail from the office preparing it to mail room which in turn, promptly transmits it to its destination through the appropriate messenger, courier, or postal service. The handling of outgoing mail therefore also requires appropriate procedures to attain fast service at the most economical cost.

*THREE AREAS OF ACTIVITY IN MAIL PREPARATION:

- * Preparing outgoing mail for dispatching.
- * Final handling and actual dispatching.
- * Final handling of material to be filed.

*STEPS IN PREPARING OUTGOING MAIL FOR DISPATCHING:

- * Upon receipt, outgoing mail piece is checked for complements including enclosures, signatures, etc..
- * Reproduce more copies of the mail piece or its enclosures, if necessary.

- * Assign the code/release number, if required by the agency policy, to a mail piece which shall serve as a referral number for reply purposes.
- * Mail is sorted first as to mail to be delivered by messenger service and to be delivered by postal service.
- * Mail to be delivered by postal service is further sorted as to the type of postal handling ordinary mail, air mail, special delivery or registered mail.
- * Mark all outgoing mail with the same destination.
- * Record only non-routine official mail.
- * Prepare envelopes with correct addressees, exact amount of stamps and proper zip code to ensure correct and expeditious transport.
- * Sort finished envelopes for postal service, messengerial delivery, LBC Air Cargo transport according to geographical locations for easy handling.
- * Register mails with return address of sender for transmitting materials of considerable value as may be required by law.
- * Prepare the necessary forms for registered mails. The list of registered and special delivery mails for records purposes, in accordance with postal regulations, shall be kept.

5.2.1.8 FINAL HANDLING AND DISPATCHING OF OUTGOING MAIL

After it has been stripped of file material, the outgoing mail enters the final handling and dispatching stage. The outgoing mail material goes to the mail dispatcher/clerk while the file material goes to the file classifier/clerk.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED:

- * Sorting the mail -
 - * Those to be delivered by messenger service.
 - * Those to be delivered by Postal service.
 - * Those which are to be delivered through telegrams, radiograms or by fax machine.

* Enveloping mail -

* Select the right envelope for a mail piece.

* Fold the mail piece properly into the correct envelope.

* Address the envelope properly.

5.2.1.9 SETTING UP A MAIL ROOM

The Mail Room provides a vital to an agency in the government. The heart of a mail management program is a well-organized and efficiently run mail room. If possible, a mail room should be located at a convenient place to afford optimum accessibility to the action units and the public. Good ventilation and adequate lighting should be provided.

5.2.1.10 THE RECORDS STORAGE ROOM

The records storage room should occupy a desirable space in the building basement or the farthest end room of the building may be used for this purpose. The cabinets and other equipments should be arranged 10 to 20 to a row from left to right and this is also true with the wooden open shelves.

5.2.1.11 MESSENGERIAL SERVICES

An efficient messengerial service is just as important as establishing mail processing in the Division. Whether by internal or external messengerial services, mail dispatch should be efficient and adequate in order to prevent wastage of precious time needed to act on all communications/documents, received and delivered through the Department's mail channels.

5.2.1.12 KINDS OF MESSENGER SERVICES

* Internal Messenger Service - this involves the delivery of mails from one office to another within the department/agency.

* External Messenger Service - this involves the delivery of agency/office mails to or from the central mail station and outside office or other agencies.

- * Special Messenger Service - this refers to special messenger trips to deliver or collect mails that is so urgent/rush or important in nature which requires immediate action.

5.2.1.13 MANAGING THE MESSENGER SERVICE

To achieve the ultimate goal of the office/agency in the prompt/fast delivery/dispatch of mails, it is but necessary to plan out very carefully the most suitable procedures that must be established to meet the messengers requirements of the office/agency. In planning out these procedures, consider the four activities involved in managing a messenger service, namely:

- * Organizing and managing personnel that comprise the messenger force.
- * Planning and revising, when necessary, the messenger routes and stops/destination.
- * Scheduling of messengers.
- * Prioritize urgent mails which need special messenger.

Certain factors which influence the scope and size of the agency's messenger force.

- * The Organizational structure of the agency.
- * The physical lay-out of the buildings of the entire agency.
- * The funding capability.
- * The working relationship of one action office to another.

5.2.1.14 TRAITS OF A GOOD MESSENGER

- * He must be physically fit.
- * He must have a pleasing personality.
- * He should be clean and neat in appearance.
- * He must be honest and trustworthy.
- * He must be tactful.

- * He must have the initiative or capability to act on his own.
- * He must be conscientious, mindful of his work.
- * He must be resourceful.
- * He must have a cheerful disposition.
- * He should **not** be a gossip.
- * He should be educationally **qualified**.

5.2.1.15 HELPFUL DEVICES AND FORMS

- * "IN and OUT" Trays - these are tray-like receptacles usually made of any light board or plywood or meshed wire, rectangular or boxlike in shape, which are used to accommodate mail pieces intended for delivery or collection by messenger.
- * Delivery Receipts - these are **forms** which are accomplished for all outgoing mails, to show brief descriptions of various materials listed and to be signed by the receiving entity.
- * Record Book or Logbook - is commonly used to record the receipt of inter-office correspondence/documents delivered from one office to another in an agency.

5.2.2 FILES MANAGEMENT

In records management, filing constitutes a major portion of office work. Written information materials related to organizations, instructions, contracts, obligations, drawings, plans, programs, transactions and the like must be readily available when needed. Filing is the classifying and arranging of records in a systematic way so they will not only be safely stored but also quickly retrieved when needed, or filing is the placing of papers/records in an acceptable containers in accordance with the pre-determined arrangement so that any paper or records, when required, can be located and retrieved immediately.

In filing, the emphasis is more upon the "Finding" rather than the "Storing" aspect for purposes of practicability and convenience. Since the written information is being retained or filed for future possible use or reference, the so-called "finding" aspect is essential in paperwork management.

Filing, from the simplest to the most complicated system, is an expensive undertaking. Establishing and managing effective system for arranging the records that an office must maintain, and placing them at their proper locations, will help promote operational efficiency in the office. Day to day operations of the files must be given utmost attention and direction to insure the greatest possible return of the money spent for records keeping.

5.2.2.1 Centralized Files - files are maintained in one unit and in one location.

5.2.2.2 Decentralized Files - places all records of common interest to many persons in one location under one supervisor.

5.2.2.3 Advantages in Centralizing all Filing Process:

- * Filing is done by skilled technicians under specialized file supervision.
- * Provide for more effective use of personnel and better quality of work.
- * Responsibility is more easily delegated and accountability is easily placed.
- * Reduces duplication of personnel, equipment, supplies and space.
- * Greater utilization of filing facilities can be maintained.
- * Records **are** stored in more efficient equipment.
- * Uniform files procedures are followed.
- * All related data are kept together.
- * Retrieval of **in**formation is faster and uniform service is given to all department or divisions.

- * Effective in small as well as larger organizations where some of the departments or organizational units do not have convenient access to the files.
- * Offers complete service to the total organization, the storage of records, filing, maintenance, and reference service.
- * Elimination of the cost of extra labor.
- * Complete record of transaction can be assembled and produced more easily and quickly.
- * Personnel changes will not affect the ability to find records.

File Station - every separate location at which records of any kind are accumulated in an organization is a file station. It is a repository of information.

EXAMPLES:

- * Small office file serving one or several persons.
- * Large central file serving several or many offices.
- * Engineering Drawing Files.
- * Punched Card files.
- * Files of magnetic tape.
- * Microfilm files.

An Ideal File Station Network shall consist of:

- * Official File Station - area where files will be readily accessible to users.
- * Duplicate File Station - temporary place where files are permissible only when official station is inaccessible.
- * Inactive File Station - location of files that are not frequently needed.

Central Reference Service:

- * Responsible for maintaining up-to-date information on the location of all active and inactive records.
- * Coordinates and provides indices of records holdings.

File Station Directory:

- * Serve as connecting link between network stations.
- * Descriptive listing of all records holdings.

Files Overgrowth:

- * It is the keeping of records in half a dozen file stations. These are bits of related information scattered here and there.

Trouble Signs:

- * Accumulation of records in desks, bookcases, and so called personal files.
- * Unusually large expenditures for filing equipment.

Files Operations and Techniques - Office Filing Task:

- * Determine which papers to file and which papers to avoid filing.
- * Determine which needed papers to maintain as separate file groups.
- * Arrange the folders logically within each group.
- * Select and use the best available equipment and supplies, for housing records and for making the sequence of folders visible through labels.
- * Operate the files on a day-to-day basis after establishing them.

Filing Fewer Publications:

- * Who first requested the publications?
- * Who now uses?
- * How often does he use it?
- * Can we conveniently get this information elsewhere when needed?
- * Does our past experience justify our inclusion on the distribution list?
- * Does this publication serve an immediate need? A probable need.
- * Does it serve its purpose adequate after being reviewed by those who need to see it?
- * Is the value of information long term? Limited? Temporary?
- * If we must file it, how soon can we dispose of each other?

Filing Fewer "Information Only" Copies:

- * Filing Fewer Directives - in an office, one person is designated to keep the entire "set", with the responsibility of making sure it is complete and up-to-date.
- * Filing Fewer Copies of Routine Communications - Eliminate file copies of routine communications which require no record.
- * Procedures for Eliminating Copies -
 - * When granting routine request for publications, blank forms, or other printed supplies, attach the requesting letter to the materials sent. There is nothing to be filed since the request is returned to the sender.
 - * As appropriate, answer routine request from other offices by placing the information at the bottom of the request.

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- * When transmitting materials not requested by letter, avoid routine transmittal letters with their attendant file copies. If some records seems necessary, note relevant facts on the office file copy of the transmitted materials.
 - * When using form, return the request for information with the **form** letter. If the request must be filed, place on it the date of the reply and the number of the form letter.
 - * Reducing Extra Copy Files - decisions made from extra copy files may be unsound decisions because it is based upon incomplete evidence.
 - * File Groups Commonly Found in Government Records:
 - Administration
 - Legal
 - Finance
 - Personnel
 - Public Assistance
 - * Considerations in the establishment of separate File Types:
 - Disposal Factor
 - Identification Factor
 - Volume Factor
 - Completeness Factor
- Basis File Groups:
- * General Correspondence - letters, telegrams, reports, etc.
 - * Transitory Correspondence - answer to routine request for information or publications.

- * Case Records - Investigations, contracts, etc.
- * Case Working Papers - reference materials.
- * Technical Reference Material - printed reports, periodicals, etc.
- * Extra "convenience" copies.
- * Film, Tape or Desk Records
- * Cartographic materials and drawings - maps, charts, etc.
- * Cards - indices, catalogues, etc.

How to Break Down Records for Easy Finding:

- * First Step - Divide the records into major subjects.

EXAMPLES:

ADM - Administrative Matters

FIN - Finance and Fiscal Matters

LEG - Legal Matters

PER - Personnel Matter

PA - Public Assistance

- * Second Step - break down further within each separate file group.

EXAMPLE:

ADM -

1. Aeronautics
2. Associations
3. Auto Plates
4. Buildings

4-1 Military

4-2 Schools

4-3 Private/Residential

4-4 Plants/Factories

5. Calamities

6. Celebrations/Holidays/Fund Campaign

5.2.2.4 SYSTEMS OR ARRANGEMENT FOR QUICK FILING

What is meant by Filing:

- * Arranging of recorded information according to a simple logical system.
- * Placing the recorded information in a storage container in correct sequence; and
- * Retrieving the information so that it can be used.

Method of Filing:

- * Vertical Filing
- * Flat Filing
- * Loose-Leaf Filing
- * Visible Filing

Written Filing Procedures (Benefits):

- * Will make active records a reliable and dependable source of information.
- * Will increase the efficiency of active records.
- * Will relieve overcrowding of files by the elimination of unnecessary and out-dated on a continuing basis.
- * Will reduce the amount of space, equipment and material required for filing.
- * Will eliminate certain filing problems and unnecessary expenses.
- * Will reduce filing expenses.

Classifying of Records:

- * Controls the filing of records and provides the same for locating them after they have been filed.
- * Provides the determination of the particular filing designation applicable to each records to insure its proper placement in the files and facilitate its speedy removal from the file when needed.

Assigning Records for Filing:

- * Destroy
- * 30 - Day
- * 90 - Day
- * 6 - Months or 1 - Year
- * Permanent

Releasing Records for Filing:

- * Releasing Marks (Filing Authority)
- * Records should not be allowed to accumulate on window sills and tables but should be transferred to the filing station before the close of the business day.

Checking Records for Filing:

- * The date should be stamped on the record to show the the date that file stations assumes responsibility.
- * The records should be checked for classification and retention codes.
- * All copies of records should be checked to eliminate retention of unnecessary records.
- * All pins and clips should be removed, and records of more than one page should be stapled.

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Cross-Referencing:

- * Prepared when more than one specific subject is covered in a record.
- * May be indicated by placing the caption code for cross-reference underneath the original classification.

Follow-Up (Suspense File) Sorting Records Before Filing:

- * To eliminate excessive accumulation of records after the records reach the file station and serve as an aid in locating a record that has been collected but not yet filed.

Placing the Records in Storage File Operators Responsibility:

- * Check the classification code on the record against the classification code on the folder guide.
- * Place the records in the folders in chronological order, keeping the latest date first.
- * Prepare an individual folders for 5 or 6 records having the same classification code.
- * Prepare extra folders when the present folder contains more than it is designed to hold.
- * Place records in back of guides.

Reference Request Procedures:

- * Only the file operators should remove records from their storage place.
- * If the record is valuable, a copy of the records may be transmitted rather than the original.
- * A charge-out form should be used to described the withdrawn records.
- * A periodic inventory should be made of all charge-out forms.

