§ 1235.34 May NARA destroy transferred records?

NARA will not destroy records transferred to NARA’s custody except:
(a) With the written concurrence of the agency or its successor; or
(b) As authorized on an SF 258.

Subpart C—Transfer Specifications and Standards

§ 1235.40 What records are covered by additional transfer requirements?

In addition to complying with subparts A and B of this part, agencies must follow the specifications and requirements in this subpart when transferring audiovisual, cartographic, architectural, and electronic records to the National Archives of the United States. In general, such records must be transferred to the National Archives of the United States as soon as they become inactive or whenever the agency cannot provide proper care and handling of the records, including adequate storage conditions (see parts 1236 and 1237 of this subchapter).

§ 1235.42 What specifications and standards for transfer apply to audiovisual records, cartographic, and related records?

In general the physical types described below comprise the minimum record elements that are needed for future preservation, duplication, and reference for audiovisual records, cartographic records, and related records.

(a) Motion pictures.
   (1) Agency-sponsored or produced motion picture films (e.g., public information films) whether for public or internal use:
      (i) Original negative or color original plus separate optical sound track;
      (ii) Intermediate master positive or duplicate negative plus optical track sound track; and,
      (iii) Sound projection print and video recording, if they exist.
   (2) Agency-acquired motion picture films: Two projection prints in good condition or one projection print and one videotape.
   (3) Unedited footage, outtakes, and trims (the discards of film productions) that are properly arranged, labeled, and described and show unstaged, unrehearsed events of historical interest or historically significant phenomena:
      (i) Original negative or color original; and
      (ii) Matching print or videotape.
   (b) Video recordings.
      (1) For videotape, the original or earliest generation videotape and a copy for reference. Agencies must comply with requirements in §1237.12(d) of this subchapter for original videotapes, although VHS copies can be transferred as reference copies.
      (2) For video discs, the premaster videotape used to manufacture the video disc and two copies of the disc. Agencies must consult the National Archives and Records Administration, Special Media Archives Services Division, (NWCS), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740, phone number (301) 837-2903, before initiating transfers of video discs that depend on interactive software and nonstandard equipment.
   (c) Still pictures.
      (1) For analog black-and-white photographs, an original negative and a captioned print. The captioning information may be maintained in another file such as a database if the file number correlation is clear. If the original negative is nitrate, unstable acetate, or glass based, the agency must also transfer a duplicate negative on a polyester base.
      (2) For analog color photographs, the original color negative, color transparency, or color slide; a captioned print (or captioning information maintained in another file if the file number correlation is clear); and a duplicate negative, or slide, or transparency, if they exist.
      (3) For slide sets, the original and a reference set, and the related audio recording (in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section) and script.
      (4) For other pictorial records such as posters, original art work, and filmstrips, the original and a reference copy.
   (d) Digital photographic records. See 36 CFR 1235.48(e) and 1235.50(e) for transfer requirements for digital photographic records.
   (e) Sound recordings.
      (1) Disc recordings.
For electronic recordings, the origination recording regardless of form and two compact discs (CDs) or digital video disks (DVDs).

For analog disc recordings, the master tape and two disc pressings of each recording, typically a vinyl copy for playback at 33⅓ revolutions per minute (rpm).

For analog audio recordings on magnetic tape (open reel, cassette, or cartridge), the original tape, or the earliest available generation of the recording, and a subsequent generation copy for reference. Agencies must comply with the requirements in 36 CFR 1237.12(c) of this subchapter for audio recordings.

Finding aids and production documentation. The following records must be transferred to the National Archives of the United States with the audiovisual records to which they pertain:

1. Existing finding aids such as data sheets, shot lists, continuities, review sheets, catalogs, indexes, list of captions, and other documentation that are needed or useful to identify or retrieve audiovisual records. Agencies must consult the National Archives and Records Administration, Special Media Archives Services Division (NWCS), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740, phone number (301) 837-2903, concerning transfer of finding aids that do not meet the requirements of this part for electronic records.

2. Production case files or similar files that include copies of production contracts, scripts, transcripts, and appropriate documentation bearing on the origin, acquisition, release, and ownership of the production.

