



Office of the Chief  
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U.S. Government

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March 3, 2025

Maria Levesque  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independent Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1290

Dear Ms. Levesque:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received an allegation of unauthorized disposition of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) records. A former employee of a DOE contractor, NB3 Los Alamos, stated that they removed six boxes of historical data on removable media from the contractor's facility. The records relate to NB3's Environmental Remediation/Water Program. The former employee stated that they removed the records because they were at a high risk of being destroyed. The employee reported the potential risk to the DOE OIG hotline on January 6, 2025. The employee was terminated but the records are still in their physical custody.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that DOE respond within 30 calendar days to this allegation. If it is determined that an unauthorized disposition of records has occurred, the response should include the following information:

- A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known;
- The office maintaining the records;
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records;
- A statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation; and
- Details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

If it is determined that there has been no unauthorized disposition, please provide us with sufficient documentation to support that finding. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact the Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program by email at [UnauthorizedDisposition@nara.gov](mailto:UnauthorizedDisposition@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Fischer". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Fischer" written in a single continuous stroke.

WILLIAM FISCHER  
Chief Records Officer  
for the U.S. Government (Acting)