Screening of Active Records:

- * Active records should be screened periodically so that records that no longer have retention value can be destroyed.
- * Records that no longer have current value can be transferred to the inactive records storage centers.

Benefits for Screening Active Records:

- * Will eliminate useless records from active files.
- * Will reduce that number of records that must be handled by file operators.
- * Will increase the efficiency and economy in the use and maintenance of active records.
- * Will reduce the volume of records in file folders.
- * Will improve the appearance of files.
- * Will reduce floor space, filing equipment and filing supply requirements.
- * Use of Records Storage Boxes.

5.2.2.5 PRINCIPLES OF ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT

The following principles **are used** universally in the arrangement of names of individuals, organizations, geographical locations and political divisions.

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS

- * Alphabetize names of individuals according to (a) surname, (b) given name, (c) middle name or initial.
- * Arrange names in dictionary (Alphabetic) order.
- * Surnames alone are placed before surnames having initials or a given name. Surnames with initials precede given names beginning with the same letter as the initials.
- * Surnames beginning with a prefix, such as "De", "La", "Me", or "Mac" are arranged as spelled. A surname prefix is not considered a separate classification units.

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- * Titles such as Dr., Mrs., Captain, are disregarded in alphabetizing and follow the name in classification caption.
 - * If a title is used alone or with a given name, it is retained and considered in alphabetizing.
 - * Terms such as Jr., Sr., 3rd, are considered as alphabetizing units.
 - * Nicknames are alphabetized as written.
 - * The legal name of a married woman should be used in alphabetizing in this order; (a) her husband's surname, (b) her given name, (c) her middle name. Mrs. is placed in parenthesis at the end of the classification caption. The husband's first and middle names can be placed below the woman's legal name.
 - * Hyphenated names are treated as one word.
 - * Abbreviated prefixes, such as Sto. (Santo), are alphabetized according to the complete spelling.

NAMES of ORGANIZATION

- * Business firm names initials precede surnames beginning with the same letters as the initials.
- * Firm names beginning with titles are alphabetized as written.
- * Firm names including the complete name of an individual are alphabetized according to the surname of the individual followed by the given name and initial.
- * The apostrophe "s" is not considered in alphabetizing firm names.
- * Hyphenated firm names are considered as separate alphabetizing units.
- * Firm names which contains descriptive titles are alphabetized as written.
- * Divisions of business organizations are classified under the corporate name and cross-reference under the Division name.

- * Firm names beginning with numbers are alphabetized according to the complete spelling of the number.
- * "The" at the beginning of a name of an organization is disregarded in alphabetizing and is placed after the name in parentheses.
- * Firm ending such as Inc., are considered in alphabetizing.
- * Conjunctions and prepositions are not considered in alphabetizing.
- * Words in names of organizations that may be written either as one or two words are alphabetized as one word.
- * If the firm name contains a compound geographic name that is an English word, such as New York, the parts of the compound word are considered as two units.
- * If the firm name contains a compound geographic name beginning with a foreign word, such as Des in Des Moines, the compound name is alphabetized as one word.
- * Organizations such as libraries, hotels and hospitals, are alphabetized by the identifying name of the organization.

Example: Hotel Stafford is arranged by Stafford Hotel.

- * Banks and trust companies are arranged first by the name of the town or city where they are located, and next by organization name.
- * Guardianships, receiverships, and trustees are arranged by the names of the organizations that they represent.
- * When the same individual or organization name appears with different addresses, the names are alphabetized according to city or town first. The name of the province is considered when there is duplication in the city name. Names of streets are considered when the same name is located at different street addresses within the same city. Street addresses are arranged from the lowest to the highest street number.

POLITICAL DIVISIONS:

- * Government records are alphabetized in the orders:
(a) Philippine Government, (b) department, and
(c) Bureaus, division, board, etc.
- * The words "Department of", "Bureau of" etc., are disregarded in alphabetizing when used in titles of government records.
- * Names of foreign government divisions are alphabetized first by **the name of** the country, and then by the title of the department, bureau, division, etc.
- * Provincial and municipal government records are arranged alphabetically by the name of the province or city and then by its classification.

Example: Bulacan, Public Schools (Bureau of).

5.2.2.6 RULES FOR HANDLING RECORDS:

- * The filing personnel should understand clearly the filing system used.
- * The system should be maintained in accordance with the procedures stated in the records management manual.
- * Each record should be handled as an important piece of information.
- * Each record is examined for classification filing captions and retention value codes.
- * Papers should be stapled neatly together in the upper left hand corner.
- * Check carefully for cross-reference and follow-up notations. Prepare cross-reference and follow-up forms.
- * Mend or repair any torn paper.
- * Sort records prior to placing records in the drawers and cabinets. Records should be arranged according to the classification caption or code and according to the retention value code. Records with a retention value should not be placed with records of longer or permanent retention value.

- * Sort records as soon as they reach the filing unit.
- * Use sorting devices to save time and eliminate errors.
- * Place records in back of guides.
- * Place records in folder in chronological order.
- * Use a filing shelf enable freedom for both hands when filing.
- * Make divisions in records when folders contain more than capacity for which they were designed.
- * Close each drawer when work is completed to eliminate accidents caused by open drawers.
- * When retrieving records, follow the charge-out procedures stated in the records management manual.
- * Place unfiled records where others can find them.
- * Keep folders, guides, drawers and cabinets neat, orderly and attractive in appearance. All folder labels should be typed, not handwritten. Drawer labels should be neat, clean, and typewritten. File cabinets should not be used for storage of material unrelated to retained records. Cabinets should not be used as bookcases.

5.2.2.7 SERVICING FILES

The following are the activities involved in servicing files:

- a. issuing the records
 - (1) asking for records
 - (2) locating the records
 - (3) charging out records
- b. transferring borrowed records
- c. returning and refiling records
- d. following up borrowed records

Procedures governing the withdrawal of borrowed records from the files may vary depending on the conditions prevailing in an agency. Usually, in small agencies especially, records from the files are issued to persons known to the records keeper after the borrower had filed out and signed a simple out-card covering the borrowed records. In larger agencies, where files are normally many and voluminous, the existence of a more systematic procedure covering the maintenance and control of files is absolutely necessary. No matter how simple or complicated a procedure in the lending of records from agency files, the main point that must be considered when planning a charge-out procedure is that records must be quickly found and issued to the borrower.

In formulating rules governing the charging out of records, it is vital to determine first the following:

- * Who usually requests for materials in the files?
- * Is he the Chief of a unit, or his assistant or subordinate acting upon his orders?
- * Is he an employee of the agency, who is properly identified? or
- * Is the borrower any particular person?
- * What is the manner in which request for records are usually made?
- * Is the request made verbally?
- * Is the request made in writing?

Answer to these questions will facilitate the formulation of rules covering the charging out of records from agency files. It is recommended that a requisition slip be used in such a procedure because a records keeper can hardly be expected to know by memory all the records being loaned out of his file station.

5.2.2.8 SUGGESTED RULES ON THE USE OF FILES

- * No one, except the file unit personnel, shall be permitted access to the files.

Requisitions for material on file must be made in writing on forms provided for the purpose.

Records may not be kept beyond the due date specified in the requisition slip. If eventually they are needed for a longer period of time, the new due date must be duly recorded in the corresponding requisition slip.

- * A whole folder should not be loaned when one or two records contained therein shall suffice to fill the need of the borrower.
- * Confidential records shall always be on file at the close of office hours.

5.2.2.9 DO'S AND DON'TS IN FILING

Anyone working with files, can perform his work better by observing the following "Do's and Don'ts in filing."

- * Do staple papers together in the upper left corner.
Don't use pins, wire clips, or rubber bands on file papers.
- * Do pre-arrange or send papers in exact order according to the filing system you are using.
Don't start to file with papers in haphazard arrangement.
- * Do print or write in block letters all labels on the folders.
Don't write captions on the folders in long hand style.
- * Do file materials everyday.
Don't allow the materials to be filed to pile up day after day.
- * Do lift the folder out to insert papers in the proper place.
Don't jam papers down into the folders.
- * Do file in the order of date, keeping the latest date on top or in front.
Don't allow papers to be out of chronological **order**.
- * Do file in back of the file guides.
Don't file in front of the file guides.
- * Do make an individual folder when you have six to eight pieces of materials on a subject or on a customer.
Don't allow your miscellaneous folders to become cluttered and overcrowded.

- * Do see that folder contains more than the capacity for which it is designed, generally one and a half to two and a half centimeters thick of materials.
Don't allow the folders to become so full that they bulge or become unwieldy.
- * Do close each file drawer as you finish with it.
Don't pull out more than one file drawer at a time.
- * Do keep files in accordance with the file classification guide.
Don't pull a folder out of a place just because it may be too large.
- * Do charge out records removed and place the corresponding "charged-out" card in the file.
Don't lend records and then depend upon your memory to tell you who took them.

5.2.2.10 CLASSIFICATION SCHEME:

The coding/classification of records must be governed by a particular system of arrangement. The classification system controls the filing of records and provides the means for locating them after they have been filed. Basically, all classification systems are based upon letters of the alphabet or upon numerals.

The Department of Public Works and Highways adopted the numerical system otherwise known as the **Dewey/Punzal Decimal System of coding/classifying correspondence**. Why? This has been the system used ever since, and to change this to subject-alphabetic as what is commonly used now, sabotaging of records will be rampant because if anybody knows the subject being traced he could easily trace it in filing cabinets. Whereas, in the decimal system, the person who wants to sabotage records whether he belongs to the organization, must know the corresponding file number to a given subject, if he is found wanting he will be at a loss to trace it particularly confidential records. This is one big advantage over the modern subject-alphabetic system.

5.2.2.11 KINDS OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

- * Alphabetic Classification
- * Numeric Classification
- * Phonetic Classification

5.2.2.12 GUIDELINES IN THE CHOICE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

- * Analysis of the organization and policies, objectives, organization structure and organizational relationships.
- * Analysis and clear understanding of records management function.
- * Determination of the type of recorded information created and received, and how this information is used.
- * Determination of the volume of each type of recorded information, correspondence, reports, forms, and written instructions.

5.2.2.13 FACTORS THAT REQUIRE ANALYSIS BEFORE CHOICE IS MADE:

- * Physical form of recorded information - check, standard or legal size documents, cards, etc.
- * Type of organization - government, insurance, etc.
- * Types of machines used in preparing and processing records - EDP, duplicating machine, etc.

5.2.2.14 CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

- * Should be one that meets the overall needs of the Agency.
- * Should allow filing procedure to be carried on efficiently and at low cost.
- * One that requires the minimum of equipment, space, effort and operating expense.
- * Should be as simple as possible.

5.2.2.15 ALPHABETIC CLASSIFICATION:

Under the alphabetic classification, the arrangement of the files follow the sequence of the letters of the alphabet.

KINDS OF ALPHABETIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

- * Name Classification
- * Geographic Classification
- * Subject Classification

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- * Names of Individuals - Name Classification
- * Names of Organization - Name Classification
- * Geographical Locations - Geographic Classification
- * Names of Months and Days - Name Classification
- * Names of Subjects - Subject Classification

NAME CLASSIFICATION

When records are classified according to names of individuals or organizations, guides and folders are arranged in the filing drawers in dictionary order.

5.2.2.16 GEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION:

The system of arranging records geographically involves the classifying of records according to location. The locations are arranged alphabetically—province, municipality and municipal district or city and district.

5.2.2.17 SUBJECT CLASSIFICATION:

Records are classified and arranged by subject in alphabetic sequence.

This is the most difficult classification system to develop and administer.

- * The classifying of records by subjects involves analyzing of records and distributing them into related classes.
- * The classifying procedure requires a thorough knowledge of the functions of the organization and the use of the records.
- * It requires the technique of analyzing the subject matter contained in the record and applying this analysis to the classification scheme.
- * It is important that the classifier be consistent in the interpretation of subject matter.
- * The classifier is responsible for the consolidation of all related information on a particular subject.

5.2.2.18 NUMERIC CLASSIFICATION:

Under the Numeric Classification System, records are arranged and filed according to numbers that are assigned consecutively or according to numbers that represent certain subject classifications.

KINDS OF NUMERIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

- * Consecutive Numeric System
- * Subject Numeric System
- * Decimal Numeric System
- * Duplex Numeric System
- * Terminal Digit Numeric System
- * Middle Digit System

CONSECUTIVE NUMERIC SYSTEM

Usually used for records that are pre-numbered - checks, invoices, vouchers, etc. If not pre-numbered, numbers are assigned to records arbitrarily and in consecutive order. There is a need to use an Index Card for cross-reference by name, subject, or geographical location to locate the record when the number is not known.

SUBJECT NUMERIC SYSTEM:

The system controls the classification and arrangement of records by subject and by number. Numbers are assigned according to predetermined subjects. An index card should be used to aid in quick location of records. Any cross-reference that are prepared are placed in index card.

5.2.2.19 ADVANTAGES OF SUBJECT NUMERIC SYSTEM:

- * It is flexible so that new subjects can be added without disturbing the file arrangement.
- * Coding system is simple.
- * Time is saved in the elimination of typewritten long subject captions.
- * Sorting is performed more easily and quickly.

* Less chance of misfiling; and

* Allows for security of confidential records and grouping of related information.

5.2.2.20 DECIMAL NUMERIC SYSTEM:

All records are arranged in numeric sequence from number 000 to 900. Records are grouped according to main classifications. Each main classification are divided into groups and each subdivision are divided into groups indefinitely. The main group classification is expressed in three digits - the subheadings in two digits and the next subheadings in one digit. When the one digit headings are subdivided, the decimal point and additional numbers are used. The group divisions are limited to ten.