Maps and charts.

1. Manuscript maps; printed and processed maps on which manuscript changes, additions, or annotations have been made for record purposes or which bear manuscript signatures to indicate official approval; and single printed or processed maps that have been attached to or interfiled with other documents of a record character or in any way made an integral part of a record.

2. Master sets of printed or processed maps issued by the agency. A master set must include one copy of each edition of a printed or processed map issued.

3. Paper copies of computer-related and computer-plotted maps that can no longer be reproduced electronically.

4. Index maps, card indexes, lists, catalogs, or other finding aids that may be helpful in using the maps transferred.

5. Records related to preparing, compiling, editing, or printing maps, such as manuscript field notebooks of surveys, triangulation and other geodetic computations, and project folders containing agency specifications for creating the maps.

Architectural and related engineering drawings, including:

1. Design drawings, preliminary and presentation drawings, and models that document the evolution of the design of a building or structure.

2. Master sets of drawings that document both the initial design and construction and subsequent alterations of a building or structure. This category includes final working drawings, “as-built” drawings, shop drawings, and repair and alteration drawings.

3. Drawings of repetitive or standard details of one or more buildings or structures.

4. “Measured” drawings of existing buildings and original or photocopies of drawings reviewed for approval.

5. Related finding aids and specifications to be followed.
§ 1235.44 What general transfer requirements apply to electronic records?

(a) Each agency must retain a copy of permanent electronic records that it transfers to NARA until it receives official notification that NARA has assumed responsibility for continuing preservation of the records.

(b) For guidance related to the transfer of electronic records other than those covered in this subpart, the agency must consult with the National Archives and Records Administration, Electronic/Special Media Records Services Division (NWME), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740, phone number (301) 837-3420.

(c) When transferring digital photographs and their accompanying metadata, the agency must consult with the National Archives and Records Administration, Special Media Archives Services Division (NWCS) for digital photographs, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740, phone number (301) 837-2903.

§ 1235.46 What electronic media may be used for transferring records to the National Archives of the United States?

(a) General. This section specifies the media or method used to transfer permanent records to the National Archives of the United States. (See 36 CFR 1236.28 for the requirements governing the selection of electronic records storage media for current agency use.) The agency must use only media that are sound and free from defects for transfers to the National Archives of the United States. When permanent electronic records may be disseminated through multiple electronic media (e.g., magnetic tape, CD-ROM) or mechanisms (e.g., FTP), the agency and NARA must agree on the most appropriate medium or method for transfer of the records into the National Archives of the United States.

(b) Magnetic tape. Agencies may transfer electronic records to the National Archives of the United States on magnetic tape as follows:

(1) Open-reel magnetic tape must be on ½-inch 9-track tape reels recorded at 1600 or 6250 bpi that meet ANSI X3.39 or ANSI X3.54 (both incorporated by reference, see §1235.4), respectively.

(2) 18-track 3480-class cartridges must be recorded at 37,871 bpi that meet ANSI X3.180 (incorporated by reference, see §1235.4). The data must be blocked at no more than 32,760 bytes per block.

(3) For DLT tape IV cartridges, the data must be blocked at no more than 32,760 bytes per block and must conform to the standards cited in the table as follows:

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(c) Compact-Disk, Read Only Memory (CD-ROM) and Digital Video Disks (DVDs). Agencies may use CD-ROMs and DVDs to transfer permanent electronic records to the National Archives of the United States.

(1) CD-ROMs used for this purpose must conform to ANSI/NISO/ISO 9660 (incorporated by reference, see §1235.4).

(2) Permanent electronic records must be stored in discrete files. Transferred CD-ROMs and DVDs may contain other files, such as software or temporary records, but all permanent records must be in files that contain only permanent records. Agencies must indicate at the time of transfer if a CD-ROM or DVD contains temporary records and where those records are located on the CD-ROM or DVD. The agency must also specify whether NARA should return the CD-ROM or DVD to the agency or dispose of it after copying the permanent records to an archival medium.

(3) If permanent electronic records are stored on both CD-ROM (or DVD) and other media, such as magnetic