5.2.2.21 DUPLEX NUMERIC SYSTEM:

Under the system, the group divisions are limited to ten. One number is assigned to the main subject and a secondary number following a dash is assigned to be subheading. The secondary subject may be divided by the addition of a letter to the secondary matter.

5.2.2.22 TERMINAL DIGIT

Terminal digit systems are based on the last one, two, three or four digits to any numbered records. The numbers are arranged by the final digits 0 through 9 in primary, secondary and tertiary groups of digits, reading from right to left. The digits used in each group are determined by the range of the series of assigned numbers on the records to be filed. The primary digit may be one, two, three, or even four digits. The secondary group is always two digits, and the tertiary group is always two and three. There are ten primary groups of any one series and there are 100 numbers to every group.

5.2.2.23 MIDDLE DIGIT SYSTEM

The middle digit system is a variation of the terminal digit system. In this system, numbers are also read in groups of two digits from right to left. The numbers are broken down into 100 terminal digit primary divisions number 00 to 99. Each terminal digit has 100 secondary group divisions, numbered 00 to 99. Within the secondary group, records are filed in straight numeric sequence by the middle digits.

5.2.2.24 POINTERS IN THE PREPARATION OF CLASSIFICATION AND FILING SCHEME:

- * Determine the organizational relationship of the Records Unit in the organization structure of the agency.
- * Have a thorough knowledge of the functions of the operating units that compose the Agency.
- * Prepare a list, in record series, of the documents on file.

5.2.2.25 MAJOR CLASSIFICATIONS

- ADM - Administrative matters
- FIN - Finance and Fiscal matters
- LEG - Legal matters
- PER - Personnel matters
- PA - Public Assistance

PRIMARY SUBJECTS

- * Prepare caption for each records series.
- * Use the caption as Primary.
Subject to the Major Classification.
- * Arrange the caption in alphabetic order.

SECONDARY SUBJECT

Preparation of caption for Secondary Subject shall be on those matters included in the Primary Subject.

TERTIARY SUBJECTS

Preparation of caption for tertiary Subject shall be on those matters embraced in the Primary Subject and included in the Secondary Subject.

5.3 RECORDS DISPOSITION

5.3.1 WHAT IS RECORDS DISPOSITION?

Systematic removal from office to storage of records that are not needed for everyday operations, identification and preservation of permanent valuable records and the destruction of valueless records.

To lessen or minimize accumulation for the sake of economy, efficiency and effectiveness, the program of records disposition shall be observed as follows:

- * Remove from files, records no longer needed for day-to-day operations, regularly, to utilize space properly.
- * All inactive or non-current records removed from files shall be stored and properly labeled in storage facilities for the purpose in the records room.
- * All records marked/inventoried for proper disposal shall follow the standard procedures for disposal.
- * All records previously classified shall be properly labeled, according to their usefulness to the Department categorized as:
 - a) for Time Value (temporary or permanent significance) administrative, legal or research/historical value, which reflects the agency's organization and administrative history, agency's policies and the reason for their adoption.
 - b) methods and procedures.
 - c) specific individual personnel transactions.

Records disposition program includes the orderly maintenance of those records necessary to protect the interest of the organization and, in the interest of economy, the prompt disposal of records as they cease to have value for administrative, financial, legal, operational or research purposes.

5.3.2 RECORDS INVENTORY

Records inventory is an examination and accurate listing of individual or groups of records to

facilitate appraisal and establishment of retention value.

5.3.3 METHODS OF TAKING INVENTORY

- a) Questionnaire Method - a form is sent to all active records units and inactive storage areas. The questionnaire requests a descriptive listing of all records stored and recommendation for length of retention.
- b) Survey Method - each storage cabinet or shelf is examined and the data pertaining to the record or record series is recorded.

5.3.4 RECORDS EVALUATION

The statistics taken from the inventory can be used to estimate the duration of the records disposal to determine the personnel needed for the records disposition program, to report the condition of the records to management, and to report the estimate of savings possible through a revised records disposition program.

This will lead to the establishment of a schedule which will assure the retention of records of value and historical interest and to the disposal of all other records as soon as they have served their usefulness.

5.3.5 RECORDS APPRAISAL

Records Appraisal is a detailed examination of records to determine their administrative, legal, fiscal and historical or research value. The value of records must be determined from the point of view of the entire organization rather than from one department or individual.

- * Administrative Value - if it helps the agency perform its current work or if it probably will help it perform future work.
- * Legal Value - if they contain evidence of legally enforceable rights or obligation of the government.

- * Fiscal Value - those which pertain to the financial transactions of an agency.
- * Research Value - if it contains data on experiments and investigation for use in the conduct of further scientific researches.
- * Historical Value - if it refers to policy records, those relating to the organization, the plans, the methods and techniques, and the rules and procedures which the agency or one of its component parts adopted to carry out its responsibilities and functions.

5.3.6 RECORDS DISPOSAL PROCEDURE

The following procedure shall be undertaken before actual disposal of obsolete and valueless records can be effected.

- * Preparation of records inventory.
- * Submission of the records inventory to the Records Management Improvement Committee (RMIC) for evaluation.
- * Submission of the RMIC recommendation to the Agency Head for approval.
- * Accomplishment of the Request for Authority to dispose of the Records and submission by the Agency Head to the RMAO for approval.
- * Actual Disposal of records to authorized buyer in the presence of COA representative.

DECS Department Order No. 13 - A dated February 3, 1988 was issued providing the guidelines on the disposal of valueless records in government agencies. It consists of the procedures to be followed and a general records disposition schedule of records common to all government agencies.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 13-A

February 3, 1988

T O : ALL Heads of Departments and Chiefs of Bureaus and Offices of the National and Local Governments, including Government-owned and Controlled Corporations, Constitutional Offices, State Colleges and Universities.

SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Decentralized Disposal of Valueless Records in Government Agencies.

Executive Order 285, s. 87, Sec. 5 transfers the Records Management and Archives Office to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports as a Cultural agency.

The following guidelines on the decentralized disposal of valueless records in all agencies in the government are hereby fixed and issued for the guidance of all concerned.

General Circular Nos. 25 and 27, s. 1986 of the Records Management and Archives Office and all other issuances or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Department Order are hereby superseded or amended accordingly.

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GUIDELINES ON THE DECENTRALIZED DISPOSAL
OF VALUELESS RECORDS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

ARTICLE I - COVERAGE

Pursuant to Section 5 of Executive Order No. 285 dated July 25, 1987, the Records Management and Agencies Office (RMAO) has been transferred and attached to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. To strengthen operation of the said office, the DECS was authorized by virtue of Executive Order No. 301 dated July 26, 1987, to effect a decentralized disposal of valueless records of government offices. In this regard, the Records Management and Archives Office (RMAO) of DECS as mandated to prescribe uniform standards of guidelines to be followed by government offices/agencies in the disposal or destruction of their valueless or unnecessary records. Thus, these guidelines were formulated to meet this purpose.

The "Guidelines on the Decentralized Disposal of Valueless Records" in government offices consists of five (5) parts. These are: (1) Coverage, (2) Definition of Terms, (3) Records Disposal Procedure, (4) Penal Provisions, and (5) Miscellaneous Provisions. The letter includes the repealing and effectivity clauses of the guidelines.

Attached to the Guidelines are the General Records Authorized Disposition Schedules. Appropriate forms for the disposal valueless records shall be as prescribed by the RMAO.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITION OF TERMS

Administrative Value. The usefulness of records to the originating or succeeding agency in the conduct of current business.

Agency. Any agency other than Records Management and Archives Office.

Appraisal. The study of records, their relationships and contents, to determine their administrative, fiscal, legal, archival value and time values whether temporary or permanent.

Archival value. The determination by appraisal of the vital worth of records for purposes of permanent preservation and storage by an archival agency.

Director. Director of Records Management and Archives Office (RMAO).

Disposal. The act of selling, burning, or any other way of getting rid of valueless records in accordance with the provision of these guidelines.

Disposition Schedule. A listing of records series by organization showing, for each record series, the period of time it is to remain in the office area, in the storage (inactive) area and its preservation or destruction.

File Breaks. The termination of filing activity for a particular file at a pre-determined time, or after the lapse of a specific event and the beginning of a new file period.

Fiscal Value. The information on the usefulness of records about the financial transactions and obligations of agencies and organizations.

General Records Schedule. A records control **schedule** governing the retention and disposition of specified recurring records series common to several or all agencies.

Infidelity of Records. Loss of records under the custody of the agency including the loss of valueless records before its actual disposal.

Inventory. A descriptive listing of the records holding by records series and indicating its specific location, inclusive dates and volume in cubic meters.

Legal Value. The use of records containing evidence of legally enforceable rights or obligations of government and/or private persons.

Records. Any paper, book, photograph, motion picture film, microfilm, X-ray films, sound recording, drawing, map or other documents of any physical form or character whatever or any copy thereof, that has been made by any entity or received by it in connection with the transaction of public business, and has been retained by that entity or its successor, as evidence of the objectives, organization, **functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations or other activities of the government, or because of the information contained therein.**

Records Disposition. Systematic removal from office to storage of records that are not needed in everyday operation, identification and preservation of permanently valuable records and the destruction of valueless records.

Records Series. A group of related records arranged under a single unit or kept together as a unit because they deal with a particular subject, result from the same activity, or have a special form such as maps, blueprints, etc.

Retention Period. The specific period of time established and approved by the Records Management and Archives Office as the life span of files, after which a given set of files is deemed ready for permanent storage or destruction.

Secretary. Secretary of Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

Valueless or No Value Records. Include all record materials that have reached their prescribed retention periods and usefulness to the agency or the government as a whole.

ARTICLE III - RECORDS DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Rule 1. Inventory of Records

Each agency shall prepare an inventory of its records holdings in the prescribed form (Form 1) as an initial step in developing the Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) and for whatever purpose the agency may deem necessary.

Rule 2. General Records Disposition Schedules

2.1 All government agencies and instrumentalities shall observe the enclosed General Disposition Records Schedules in determining the disposal of their valueless records. (Annex I)

2.2 Agencies shall not dispose of their records earlier than the period indicated for each record series. However, records may be retained for longer periods if there is a need to do so.

Rule 3. Agency's Records Disposition Schedule

- 3.1 Each agency shall have a Records Disposition Schedule, to be accomplished in the prescribed form (Form 2) covering its substantive records and those records not included in the General Records Schedule to serve as its guide in the disposition of records, subject to the approval of the Director of the Records Management and Archives Office.
- 3.2 Any revision or change in the Schedule shall likewise be submitted for approval by the Director as the need arises.

Rule 4. Request for Authorization

- 4.1 No agency shall destroy or sell any record without having first secured authority from the Director of Records Management and Archives Office.
- 4.2 Each agency shall submit to the Records Management and Archives Office four (4) copies of accomplished "Request for Authority to Dispose of Records" (Form 3).

Rule 5. Appraisal and Examination of Disposable Records

Upon receipt of the request for authority to dispose of records, the Chief of the Current Records Divisions, acting for the Director, shall assign a Records Management Analyst, to appraise and examine the disposable records of the requesting agency and recommend the manner or method of disposal, such as by burning or direct sale or shredding before sale in the prescribed form (Form 4).

Rule 6. Authority to Dispose

- 6.1 The Director of Records Management and Archives Office, acting for the Secretary of DECS with the concurrence of the Head of the agency concerned, is authorized to direct destruction or disposal of records in accordance with the recommendation of the Records Management Analyst of Records Management and Archives Office who appraised the records.

6.2 The Director of Records Management and Archives Office shall issue the authority to dispose of records and the manner of disposal using the prescribed form (Form 5).

6.3 All records pertaining to claims and demands by the government of the Philippines, either as a debtor or creditor, and are required to be audited by the Commission on Audit shall not be destroyed or disposed of by the head of any entity under the authorization granted without the necessary clearance, **from** the Commission on Audit, certifying among other things that the records for disposal are not involved in any case.

Rule 7. Custody of Valueless Records

The Records Officer who is in custody of the records holding of an Agency shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the valueless records until its disposal is authorized.

Rule 8. How Disposals Are To Be Accomplished

8.1 The Records Management and Archives Office together with representative of DECS and the COA may reappraise and re-examine records for disposal as the need arises.

8.2 To safeguard the sanctity of the records and to check that the records to be disposed of are the same records which were appraised and examined and that no insertions have been done, the actual disposal of records shall be witnessed by representatives of the agency concerned, the RMAO and COA.

Rule 9. Authority to Public Bidding

9.1 Each agency shall conduct public bidding for the disposal of valueless records once a year following the pertinent provisions on public bidding and awarding of contracts of P.D. 1445. Preferably, the public bidding should be conducted towards the end of the calendar year so that the effectivity of the contract of the winning bidder shall be in January of the following year.

9.2 The Records Management and Archives Office shall be furnished with a copy of the contract.

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Rule 10. Certificate of Disposal

- 10.1 A certificate of Disposal (Form 6) shall be prepared in triplicate by the agency concerned and witnessed by the representatives of the Commission on Audit, Records Management and Archives Office and the owning agency upon delivery of the disposable records to the paper mills or warehouse of the winning bidders.
- 10.2 The certificate shall indicate the nature of the records the manner, place and date of disposal and their approximate volume in cubic meters and weight.
- 10.3 The original copy goes with the agency concerned, a copy for the Records Management and Archives Office and a copy for the Commission on Audit.
- 10.4 Each agency shall submit a report on the disposal of valueless records to the Records Management and Archives Office.

Rule 11. Proceeds of Sale

All proceeds realized from the sale of disposable valueless records shall be remitted either to the National Fund, to the Local Government Fund, or to the Corporate Fund.

Rule 12. File Breaks and Disposal Periods

- 12.1 Each agency shall determine when to have its file breaks. File breaks are generally set during the slack periods of filing and servicing. A file break may be set at the end of the fiscal year or calendar year.
- 12.2 Records shall be disposed of periodically, usually once a year, soon after a file break.

ARTICLE IV - PROVISIONS

Rule 13. Any act or omission in relation to the rules and regulations promulgated in the guidelines shall be punishable under the provisions of Articles 226, 234 and 235 of the Revised Penal Code or any specific rule which may be considered a violation of the specific provisions or criminal laws without prejudice to the filing of administrative case against the offender.

ARTICLES - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Rule 14. Repealing Clause

All orders, rules and regulations or part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Rule 15. Effectivity

This Department Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Published in the Official Gazette, Volume 84, No. 10, dated March 7, 1988.

Agency

Address

Date

The Director
Records Management and Archives Office
National Library Bldg., T. M. Kalaw,
Ermita, Manila

Subject : **REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF RECORDS**

Sir :

Please authorize the disposal of the records listed below.

ITEM NO.	RECORDS SERIES AND DESCRIPTION	PERIOD COVERED

PREPARED BY : (NAME & SIGNATURE)	POSITION:
LOCATION OF RECORDS:	VOLUME IN CUBIC METERS:

The above-mentioned records are no longer needed by this Office and that they are not involved nor connected in any administrative or judicial cases.

Very truly yours,

Agency Head or his duly authorized representative

Position

Part 6:

SPACE MANAGEMENT

- * Better Supervision - control of the flow of work, inspection, and discipline and made easier for the supervisor.
- * Better Use of Available Space- valuable floor space can be used more economically.
- * Increased Employee Comfort - a more comfortable employee does better work, takes less time off for relaxation.

6.5 PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL FACTORS WHICH DETERMINES HUMAN COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE:

- * Lighting - good quality of light that is relatively free from glare.
- * Ventilation - normal requirement is about 2,000 cubic feet of air per person per hour.
- * Color - light color should be chosen to produce the best overall effect to workers eyes comfort and morale.
- * Temperature - high temperature causes drowsiness and fatigue which increase work error and slows down work.
- * Noise Control- must be observed in every office.

6.6 DIFFERENT WAYS TO CONTROL NOISE:

- * Place typewriters or any equipment on wooden table that absorb sound.
- * Place cloth or rubber or cork mats under the machine.
- * Put noisy machines in a separate room.
- * Provide adequate maintenance and lubrication of file drawers, desks and chairs.
- * Place reception/receiving room with telephone and other organizational units dealing with the public in areas where conversation will not disturb other employees.

Part 7:

VITAL RECORDS

PROTECTION PROGRAM

7. VITAL RECORDS PROTECTION PROGRAM

7.1 PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

A vital records program should have as its objectives the following activities:

1. Defining vital records and assigning program responsibility.
2. Designating vital records classifications.
3. Analyzing vital records in order to determine the most effective and economical means of protection.
4. Issuing procedures for program implementation and maintenance.
5. Reconciling vital records with retention schedules.
6. Designating vital records centers and preparing instruction for vault maintenance.

7.2 RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility for the vital records program should rest with the Records Division.

7.3 WHAT RECORDS ARE VITAL

Standards for identifying the vital records of an agency cannot be established except in very general terms, but such records fall into one of two categories:

1. Records vital to the essential functions of the government for the duration of an emergency if the country **is** attacked.
 - a. Military effort of the nation - operations of the Armed Forces.
 - b. Mobilization and protection of the material and manpower resources of the nation.
 - c. Maintenance of public health, safety, and order; the conduct of essential civil defense activities.
2. Records essential to the preservation of legal rights of individual citizens.

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The following criteria may be used in selecting vital records:

1. Records which are essential for the smooth operation of the Bank;
2. Records generally with long retention periods.
3. Records which are irreplaceable or are replaceable only at considerable expense;
4. Records where no other copies are available elsewhere; and
5. In some instance, records which have historical and permanent value.

7.4 METHODS OF PROTECTION

7.4.1 Built-in Dispersal

This method of protection is particularly appropriate in cases of decentralization of functions or geographical dispersion of operations such as subsidiary companies. In current practice, the maintenance of vital records in two or more well separated locations is recognized as providing "built-in" protection of the records. In the event of destruction of such records in one place, the company would still be able to rely on the records copy located elsewhere to reconstruct the necessary management data. This is the cheapest means of vital protection since it involves no cost for creating, duplicating and maintaining additional files. What is required, however, is proper precaution to inform all offices concerned as to which records are vital, how long the records should be retained and what precautions, if any, are required for their safekeeping.

7.4.2. Improvised Dispersal

Improvised dispersal involves the modification of existing procedures to make available a copy of a vital records which can be so identified and forwarded for safekeeping. When the vital records is in active use, a duplicate may be "made available" for the designed dispersal either by creating an additional copy or by using an existing copy. Designed dispersal is particularly applicable where the basic vital records is already being prepared in one or more copies.

7.4.3. Duplication

Where one of the above conditions does not exist, it may be necessary to provide additional duplicate of records. Duplication may be result **from** the preparation of extra copies of the records at the time of its organization or through scheduled microfilm or other copying means at stated intervals. Microfilm should only be used when the nature of volume of the records does not permit duplication by any other means. Microfilming is used primarily for preparing duplicates of constant office-filed records or to initiate a program by filming existing records to bring the program up to a current basis. Where microfilm is used, paper means of indexing as well as microfilm specifications should be followed.

The purpose of duplication of vital records is to be able to reconstruct such records, at any time, with the least amount of effort, cost, and confusion. Available of reproduction equipment in the event of disaster may present a problem. This is particularly true in the area of microfilm and magnetic tapes. Sources of reproduction equipment should be made a part of reconstruction planning.

7.4.4. Vaulting

A vault is properly defined as an "underground room or compartment for storing valuables" or a "completely enclosed area." Few company vaults fall within the proper definition of such a facility. While used for housing important records they are also used in many cases, as active file areas to which access is relatively easy. When used as repositories for vital records they should remain closed at all times. A true protection program calls for duplicate dispersal of records whether or not the originals are housed in vaults. Wherever practical and possible, originals of vital records should be kept in vault. This can be quite expensive, however, so it become a matter of best utilizing existing vaults and expanding protection through dispersal programs rather than building more and more vaults.

It is important that the method used to protect and keep the records up-to-date be as economical and efficient as possible.

Part 8:

RECORDS SECURITY

8. RECORDS SECURITY

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

In accordance with Republic Act No. 67131, dated April 21, 1989, Rule IV Sec. 3:

Sec. 3: Every department; office or agency shall provide official information; records or documents to the requesting public, except when:

- (a) such information, record or document must be kept secret in the interest of national defence or security or the conduct of foreign affairs;
- (b) such disclosure would put the life and safety of an individual in imminent danger;
- (c) the information, record or document sought falls within the concept of established privilege or recognized exceptions as may be provided by law or settled policy or jurisprudence;
- (d) such information, records or documents comprises drafts of decisions, orders, rulings, policy decisions, memoranda, etc;
- (e) it would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

* e.g., closed door Cabinet Sessions, Executive Sessions of Congress deliberations of the Supreme Court, trade secrets, etc.

** e.g., physical-patient privilege

- (f) it would disclose investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purpose, or information which, if written would be contained in such records, but only to the extent the production of such records or information would;
 - (1) interfere with enforcement proceedings,
 - (2) deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication,
 - (3) disclose the identity of a confidential source and, in the case of a record compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the source of a criminal investigation, or by the agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source, or

- (4) unjustifiably disclose investigative techniques and procedures; or
- (h) it would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would:
 - (1) in the case of the department, office or agency which regulates currencies, securities, commodities, or financial institution, be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in currencies, securities, or commodities, or significantly endanger the stability of any financial institution or
 - (2) in the case of any department, office or agency, be likely or significantly to frustrate implementation of a purposed official section, except that sub-paragraph (f) (2) shall not apply in any instance where the department, office or agency has already disclosed to the public the content or nature of its proposed action, or where the department, office or agency has already disclosed to the public the content or nature of its proposed action, or where the department, office or agency is required by law to make such disclosure on its own initiative prior to taking final official action on such proposal.

Part 9:

ANNEXES

i. Definition of Terms

**ii. DPWH Decimal Numeric
Coding/Classification
System**

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9.1 DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Current Files

Records that are frequently used to carry on the functions of an agency.

"Cut Off" Period

The termination of filing activity for a particular file and the beginning of a new filing period.

Disposal

The act of selling, burning, or in any other way of getting rid of valueless records.

Disposal Schedule

A predetermined program by which records are disposed of regularly according to a plan.

File

Means a folder containing records; a collection of papers involving a specific name or topic.

Filing

Is the classifying and arranging of records in a systematic way so they will not only be **safely** stored but also quickly retrieved when needed.

Filing Classification Guide

A systematic arrangement of subject according to a plan. Functional Subject Alphabetic File Classification System is a system of classifying file materials based on a related grouping of subject arranged functionally according to the activities and operation of an organization.

Non-Current

Files that deal with completed or adjourned business, not needed for action or reference in an organization.

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Records

Defined as "any paper, **book** photograph, motion picture film, microfilm, sound recording, drawing, map or other documents of any physical form or character whatever, or any copy thereof, that has been made by any entity **or** received by it in connection with the transaction of public business, and has been retained by that entity or its successor as evidence of the objectives, organizations, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations **Or** other activities of the Government or because of the information contained therein.

Records Disposition

Systematic removal **from** office to storage of records that are not needed for everyday operations, identification and preservation of permanently valuable records and the destruction of valueless records.

Records Inventory

A description list of the record holdings **of an** agency.

Records Series

A group of related records arranged under a single filing system or kept together as a unit because they deal with a particular subject, result from the same activity or have a special form (maps, blueprints, etc.)

Retention Period

Specific period of time established and approved by a competent authority which a given set of files is deemed ready for permanent storage or destruction.

Correspondences

Consists of letters, memoranda, endorsements, directives, including written or printed matters transmitted, enclosed or used in a place of more formal correspondence.

Report

An official statement of facts relevant to any event, activity, operation, program or condition and is usually written in narrative, statistical or graphic form and presented by a subordinate to his superior, or by one office to another.

Form

A form maybe a piece of communication, letter or document usually printed, mimeographed or produced in some other way whose contents are either complete or maybe completed by filling the blanks or spaces especially provided for, and which normally is stocked way ahead of its use.

Instructions

Are issuances whether verbal or written by way of command or directive. These emanate from the top management going down to the lowest level of an organization.

Sorting of Mail

Is the process by which routine mail is separated from non-routine mail.

Routing

The process of determining and indicating on the mail piece the action unit or units to which it is to be forwarded.

9.2 DECIMAL NUMERIC CLASSIFICATION/CODING SYSTEM USED BY THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, AMMS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, MANILA.

004	Government - Foreign Countries
005	Government Organization (R.P.), other gov't. offices
006	Organization DPWH and its branch agencies
007.02	Constitutions
007.4	Carbon copies of proposed Legislation
007.7	Various offenses against the Law (Gen.)
008.06	Appeals from Court Decision
008.8	Cases, (Complaints)
008.81	Civil Case
.82	Criminal Cases
009.01	Civil Service Law
.08	Election Law
.24	Tariff Law
.33	Contract Law
.93	Flag Law
.95	Labor Law
010.01	Boundaries, fusion, segregations, Province
.02	Boundaries, fusions, segregations, Municipalities
.21	Municipalities change in classifications
012	Seminar, training
016	Politics

- 017 History
 - .1 History and Historical Date
 - .2 Monuments, Memorial, Status
 - .31 Exhibits
 - .6 Flags, Banners, Ensigns, Regulations, use of
- 018.1 Political-conspiracies, insurgents, insurrections
mutinies, revolutions
- 028 Information, (Gen.)
- 029 Reports (by titles)
 - .1 Audit (by place audited)
- 031.5 Police, Fire by Municipal
 - .7 Traffic Rules (Counts)
- 033 Health
 - .17 Cemeteries, graves. etc.
 - .19 Misc. Health affairs
 - .4 Sanitation, regulation, etc.
 - .41 Toilets, Cesspools
 - .42 Garbage, swill, disposal of, etc.
- 038.1 Charitable Organization
 - .2 Hospitals, Resthouses. etc.
- 041.02 Organization, religion
 - .031 Parades, processions
 - .11 Priest, bishops, etc.
 - .3 Buildings, temples, chapels, land property

043 Education

.034 Fellowship, Pensionados sent abroad

.04 Degrees

.072 Vacational Education

.1 Schools, Municipals, Buildings, sites

.2 Schools, Provincial, Buildings, sites

.301 University of the Philippines

.31 Schools of Arts and Trade

.33 Deaf and Blind Schools

.7 Libraries

044.11 Ethnology, Customs, Manners - Non-Christians

045 Amusements, Sports, Athletics

.1 Theaters

.2 Celebrations and Entertainments

.3 Athletics, Games (ABC)

046 Courtesy, Etiquette

.1 Ceremonials on Visits of foreign officials

048 Calamities and Disasters

.1 Earthquakes

.3 Calamities, Disasters, typhoon damages

.5 Floods

.51 Flood forecasting

048.7 Fires

049.313 Billboards, Posters

050.1 Treasure Hunting

.3 Price escalation

052	Populations and Census
.1	Provincial Census
.2	Municipal Census
.5	Traffic Census
053	Corporation
.3	Corporations, Organization (ABC)
054.71	Specific Professions (as Contractors)
055	Insurance
.2	Life Insurance
056	Copyrights, Patent and Trade-marks
061	Expositions, carnivals, etc.
.12	Exhibits
062	Mines, Mining, etc.
.1	Regulations
.5	Quarries
063	Machines, Machineries, Machine Shop & Equipment General.
064	Heat, Light, Power
.2	Water, power, survey, etc.
.3	Lighting and Power
066	Agriculture
.121	Campaign
.14	Rice, Rice mills (ABC)
.2	Nurseries, Agricultural farm
.4	Fruits
.5	Flowers
.6	Forestry

.7	Irrigation
.72	Water rights
067	Animal, Husbandry statistics
.012	Cattle
.121	Slaughterhouses, abattoirs
.42	Fisheries (Fish pond)
080.3	Canals, Esteros, Channels
.7	Licenses, Regulations, Qualification
.9	Obstruction to navigation
082.1	Lighthouses
.2	Beacons light and buoys
084	Taxes on navigation
085	Vessels, Name of (ABC)
.5	Vessels, Name of (ABC) Kind
087	Distance
093	Science
.2	Botany
094	Correspondence
095	Records, Papers, etc.
.15	Request for records, papers, etc.
.21	Facsimiles, Signatures
097	Directives, Memo Orders, Office Orders, Special Order
.3	Proclamations
.4	Resolutions
.6	Circulars, Executive Bureau

.7	Circulars by Bureaus and Offices (ABC)
.9	Memoranda by Bureaus and Offices (ABC)
.12	Administrative Orders
.13	Department Orders
100.03	Debt, Failures of Employees to pay, Gov't. Policy
100.011	Performance Rating of employees
.06	Allowances, Per diems, Hazard pay, honoraria
101	List of employees by Designations (ABC)
.1	Employees (by bureaus & offices)
.3	Plantillas Appointments—Appt. of daily Personnel
102	Applications (Employees)
105	Civil Service
.3	Commendation, Complaints, Criticisms
110	Examinations, Civil Service
120	Personal Records (ABC)
125	Bonds of Employees - Gen.
130.01	Laborers, Statistics
.1	Salaries
.2	Payrolls
.3	Allotments, Deeds of Assignment, Remittance
135.1	Leave of Absence
.2	Hours of Labor, Overtime
140	Outside Relations
.1	Engaging Outside business
147.7	Details, employees

150	Attendance, Medical
.1	Attendance, Medical employees (Gen.)
160	Employees (indemnity, pensions, retirement) Gratuities
210.21	Appropriations by province
.22	Budgets
.31	Allotments by Acts, Releases of Funds
.5	Dispositions of Balances
221.6	Associations, Building & Loan Savings & Loan Association
.8	Agriculture Credit Association
230.2	Checks, how cash ed, use of
.4	Hidden Treasure
235.1	Loans, province, municipalities, Gen.
.2	Loans, Municipalities (ABC)
236.01	Advance of Funds
.011	Allotment/Sub-allotment, Cash Disbursement, Ceiling
241.3	Bonds, Surety (Guaranty) Contractors Bond
260	Contracts, Concession, Monopolies, Franchises
270	Taxation
274	Taxes, Internal Revenue
.8	License, Internal Revenue, Contractor's Tax
280	Accounts (Bureau & Province) Adjustment, Reports
.1	Accounting System
.2	Examination
.5	Overdrawn, overdraft
.8	Suspension

280.9	Vouchers
.91	Warrants
290.2	Provincial Receipts & Expenditures, Statistics (Gen.)
295.4	Claims, Contractors Claim
.7	Liability for Claims
310.01	Transportation of Persons
320	Post, Mail Service
.1	Regulations (Post & Mail Service)
.6	Money Orders
330	Railroads
331	Manila Railroad Co. (now PNR)
.45	Manila Railroad Co. (Sidetrucks & spurs)
350	Cablegrams
.011	Cable Line
355	Telegram and Telegraphs
.41	Stations (radio & Telegraph)
360.01	Telephone, Telephone Line
.1	Telephone Rates
390.3	Automobile Service
.31	Driver License
.313	Registration
.4	Aerial Navigation, Landing Fields
.5	Ferries
.6	Complaints, Motor Vehicles Accidents
.8	Automobile Plates
400	Public Property

400.1 Accountability, Reports, Etc.

 .12 Reports of Waste Materials

 .13 Transfer with or without construction materials
 supplies and equipment

 .3 Inventories

402.1 Regulations, building (Building Code)

402.2 Buildings, Miscellaneous construction (ABC)

 .203 Insular Building (ABC)

402.2031 Capitol

 .204 Provincial Building (ABC)

 .205 Markets (ABC)

 .206 Municipal Buildings (ABC)

 .22 Lease and Rent (Building & Lands)

 .23 Private buildings

 .3 Land, Public

 .301 Land, Public, Value and Sale, applications

 .312 Reclaimed, Foreshore (402.301)

 .3121 Fills, Filling of Lands

 .34 Registration, Land Deed and Titles

 .38 Private Lands (Sub-Division)

 .51 Reservation (civil), Land Settlements

 .6 Leases, land, application or Misc. lease
 applications

 .62 Squatters

 .7 Purchase or sale, land

 .8 Exchange or Donations

403 Public Works

.12 Bridges (ABC)

.25 Sewerage & Sewer Drainage

.3 Trails and Roads (Highways)(ABC)

.301 Road Right of Way Agreement (ABC)

.311 Sidewalks and curving (ABC)

.33 Road Signs, Road Crossing (ABC)

.36 Road Diagrams, Road Maps and Bridge Lists (ABC)

.4 Tunnel (ABC)

.5 Water Supply, Reservoirs, Pumping Plant

.51 Artesian Wells

.7 Harbors, Bays, Port Works, etc.

.72 Sea Walls

.8 Rivers

.81 Dikes and Walls, River control

.82 Dredging

403.91 Parks, Plazas

.93 Tablets (name plates)

.94 Town planning

.95 Swimming pool

450.01 Depots (provincial exchange)

.02 Bids and Proposals

.7 Testing of Supplies

451 Purchase Supplies (ABC)

.32 Requisitions (Provincial)

.33 Requisitions (by bureau's and offices) (ABC)

.5 Purchase, direct (ABC)

452.4	Repairs (Work orders, shop, etc.) (ABC)
455.073	Arms, ammunitions, explosives
456.1	Sale of, by bureau
.11	Rentals or Loans
490.5	Blank forms (Misc. supplies)
510	Trade, export and import
.3	Exports
520	Industry and Manufacturers
.1	Asphalt plant
554.6	Refunds, Misc. request (ABC)
555	Free Entry
556.84	Lading, bills of
605.3	Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey
.6	DPW & Communication, DPW (DPWH)
.63	Organization Chart or Diagram (District Engr., C.E.)
.67	Material Testing Lab.
.69	National Civil Defense, Admin.
611	Consolidation, Reorganization of Bureau, of Offices
612.2	Charges, Complaints, Criticisms (Employees Insular)
.7	Charges, Complaints, Criticisms (Provincial Official and Employees)
902.1	Fees, Customs
902.11	Fees, Storage, arrastre, unloading
.61	Toll Bridges (Fees)
.62	Toll Ferries (Fees)
.63	Toll Roads (Fees)

905 Weather
 .1 Stations, observation, station signal
 .4 Rainfall, Temperature report
 910 Letters of Introduction
 911.09 Accidents (Misc.) report of
 915 Committees (ABC)
 920 Publications
 .1 Project Report (ABC)
 .11 Annual Reports
 .3 Directives
 .321 Roosters, Civil Service
 .6 Government Publications
 .62 Officials Gazette
 .66 Manual, Brochures, leaflets
 .8 Periodicals, Magazines and newspaper
 921 Errors, Omissions, Losses
 940 Maps, Blueprints, Plans and Specifications
 941 Decision and Opinion (ABC)
 .1 Attorney - General
985 Bill Payable
 .12 Bill Payable to Provinces
 .3 Bill Payable to individuals
 .31 Bill Payable by Bureau
 .32 Bill Payable by Provinces
 990 Gifts, Awards, etc.
 .1 Voluntary Contribution

Part 10:

APPROVED DPWH RECORDS

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL

SCHEDULE

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
Kagawaran ng Edukasyon, Kultura at Isports
TANGGAPAN SA PAMAMAHALA NG MGA KASULATAN AT SINUPAN
(Records Management and Archives Office)
MAYNILA



09 May 1989

The Honorable Secretary
Department of Public Works and Highways
M a n i l a

Sir:

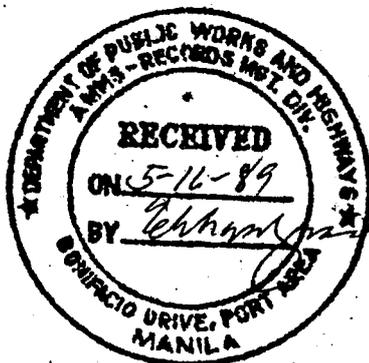
We are returning the original of the approved Records
Disposition Schedule of your agency.

Please reproduce and disseminate to all action units for their
guidance in the disposition of records.

Thank you for your interest in bringing about an effective,
efficient and economical records management program.

Very truly yours,

J. Celis
EDGARDO J. CELIS
Director



RECORDS DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

1. Agency : DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS		3. Schedule I		5. Page 1 of 37 pages	
2. Address : Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila		4. Date Prepared November 21, 1988			
6. Item No. :	7. RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	8. Retention Period		9. Disposition Authority/Remark	
		a. Active :	b. Storage :	c. Total :	
	ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANPOWER MANAGEMENT				
	Civil Security (4.1e)				
1.	Firearms and other Security Equipment Files		PERMANENT		
2.	Fire Alarm and Fire Fighting Equipment Systems		PERMANENT		
3.	Fire Disaster Control Program				Disposal 1 year after revision/superseded.
4.	Intelligence Reports on Officials and Employees	5		5	
5.	Reports				
	PC-Susia/Pre-Licensing/Training of Security Guards				Dispose 25 years after death/compulsory retirement.
	Regional Seminars for fire Prevention and Control	2		2	
	Re-Training of Security Guards	2		2	
	Security Checks, Survey and Inspection		PERMANENT		
	Situational (Moving Reports)	2		2	
	Daily				
	Monthly (Regional)				
	Facilities and Maintenance (4.1g)				
6.	Accomplishment Report				
	Administration	2		2	
	Contractual	5		5	

IMPORTANT: No agency shall destroy or sell any records without having first secured authority from the Director of Records Management and Archives Office. (Article III, Rule 4.1, Department Order No. 13-A, s. 1988)

6. Item No.	7. RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	8. Retention Period			9. Disposition Authority/Remark
		a. Active	b. Storage	c. Total	
7.	Annual Inventory of Office equipment with corresponding Memorandum Receipts of accountable officials				Dispose 1 year after superseded updated.
8.	Gasoline and Oil Consumption of service vehicles				Dispose 1 year after liquidation and post-audited.
9.	Issuance/Receipts of materials and supplies	4		4	
10.	Memorandum Receipts of Tools and Equipment	P E R M A N E N T			
11.	Periodic Pest Control Treatment	2		2	
12.	Periodic Inspection of Office facilities	1		1	
13.	Repair and Maintenance of buildings, grounds, electrical fixtures and sanitary facilities	2		2	
14.	Requisition of supplies and materials for repair	4		4	
	<u>Human Resource Planning (4.1b)</u>				
15.	Annual Training Calendars Central Office DPWH Integrated (Nationwide)	2		2	
16.	Course Design				Dispose 1 year after superseded.
17.	Qualifications Standard Manual	P E R M A N E N T			
18.	Regional Quarterly Manpower Development Performance Reports	2		2	
19.	Scholarships Approved Programs (Local and Foreign) Contract Invitations Nominations Travel Orders	2		2	
20.	Training Evaluation Reports	2		2	

6. Item No.	7. RECORDS SERIES TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	8. Retention Period			9. Disposition Authority/Remark
		a. Active	b. Storage	c. Total	
	Human Resources Training and Materials Development (4.1c)				
21.	Annual Procurement Program	2		2	
22.	Audio-Visuals	P E R M A N E N T			
	Courses Catalogue				
	Equipment (Brochures)				
	Scripts				
	Tapes				
23.	Communications relative to Training (routine)				Dispose after 2 years from the date of communication.
24.	Nominations to In-House Training Programs	2		2	
25.	Reports				
	Annual	P E R M A N E N T			
	Completion (Local and Overseas)	2		2	
	Quarterly Semi-Annual	2		2	
	Terminal (In-House)	2		2	
26.	Semestral MORE Commitment Sheets	2		2	
	Medical/Dental (4.1d)				
27.	Annual Medical Procurement Program	2		2	
28.	Claims (Per Sec. 699 of Revised Adm. Code)				Dispose 25 years after death/compulsary retirement.
29.	Consultations and Follow-up Treatment				Dispose 25 years after death/compulsary retirement.
30.	Inspections	1		1	
	Canteen and Ground Facilities				
	Office Working Conditions				
	Disposal of Water				
	Sanitary Facilities				

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31.	Medical Communications/Inspections pertaining to routine matters				Dispose 3 years after date of communication.
32.	Periodic X-Ray Examinations and Follow-up treatment				
	Negative	5		5	Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
	Positive				
33.	Reports	2		2	
	Inventory/Consumption of Medicines				
	Outreach Program (Periodic visit to Regional Offices and re compliance of Memo Circular on pre-employment and X-Ray examinations)				
	<u>Personnel (4.1a)</u>				
34.	Acceptance of Resignation				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
35.	Administrative Cases				Dispose all papers related to the case 5 years from the date of decision, except vital documentary evidences presented in the case which is value for the protection of the civil, legal and property rights of the citizen and government. DECISIONS ARE PERMANENT.
36.	Annual Summary Report for Replacement Program for Non-Eligibles		P E R M A N E N T		
37.	Application for Employment	1		1	
38.	Application for Leave of Absence				Dispose 1 year form date of expiration of leave and absence has been recorded on the leave credit card.

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39.	Application for resignation/tranfer/retirement	1		1	Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
40.	Approval of Retirements/GSIS				
41.	Assets and Liabilities				Dispose after 5 years, if superseded.
42.	Authority to engage in business practice profession and to teach				Disposal 1 year after date of authorization.
43.	Certificate of Appearance	1		1	
44.	Certificate of Clearance	1		1	Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
45.	Certified copy of Marriage Contract				
46.	Certificates of Eligibles				Dispose 2 years after date of certificate.
47.	Certification of Refund (Per RA 5830)				Dispose 1 year after settlement.
48.	Curriculum Vitae				Dispose after 1 year, if superseded.
49.	Daily Time Records (CS Form 48)				Dispose 1 year after absence have been posted in the leave credit card.
50.	Employee Interview Records				Dispose 1 year after separation of employee.
51.	Evaluation for Promotions				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
52.	GSIS/MEDICARE/P.A.G.I.B.I.G Membership				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
53.	Leave Credit Cards				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.
54.	Manning List Reorganization				Dispose 2 years after approval of appointments.
55.	Medical Certificates in support of absence on account of illness/maternity.				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement death.

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		P E R M A N E N T			
56.	Microfilmed Records Input (DPWH)				
57.	Performance Appraisal	1		1	
58.	Performance Appraisal Report System	2		2	
59.	Performance Target Worksheet	1		1	
60.	Performance Rating Cards				Dispose 5 years after compulsory retirement/ death.
61.	Personnel Folder (201 Files)				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement/death
	Appointments				
	Change of Status/Names				
	Incentive Awards				
	Notice of Salary Adjustments				
	Oath of Office				
	Personal Data Sheet				
	Service Records				
	Training Certificates				
62.	Plantilla	3		3	
63.	Position Classification papers including job description/ request for classification and recommendation/notices of classification action.				Dispose 1 year after classification of position has been superseded.
64.	Protest Cases on Appointments				Dispose 1 year after decided.
65.	Psychological Test Results	1		1	
66.	Recommendations for Employment	1		1	
67.	Relief from Property Accountability				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement/death.
68.	Reports for Staff Movement	2		2	
69.	Request (approval on promotion, transfer, reinstatement, change of status).				Dispose 1 year after date of correspondence.
70.	Statement of Duties and Responsibilities (PDF)	2		2	

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71.	Signature and Handwriting Specimen <u>Records Management (4.1h)</u>	1		1	
72.	Acknowledgements (inquiries, requests on routine matters)				Dispose 3 years after date of correspondence
73.	Contracts Infrastructure Projects Janitorial and Security Services Personnel Services Rental of Copying Machine		P E R M A N E N T		Dispose 2 years after termination and finally settled. -do- -do-
74.	Credit Memos with corresponding payment for obligations Emergency Purchase for Office Supplies and Consumables Mail Stamps Rental of Xerox Copier Salary of cultural Director				Dispose 10 years after finally settled, post audited and not involved in any case.
75.	Delivery Receipts of communications delivered by external messengers and received via LBC Aircargo	1		1	
76.	Directories of Officials and Employees				Dispose after 2 years, if superseded.
77.	Index Cards of Administrative Issuances				Dispose after 1 year, if superseded.
78.	Lists DPMH Contractors and authorized representative for release of communications/documents Supplies and consumables for production jobs.		P E R M A N E N T		Dispose after 1 year, if superseded.
79.	Locator Slips	1		1	
80.	Logbooks of incoming/outgoing communications				Dispose 2 years after the last entry.
81.	Mailing Lists	1		1	

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82.	Ministry Coded Records				
	120 Files (Yellow Bantex Files)				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement/death.
	Administrative Issuances (Blue Bantex File)		P E R M A N E N T		
	(Presidential Decree, LOI, Executive Orders, Unnumbered Circular including amendments).				
	Assets and Liabilities and Network (Blue Bantex File)				Dispose 5 years after it has been superseded.
	Confidential and Classified Records (Beige Bantex File)		P E R M A N E N T		
	Land Registration for Infrastructure Projects (Orange Bantex file)		P E R M A N E N T		
	(Schools, Hospitals, Colleges, Slaughterhouses, etc.)				
	Original Contracts and other related documents of infrastructure projects of Public Works from defunct MPW, MPH, DPWTC (Orange Bantex File)				Transfer to Archives Division, RMAO
	Records relative to Purchase, Transfer of Equipment, Procurement, Rentals or Loans, Lease for Equipment, Manufacturers' List (Brown Bantex File).		P E R M A N E N T		
	Retired, resigned or phase-out due to reorganization (green Bantex File)				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement/death.
	Value and Sale of Philippines Land, M.S.A. Land Registration (Red Bantex File)		P E R M A N E N T		
83.	Minutes of Meetings				
	Board		P E R M A N E N T		
	Staff	1		1	
84.	Office Memoranda/Orders relative to organizational assignments, rotations and change of assignment/work station				Dispose 2 years after it has been superseded
85.	Reproduction Jobs/Requests	2		2	

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86.	Report (Accomplishment, monthly, progress, semi-annual weekly)	2		2	
	Supply and Property Management (4.1i)				
87.	Bill of Lading (GF 9-A)				Dispose 5 years after acceptance of delivery
88.	Canvass of Prices	2		2	
89.	Certificate of Clearance from property accountability				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement/death.
90.	Inventory and Inspection Reports on Unserviceable Property				Dispose 5 years after settlement and clearance.
91.	Inventory of supplies and Equipment of different agencies (GF 41-A)				Dispose 2 years superseded.
92.	Invitation to Bid and Bid Tenders (BSC Form 706)				Dispose 5 years after termination of contract and finally settled.
93.	Invoices and Receipts of Accountable Forms				Dispose 3 years after clearance.
94.	Invoices and Receipts for Property (GF 30-A)				Dispose 3 years after issuance of clearance.
95.	Invoices and Receipt for Transfer (GF 10-A)				Dispose 3 years after property has been transferred.
96.	Memorandum Receipts for Equipment Semi-Expandable and Non-Expandable Property (GF 32-A)		P E R M A N E N T		
97.	Purchase Orders/Work Orders				Dispose 4 years after settlement of accounts
98.	Report of Waste Materials (GF 64-A)				Dispose 5 years after settlement of credit.
99.	Requisition and Issue Vouchers covering emergency purchase of supplies.	4		4	
100.	Requisition on Direct Purchase with supporting papers	4		4	

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101.	Requisition for Equipment or Supplies (BSC Form 1)	4		4	
102.	Shipping and Packing List on Items Purchased with Bill of Lading				Dispose 1 year after shipment and acceptance of delivery.
103.	Stock Cards on Supplies				Dispose 3 years after the last entry.
104.	Suppliers Identification Certificates				Dispose 2 years after renewal.
105.	Supplies Adjustment Sheet				Dispose 1 year after post-audited.
106.	Supplies Ledger Card "Doubles" (GF 48-A)		P E R M A N E N T		
107.	Supplies Ledger Card		P E R M A N E N T		
COMPTROLLERSHIP & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT					
<u>Accounting (4.2a)</u>					
108.	Annual Statement of Accounts Payable		P E R M A N E N T		
109.	Authorizations (overtime, transfer of funds)	2		2	
110.	Bank Reconciliation Statements	5		5	
111.	Balance Sheet		P E R M A N E N T		
112.	Certificate of Availability of Funds		P E R M A N E N T		
113.	Checks and Check Stubs Issued				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
114.	Daily Cash Report	3		3	
115.	Disbursement Vouchers				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
116.	Financial Reports of Operations		P E R M A N E N T		
117.	General Ledger		P E R M A N E N T		
118.	General Payrolls				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
	Casual				
	Permanent				

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119.	General Vouchers				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
120.	Index Cards		P E R M A N E N T		
121.	Index Payment of Employees (GF 82-A)		P E R M A N E N T		
122.	Index of Sunday Payment by Warrant (GF 83-A)		P E R M A N E N T		
123.	Journal of Analysis of Obligation		P E R M A N E N T		
124.	Journal of Bills Rendered		P E R M A N E N T		
125.	Journal f Checks Issued		P E R M A N E N T		
126.	Journal of Collection and Deposit		P E R M A N E N T		
127.	Journal of Disbursement		P E R M A N E N T		
128.	Journal Vouchers (GF 20-A)				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
129.	List of Remittances	5	5	10	
130.	Monthly Settlement of Monthly Subsidiary Ledger Balance	2		2	
131.	Monthly Statement of Bank Balances	2		2	
132.	Notice of Funding Warrant Issued	5		5	
133.	Physical Report of Operation	2		2	
134.	Project Cost Sheet		P E R M A N E N T		
135.	Quarterly Statement of Charges to Account Payable				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
136.	Receipt and Release of Advice of Cash Deposit	3		3	
137.	Reports of Disbursements (GF 99-A)	5	5	10	
138.	Reports of Income	5	5	10	

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139.	Request for Obligation of Allotment				
	Infra Projects		PERMANENT		
	Others	3		3	
140.	Remittance Advice (GF 14-B)	5	5	5	
141.	Schedule of Account Receivable (Quarterly)	3		3	
142.	Statement of Financial Operations		PERMANENT		
143.	Statement of SAA (Sub-allotment Advice) and Advice of cash Deposit Released (ACD)	2		2	
	Regional Officed				
	Regional Equipment Offices				
	Project Management Office				
144.	Status of Common Funds	2		2	
145.	Subsidiary Ledgers (GF 67-A)		PERMANENT		
146.	Trial Balance		PERMANENT		
	<u>Assets and Supplies Management and Control (4.2b)</u>				
147.	Abstract of Bids	5		5	
	Infrastructure				
	Supplies, Materials, Equipment				
148.	Annual Procurement Program	2		2	
149.	Equipment Ledger Card (GF 46-A)		PERMANENT		
150.	Inspection Report of Supplies, materials and equipment				Dispose 2 years after clearance.
151.	Inventory		PERMANENT		
	Construction equipment, service vehicle, office furniture and fixtures and office equipment				
	Insured properties such as aircrafts, buildings, electrical structure, equipment machine, marine hull/vessel, motor vehicle and heavy equipment.				

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	Road-Right-of-Way acquired Titles Unserviceable Equipment				
152.	Lists Furniture and Equipment transferred without cost by the then Department of Public Works and Transportation and Communication to Batasang Pambansa. Torens Title including other notarial archives turned over by Ministry of Public Works and Highways to Records Management and Archives Office		P E R M A N E N T		
153.	Quarterly Consumption Report of Supplies and Materials	2		2	
154.	Supplies Ledger Card (Gf 83-A)		P E R M A N E N T		
	Budget (4.2c)				
155.	Advice of Allotment	3		3	
156.	Advice of Cash Deposits				Dispose after 10 years provided post- audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
157.	Annual Budget Estimates				Dispose 2 years after passage of bill
158.	Financial and Physical Reports	2		2	
159.	Financial Reports/Statements for Infrastructure Projects	2		2	
160.	Letter of Advice (Regional Offices)				Dispose after 10 years provided post- audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
161.	Notice of Funding Warrant				Dispose after 10 years provided post- audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
162.	Requests Accounts Payable Fund Releases for retirements/terminal leave Realignment of Cash Funds	2		2	

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163.	Sub-Allotment Advice				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
164.	Work and Financial Plan (Special Budget) Request of fund release from office of the Budget and Management for the initial work and Financial Plan which covers the total annual operation of DPWH on which the regular quarterly sub-allotment to its offices are based and other requests for fund releases from lump-sum appropriation during the budget year. <u>Cash (4.2d)</u>	3		3	
165.	Advice of Remittances	3		3	
166.	Application for bonding officials				Dispose 3 years after cancellation.
167.	Cash Disbursement Ceiling	3		3	
168.	Certificate of Shortages				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
169.	Certification of Settlement and Balances				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
170.	Daily Cash Report	3		3	
171.	Monthly Report of Accountables of Forms (OR's Bank Checkd)				Dispose after 10 years after post-audited.
172.	Official Cashbooks	P E R M A N E N T			
173.	Official Receipts				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
174.	Reports of checks Issued by deputized Disbursing Officer	5	5	10	
175.	Reports of Collection and Deposit	5	5	10	
176.	Requisition of Blank Checks	4		4	

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177.	Warrant Register				
	<u>INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE</u>				
	<u>Management and Performance Review (4.3a)</u>				
178.	Audit Reports (Analysis and evaluation of management and operations performance)				
	<u>Performance Standards (4.3b)</u>				
179.	Evaluations				
	Organizational performance efficiency against approved standards				
	Service/Bureaus/PMO's Standard Operation Procedures and performance of the different organizational units.				
180.	Performance Standards				
	Adopted by different organizational units including Project Management Offices				
	Recommended changes				
	<u>Systems and Procedures (4.3c)</u>				
181.	Forms Design and Control				
182.	Organizational/Functional/Position Charts				
183.	Manuals				
	Administrative				
	Contract Management				
	Operations and Procedures				
	Organization				
	Systems and Operations				
184.	Policies, rules and regulations pertaining to procedures				

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185.	Procedural Flow Charts				
	<u>LEGAL SERVICE</u>				
	<u>Complainst and Investigation (4.4b)</u>				
186.	Administrative Cases				Dispose 5 years after decision is rendered except vital documentary evidences presented in the case which is of value for the protection of the civil, legal and property rights of the government and citizen. DECISION ARE PERMANENT.
187.	Certificate of Clearance for retirement/terminal leave				Dispose 25 years after compulsory retirement/death.
188.	Legal Studies re Claims for back wages in connection with dsimissal or suspension.				
189.	Reviews on decided cases				
	Appeals on administrative desicions Evaluation and resolutions Request for consideration				
	<u>Contract Letting and Litigation (4.4a)</u>				
190.	Appearance as Counsel				Dispose 1 year after payment of claims.
191.	Cases				
	Administrative				Dispose after 5 years from the date of decisions.
	Civil				Dispose 15 years after termination of the case.
	Criminal				Dispose 15 years after termination of the case.
192.	Decisions				

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193.	Opinions Application of directives/issuances to Contracts Claims of contractors/Subcontractor/Third Party to projects under contract. Interpretations of the provisions of the contract validity and binding effect for the release of funds. <u>Legislative Research and Affairs (4.4c)</u>	P E R M A N E N T			
194.	Opinions/ Interpretations Application of directives/issuances, laws which affect the function of the agency. Queries on the interpretations of laws, directives/issuances by bureaus, services of Field Offices of the agency.	P E R M A N E N T			
195.	Research on Questions of Law on legal opinions rendered containing appeals, briefs, memoranda, pleadings on administrative cases. <u>Sites Acquisition and Law Enforcement (4.4d)</u>	P E R M A N E N T			
196.	Agreements to demolish and remove improvements affected by Right-of-Way	P E R M A N E N T			Dispose 5 years after release of fund and finally settled.
197.	Application for miscellaneous sales and leases of public land	P E R M A N E N T			Dispose 6 years after final recommendation to the bureau of lands.
198.	Correspondence relating to: Acquisition of lots needed for foreign assisted projects Projects implementation Routine matters	P E R M A N E N T			Dispose 1 year after completion of projects and payment of claims. Dispose 3 years after date of correspondence Dispose 3 years after date of correspondence

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199.	Deeds of Donation		P E R M A N E N T		
200.	Deeds of Exchange		P E R M A N E N T		
201.	Deeds of Sale of Land		P E R M A N E N T		
202.	Expropriation Case Application Notice of Hearing				Dispose 5 years after final decision and and fully paid.
203.	Investigation Encroachment on River Banks Violation of PD 296, LOI 19 and related laws				Dispose 5 years after final decision/reso- lution of the case.
204.	Land Registration Case				Dispose 5 years after final decision and fully settled.
205.	Request for Funds for payment of Right-of-Way claims and other related expenses.				Dispose 1 year after final decision and fully settled.
206.	Transfer of Certificate of Title <u>PLANNING SERVICE</u> Development Planning (4.5a)		P E R M A N E N T		TCT in the name of the government are forwarded to the National Archives.
207.	List of National Roads under EO 113		P E R M A N E N T		
208.	Long/Medium Term Programs				Dispose 5 years after implementation.
209.	Manual of Road Inventory, Road Numbering, Functional and Systems Classification		P E R M A N E N T		
210.	Plans for the Integrated Road Development (NACIAD) <u>Programming (4.5b)</u>		P E R M A N E N T		
211.	Annual Infrastructure Program	2		2	
212.	Manual on Infrastructure Programming		P E R M A N E N T		

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213.	List of priority projects in the Annual Infrastructure Program	2		2	
214.	Public Works Act	P E:R M A N E N T			
215.	Requests	2		2	
	Additional Funding for Infrastructure projects				
	Realignment of Funds				
	<u>Project Preparation and Evaluation (4.5c)</u>				
216.	Central Labor Advisory and Training Team (CLATT)	P E:R M A N E N T			
217.	Feasibility Study/Survey Data Report	P E:R M A N E N T			
218.	Master Plans for Integrated Project/Program	P E:R M A N E N T			
219.	Projects	P E:R M A N E N T			
	Cagayan River Flood Control				
	Nationwide River Training				
220.	Projects Evaluation Assistance (National Environmental Pollution Commission)				
221.	Pre-Feasibility Studies of Projects (Regional Offices)				Dispose 1 year after implementation.
	<u>Research and Statistics (4.5d)</u>				
222.	Financial Reports/Statements for Infrastructure Projects	P E:R M A N E N T			
223.	Infrastructure Atlas				Dispose 2 years after it has been superseded
224.	Inventory				Dispose 2 years after it has been superseded
	School buildings				
	Water Supply Facilities/Sources				
225.	Newspaper Clippings (fuel, dollar rates, labor rates)				Transfer to Library.

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226.	Statistical Data Average Costs Estimates Base Maps (original tracings) Diskettes on Data Base File Inputs to Construction Costs <u>MONITORING AND INFORMATION SERVICE</u> <u>Infrastructure Computer Center (4.6a)</u>		P E R M A N E N T		
227.	Biller/Statement of Accounts				Dispose 3 years after full payment/post-audited.
228.	Continuous Forms used in Validation				Dispose 1 year after final output.
229.	EDP Systems/Program Documentation		P E R M A N E N T		
230.	National Roads and Bridges Inventory				Dispose 1 year after superseded.
231.	Price Index of Construction Materials				Dispose 1 year after superseded.
232.	Price Lists - Procurement	2		2	
233.	Project Monitoring System Field Reports				Dispose 2 years after completion of project.
234.	Quotations from different Suppliers	1		1	
235.	<u>Project Monitoring (4.6c)</u>		P E R M A N E N T		
236.	Checklist and Telegraphic Status Report 1987 Congressional Projects 1987 CEDP Projects submitted by Districts/Cities				Dispose 2 years after completion/acceptance of projects and finally settled.
237.	Monthly Project Profiles and Status of Completion, On-Going and Foreign Assisted Projects				Dispose 2 years after completion/acceptance of projects and finally settled.
238.	Monthly Reports CEDP Projects Infrastructure Program				Dispose 2 years after completion/acceptance of projects and finally settled.

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239.	Status Report 1987 CEDP School Building implementation by Local Government Units 1987 CEDP Water Supply Projects implementation by DPWH 1987 Overall Summary Infrastructure Program (Lotus 123) 1988 Overall Summary Infrastructure Program (Lotus 123) 1987 Infrastructure Program by Districts (Lotus 123) 1988 Infrastructure Program by Districts (Lotus 123)				Dispose 2 years after completion/acceptance of projects and finally settled.
	<u>CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT</u>				
	<u>General Infrastructure (5.1)</u>				
240.	Construction Services Barangay Roads Bridges Flood Control National Roads and Runways Ports and Harbor Water Supply		P E R M A N E N T		
241.	Construction Plans		P E R M A N E N T		
242.	Drawings		P E R M A N E N T		
243.	Specifications		P E R M A N E N T		
244.	Contract Documents Cash Deposit Certificate of Availability of Funds Legal Requirements Letter of Credit Performance Bond Program of Work				Dispose 2 years after completion of the project, finally settled and post-audited.

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245.	Review/Inspection/Evaluation of Projects (Regional Offices) Barangay I - Northern Luzon Barangay II - Southern Luzon Barangay III - Visayas Barangay IV - Mindanao				Dispose 10 years after evaluation.
	<u>DESIGN MANAGEMENT</u>				
246.	Analysis of Topographic and Hydrologic Data for Infrastructure Projects		P E R M A N E N T		
247.	"As Built" Plans/Drawings		P E R M A N E N T		
248.	Design Analysis and Calculations Bridges Buildings Flood Control Drainage and Water Supply Highways Ports and Harbor				Dispose 5 years after project completion.
249.	Manuals for Design Standard and Criteria for Projects		P E R M A N E N T		
250.	Military Maps of the Philippines for Hydrologic Study		P E R M A N E N T		
251.	National Building Code Clearances for building permits regarding easement requirements along creeks, esteros and rivers Miscellaneous Sales/Lease Applications Pipe-laying projects (MWSS)-underground facilities Resolutions of appeals filed by litigants		P E R M A N E N T		
252.	Plans reviewed and corrected (MWSS, NHA)				Dispose 2 years after reviewed and corrected
253.	Project Reports on Preliminary Engineering Projects				Dispose 2 years after project completion.

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254.	Reports Accomplishment Remedial Measures Structural Defects	2		2	
255.	Variation Orders Change Orders Extra Work Orders Supplemental Agreement				Dispose 1 year after project completion.
	<u>EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT</u>				
256.	Advice of Shipment and Acknowledgement (Regional Offices) Equipment Spare Parts/Supplies/Materials				Dispose 1 year after acknowledgement and attestation by COA.
257.	Allocations Equipment (Regional Equipment Service) Project Funds	4		4	
258.	Annual Inventory of Memorandum Receipts for Equipment/ Shop Tools		P E R M A N E N T		
259.	Authorization re Withdrawal of Items from the Central Equipment and Spare Parts Division. Annual Temporary				Dispose 1 year after renewal of authority. Dispose 1 year after receipt.
260.	Billings, Collections and Remittances for Equipment Rentals	5	5	10	
261.	Charge Accounts: Cost of Repair of Equipment CHPG Clearance LTC Registration		P E R M A N E N T		
262.	Confirmation Letters of Regional Equipment Services for items withdrawn by representatives				Dispose 1 year after confirmed/received the items.

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263.	Contracts of Lease for Equipment				Dispose 2 years after expiration of contracts, finally settled and post-audited.
264.	Directives/Issuances on Equipment Utilization		P E R M A N E N T		
265.	Dockets Books (Equipment)		P E R M A N E N T		
	Bill of Lading Nos. Date DPWH Property Nos. Location Memo Receipt Nos. Serial Nos.				
266.	Documents on Locally Purchased Equipment/Items		P E R M A N E N T		
	Certificate of Acceptance by the requisitioner Certificate of Inspection (Property and Procurement Division Inspector & CESP)				
	Credit Memo of Equipment returned Incoming Receipt of Spare Parts, Supplies and Materials returned		P E R M A N E N T		
	Invoice Receipt (GF 302-A)-transfer of property from one accountable officer to another Memorandum Receipt for shop tools and equipment catalogues and manuals (GF 32-A) Purchase Order Requisition for Supplies/Equipment (BSC Form 43) Supplies Invoice				
267.	Equipment History Card				Dispose 1 year after disposal equipment.
268.	Equipment Ledger Card (GF 46-A)		P E R M A N E N T		
269.	Equipment Machinery Card (BPH E-21)		P E R M A N E N T		
270.	Equipment Supplied Rent Free	4		4	
271.	Freight				Dispose 5 years after acceptance, finally settled and post-audited. the items.
	Bill of Lading				
	Certification of Acceptance (Regional Offices)				

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272.	Inventory Equipment (GF 41-A) Shop Tools and Equipment Spare parts, office equipment, supplies and materials				Dispose 2 years after superseded.
273.	Inventory and Inspection Reports of Unserviceable Property				Dispose 5 years after settlement of credit.
274.	Inventory Tag (GF 71-A) Date	2		2	
275.	Local Cost for handling of equipment, spare parts, supplies and materials purchased from abroad	P E R M A N E N T			
276.	Memorandum Receipts for Tires and Batteries				Dispose 1 year after receipt of Report of Waste Material.
277.	Packing List of Unserviceable/Obsolete Parts and other related documents				Dispose 1 year after dropping from the Book of Account.
278.	Receipts of Shipment of Imported equipment, shop tools, Spare Parts, supplies and materials by Regional Offices Bills of Lading Certificates of Acceptance Customs's Special Permit to Transfer (SPT), BC Form 43 Marine Insurance Certificate Packing List Letter of Request and Authority to transfer commodities to the Department of Finance.	P E R M A N E N T			
279.	Reimbursement for Emergency Purchase of spare parts, supplies and materials.				Dispose after 10 yrs. provided finally settled, post-audited and not involved in any case.
280.	Registration of Equipment (Light and Heavy) Accident Report/Claims Certificate of Cover Insurance Policy	P E R M A N E N T			
281.	Rental Rates for Equipment (Dredge)				Dispose 1 year after superseded.

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282.	Reports Monthly Fleet Demand/Availability Report Technical Assistants Report on government agencies Equipment Specifications Fuel Utilization Maintenance Operation Rentals Procurements	2		2	
283.	Research on Equipment and Model				Dispose 1 year after obsolescence of equipment/ declared obsolete.
284.	Shipment of Spare Parts Claims of Loss/Damage parts Foreign Parts - Invoice, Cargo, Survey, Invoice Letter: Waiver Local Parts - Listing of Parts and WMR Premium Invoice				Dispose 3 years after settlement. Dispose 1 year after renewal.
285.	Stock Cards (GF 77-A)				P E R M A N E N T
286.	Summary of Payments to Contractors on Projects completed.				Dispose after 10 years provided fully settled, post-audited and not involved in any case.
287.	Survey of Workshops Site, Plan Layouts				P E R M A N E N T
288.	Telegrams	1		1	
289.	Tender Documents for Specials Equipment	5	5	10	
290.	Report of Waste Materials (GF 64-A)				Dispose 5 years after settlement of credit.
	<u>MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT</u>				
	<u>Building Services</u>				
291.	Appraisal and Determination of Value of Government-owned Buildings.				P E R M A N E N T

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292.	Disposal/Demolition of Government-owned buildings	5		5	
293.	Guidelines/Criteria/Standards on Rental Rates		P E:R M A N E N T		
294.	Insurance records of National government-owned buildings		P E:R M A N E N T		
295.	Space requirements of various government agencies	5		5	
	<u>Inspectorate</u>				
296.	Road Condition Rating (National, Provincial, City, Municipal, Barangay)	5		5	
297.	Reports				
	Completed Road and Bridges Projects	3		3	
	Status of implementation of the highway maintenance management (Roads and Bridges - national, provincial, city, municipal, barangay; water supply, flood control and drainage, ports, seawalls, lighthouses, school buildings, health facilities, public buildings, regional office buildings)	5		5	
	Verification of calamity/typhoon damages on infrastructure projects	5		5	
	<u>Inventory and Statistics</u>				
298.	Approved Basic Cost per EMK Analysis and Computations		P E:R M A N E N T		
299.	Inventories				Dispose after 2 years, if superseded.
	Flood Control and Drainage				
	Health Facilities				
	Ports, Seawalls, Lighthouses				
	Public/Central/Regional Office Buildings				
	Roads and Bridges (national, provincial, city, municipal, barangay)				
	School Buildings				
	Water Supply Systems				

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300.	Road Maps and Maps for other infrastructure projects				Dispose 5 years after updated.
301.	Statistical Reports				P E R M A N E N T
	Average Annual/Daily Traffic (AADT)				
	Types of Roads and Bridges				
	<u>MONITORING AND METHODS</u>				
302.	Annual Reports				P E R M A N E N T
	Accomplishment for the Calendar Year				
	Reimbursement of Periodic Maintenance Projects Funds to IBRD (World Bank)				
303.	CEDP Progress Reports (Maintenance Projects)	3		3	
304.	Monthly Accomplishment/Progress Reports	3		3	
	Calamity-Funded Repair Projects				
	Flood Control and Drainage				
	Health Facilities				
	Periodic Maintenance of National Roads and Bridges				
	Ports, Seawall, Lighthouses				
	Public/School/Regional Office Buildings				
	Road Right-of-Way Encroachment of National Roads				
	Water Supply				
305.	Quarterly Reports	3		3	
	Activity Data Summary and Activity Performance Summary for National Roads and Bridges				
	Physical and Financial Accomplishment of Local Roads (Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay Roads)				
	Status of Water Supply System and Performance				
	<u>Planning and Programming (5.4)</u>				
306.	Advice of Allotment and Sub-Allotment Advice for regular maintenance				Dispose 1 year after project completion.

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307.	Annual Maintenance Work Program. Performance Budget for National Roads and Bridges				Dispose 3 years after superseded.
308.	Approval Basic Cost per EMK		P E R M A N E N T		
309.	Budget Proposal for maintenance of: Flood Control and Drainage Health Facilities Ports, Seawalls, Lighthouses Public/School/Central/Regional Office Buildings Roads and Bridges (National, Provincial, City, Municipal Barangay) Water Supply	3		3	
310.	Calamity/Typhoon Damage Reports and Request for Funding	2		2	
311.	Contract Documents for Regular Maintenance				Dispose after 2 years provided post-audited, finally settled and not involved in any case.
312.	Planning Data Input (Planning) Source Documents (Regions) Summaries (BOM)		P E R M A N E N T		
313.	Project Program and Detailed Estimates Flood Control and Drainage Health Facilities Ports, Seawalls, Lighthouses Public/School/Central/Regional Office Buildings Water Supply	3		3	
314.	Updated Activity List and Standards <u>Restoration Projects</u>	2		2	
315.	Contract Documents and other related records				Dispose after 10 years provided finally settled post-audited and not involved in any case.

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316.	List of Projects Programmed for Restoration (Foreign Assisted Projects)				Dispose after 5 years if implemented.
317.	Programs of Work and Detailed Estimates including Plans and Specifications	3		3	
318.	Price Reimbursement (IBRD)		P E R M A N E N T		
RESEARCH AND STANDARDS MANAGEMENT					
319.	Certificates of Quality Control Assurance				Dispose 5 years after project completion.
320.	Checklist on Monthly Materials Report				Dispose 5 years after project completion.
321.	Cost Estimates on Core Boring of various Projects				Dispose 5 years after project completion.
322.	Evaluation Reports Production Development of various construction materials; Usefulness of Newly introduced construction materials		P E R M A N E N T		
323.	Income Reports				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited
324.	Material Maps/Sources		P E R M A N E N T		
325.	Physical Inventory of Components Bagong Lipunan School Building Pre-fab School Buildings		P E R M A N E N T		
326.	Plans Administrative Building Employees' Quarters Fencing of Plants Site Roadway and Drainage Warehouses Wood and Steel Component Building Special Projects		P E R M A N E N T		
327.	Price Index of Construction Materials				Dispose of 2 years after superseded.

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328.	Program of Work Construction of the Uitas Plant School Building Components	3		3	
329.	Ratings of trainee-participants in Materials Engineering Quality Control Course	P E R M A N E N T			
330.	Reports Project Data Project Inspection/Investigation Project Quality Control Research Soils and Materials	P E R M A N E N T			Dispose 5 years after project completion. Dispose 10 years after execution of work. Dispose 5 years after project completion.
331.	Specifications for various Projects	P E R M A N E N T			
332.	Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges	P E R M A N E N T			
333.	Statement of Tests performed for Charging Laboratory Test and Equipment Rental				Dispose 5 years after project completion.
334.	Statistical Data on Tests Results	P E R M A N E N T			
335.	Straight Line Diagram of Concrete and Asphalt Pavement				Dispoe 5 years after project completion.
336.	Technical Books, Publications				Transfer to Library.
337.	Technical Reports and Evaluation Core Boring of Concrete ans Asphalt Pavement				Dispose 5 years after project completion.
338.	Test Report of Materials Samples from inspected Plants/ Manufacturers/Suppliers	5		5	
339.	Weekly Production Report of Steel Component (Uitas Plant)	5		5	
	<u>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</u>				
	<u>Administrative Services</u>				
340.	Billings - Local and Foreign (Consultants/Contractors)				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited finally settled and not involved in any case.

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341.	Index Cards for Payments to Contractors				Dispose after 10 years provided post-audited and finally settled.
342.	Requests				
	Funds for Accounts Payables	3		3	PERMANENT
	Notices for Funds Releases	3		3	
	Realignment of Cash Funds (Standard)				
343.	Statements of Withdrawal Applications				Dispose after 10 years provided approved by lending institutions and post-audited.
344.	Summary of Payments Contractors				Dispose 3 years after project completion and post-audited.
	<u>Technical Services</u>				
345.	Construction/Cross Section Drawings				PERMANENT
346.	Design Plans				PERMANENT
347.	Detailed Unit Price Analysis				PERMANENT
348.	Equipment				PERMANENT
	Manual Specifications				
349.	Loan Agreement				PERMANENT
350.	Performance Bonds of Contractors				Dispose 5 years after termination of contract, project completed, finally settled and post-audited.
351.	PERT/CPM Diagrams				PERMANENT
352.	Pile Driving and Computations				PERMANENT
353.	Project Proposals (By Categories)				Dispose 5 years after implementation/evaluation.
354.	Quantity Calculations/Tender Documents related to Contracts				Dispose 5 years after project completion.

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	<u>TRAFFIC ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT/ TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER</u>				
	<u>Traffic and Road Inventory Surveys</u>				
363.	Surveys Before and After Board and Alighting Bus and PUJ Lane Control and Court Coverage Count Detector's Data Intersection Inventory Lateral Placement Origin and Destination Parking Pedestrian Count Que Length Raw Data (Survey Reports)/Trading Movement Count Road Inventory Traffic Accident Data Traffic Violation Travel Time Vehicle <u>Design of Intersections, Roads and Others</u>				Dispose 3 years after re-survey.
364.	Bus Reorganization Data		P E R M A N E N T		
365.	Consumer Price Index (Supplies and equipment)				Dispose after 1 year, if superseded.
366.	Existing and New Jeepney Routes		P E R M A N E N T		
367.	Flood Level Information		P E R M A N E N T		
368.	Foreign Periodicals				Transfer to Library.

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369.	General Computer Program/Software Manual	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
370.	Hardware Configuration - Traffic Signals	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
371.	Intersection Code Number	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
372.	Inventory of Traffic Signals										Dispose after 2 years, if superseded.
373.	Light Rail Transit System	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
374.	Maintenance of Traffic Signals Procedural Manual and Warrants	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
375.	Major Roads System	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
376.	Manual Pavement Markings Traffic Signals Lighting Philippine Road Signs	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
377.	Standards and Warrants Signals Bus Stops Lighting Pavement Markings Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Signals	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
378.	Summary/Plans	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
379.	Traffic Management Authority	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
380.	Transport Training Program Technical Proposals and Studies	P	E	R	M	A	N	E	N	T	
381.	Proposals and Studies Bicycles Lanes JUMSUT LRT Traffic Management Plans MMUTSTRAPP Team Phase II Team Phase III Traffic Proposals for MIA Access Road										Dispose 5 years after implementation.

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	Traffic Management Schemes Outline of C2 and C4 <u>Signal Operation and Maintenance</u>				
382.	Computer Programs				P E R M A N E N T
383.	Inspection Reports	2		2	
	Daily Road Excavation Signal Operation				
384.	Job Order Tickets	2		2	
385.	Maintenance Schedule Pending maintenance work Signals Damaged by Accidents Signal Maintenance (Old signals) Traffic Control Parameter/Detectors' Data	2		2	
386.	Signal Operations <u>Miscellaneous</u>	2		2	
387.	Intersection Files (every signalized intersection have separate record for maintenance and operation data.				P E R M A N E N T
388.	Lists Intersections with New Traffic Signals Persons with Telephone Controller Keys Vehicles Detectors and Source of Power				P E R M A N E N T
389.	Map Display Data File				P E R M A N E N T
390.	Pedestrian Push Button				P E R M A N E N T

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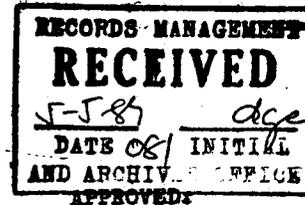
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TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVES OFFICE

This Records Disposition Schedule

- is being returned for improvement/correction
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PART II

AMENDATORY SECTION

- 11.1 Records Management
Improvement Committee
(Reconstituted per
DMC No. 61 dated
May 12, 1993)**

The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Plan, formulate and undertake the improvement of records management in the Department proper including but not limited to, the various Bureaus, Project Management Offices, Regional, RES, District/City Offices of the Department;
2. Plan, formulate, coordinate and implement a Records Disposition Program with the end in view of identifying and preserving records having permanent value, e.g., administrative, legal, fiscal, technical or archival value, and disposing through destruction or sale of valueless records;
3. Evaluate and establish the retention period of the Department records (produced or maintained);
4. Formulate a Records Retention and Disposal Schedule and revise any schedule which the Committee may deem fit depending on the rationale for its retention/disposition, as the case maybe, and as circumstances may warrant, subject to the approval of the Secretary; and
5. Submit to the Director of Records Management and Archives Office the established Records Retention and Disposal Schedule for approval.

Whenever necessary, and as need arises, the Committee may seek technical advice and assistance from the Records Management and Archives Office in its tasks of improving records management in the Department.

In the formulation and establishment of a Records Management Improvement Program for the Department, the Committee shall be assisted by Sub-Committee which are hereby, likewise, recreated to be composed of the following:

For the Central Office:

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| Chief, Records Management Division | - Chairman |
| Chief, Non-Current Records Section
(Inventory, Appraisal and
Disposal of Records) | - Member |
| Chief of Division where records are stored | - Member |
| COA Representative | - Member |

For Regional Offices:

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| Chief, Administrative Division | - Chairman |
| Chief, Records Section | - Member |
| Chief of the Division/Section where
records are stored | - Member |

The Sub-Committee as created shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Assist the DPWH Records Management Improvement Committee in the following areas of responsibilities:
 - a) Plan, formulate and undertake the improvement of a Records Management Program for the Department.
 - b) Prepare the action plan preparatory to the Inventory of Records.
 - c) Conduct inventory of all records holdings (by records series) in the Central Office, the various Bureaus, PMO's and Regional, RES, District/City Offices.
 - d) Up-date the Records Retention and Disposal Schedules, subject to review by the DPWH Records Management Improvement Committee, and the approval of the Secretary and the Director, Records Management and Archives Office.
 - e) Submit up-dated Records Retention and Disposal Schedules thru the RMIC, to the Records Management and Archives Office for approval.
2. Implement the Records Retention and Disposal Schedules of their respective Offices as approved by the Records Management and Archives Office.
3. Determine and set file breaks generally during slack periods of filing and servicing at the end of the calendar year.
4. Prepare the request for authority to dispose valueless records of their Offices after a file break for approval by the Director of Records Management and Archives Office.
5. Assist in the conduct of public bidding for award of contract for the disposal of valueless records of their respective Offices following the pertinent provisions of PD 1445, preferably towards the end of the calendar year.
6. Shall have custody of the records holdings of their respective offices and shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of the valueless records until it's disposal is authorized.
7. Remit to the National Fund all proceeds realized from the sale of disposable valueless records.

In the implementation of this Program, DECS Department Order No. 13-A, dated February 3, 1988, as enunciated in DPWH Department Memorandum Circular No. 25, dated 19 April 1988, shall be used as "Guidelines on the Decentralized Disposal of Valueless Records in Government Agencies."

MPWH Memorandum Circular No. 40, series of 1984 and other issuances inconsistent with this Department Order are hereby superseded or amended accordingly.

This order takes effect immediately.


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