

# RULE

## Department of State Office of the Secretary of State Division of Archives

### Records Management Policies and Practices (LAC 4:XVII.Chapters 1-15)

The Department of State, Division of Archives, Records Management and History, in accordance with R.S. 44:405, and with the Administrative Procedure Act R.S. 49:950 et seq., has adopted LAC Title 4, Part XVII Records Management Policies and Practices. This text is being inserted to provide official guidance for state agencies in establishing and maintaining an active records management program as required by R.S. 44:410 et seq.

#### Title 4

#### ADMINISTRATION

#### Part XVII. Records Management Policies and Practices

#### Chapter 1. Agency Records Management Officer Designation

##### §101. Designation

A. In compliance with R.S. 44:411, on or before July 1 of each state fiscal year, the chief executive officer of each agency, as defined by R.S. 44:402 shall designate a records management officer to act as liaison between the division and the agency on all matters related to records management for the term of one year.

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##### §103. Process

A. Each agency shall communicate their records management officer designation by completing form SS ARC 940 Records Management Officer Designation Form, (including signature of the chief executive officer and the date the designation was signed) and submitting the completed form to the state archivist.

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##### §105. Responsibilities of an Agency Records Management Officer

A. Each agency should select a records management officer who:

1. can communicate effectively with agency personnel and with the division's personnel;
2. has adequate knowledge of how your agency is organized and its operations;
3. has the ability to work with the agency's information services section on records management issues related to electronic records created and maintained by the agency;
4. has the authority to oversee the records management program of the agency, including:
  - a. the development and implementation of an agency retention schedule;
  - b. the compliance with Division and legal requirements for agency records;
  - c. the temporary storage of records at the State Records Center (if necessary) or the transfer of records for permanent storage with the State Archives (if required or requested);
  - d. and the processing of disposal requests and destruction of agency records as necessary.

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##### §107. Changes in Records Management Officer Designees

A. Agencies wishing to change their agency's designee before their designation period has expired, must notify the State Archivist within 30 days of such a change by completing form SS ARC 940 and noting "AMENDMENT" on top of the page.

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#### Chapter 3. Retention Schedule Development

##### §301. Definitions

A. Unless otherwise defined in this Chapter, the definitions for key terms in this chapter are provided in R.S. 44:402.

*Approved Retention Schedule*Ca retention schedule which has been approved by the state archivist or his designee.

*Records Series*Ca group of related or similar records, regardless of medium, that may be filed together as a unit, used in a similar manner, and typically are evaluated as a unit for determining retention periods.

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### **§303. Records Inventory**

A. To facilitate the development of agency retention schedules in compliance with R.S. 44:411, each agency shall:

1. review the functions and activities of their agency;
2. develop a list of records produced, received and maintained by the agency;

3. identify the inclusive dates, the medium and volume of records maintained for each record series held by the agency. This provision may be facilitated by agencies completing a records Management Inventory Form (SS ARC 960) for each record series to document their decision process.

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### **§305. Writing the Retention Schedule**

A. Each agency shall submit a draft retention schedule to the State Archives for review and approval. In developing the draft, each agency will:

1. conduct adequate research to determine the length of time each record series needs to be maintained based on their administrative, legal, fiscal, and any historical/informational value. Legal citations should be included if statutes or rules exist, on either the state or federal level, the retention of certain records series;

2. develop specific retention and disposition instructions for each records series, including transference of inactive records to an appropriate records storage facility, the maintenance of long-term or permanent records within the agency, and/or transfer of custody of permanent records to the State Archives control.

3. develop a draft retention schedule, using form number SS ARC 932, providing a brief description of the records series, suggested retention periods for each records series, recommended disposition instructions for non-permanent records, a notation for any records series that contains confidential information at the time of its creation in the remarks section and any citations used to formulate the retention value, if applicable. In the event that a subset of records are "declared" confidential due to pending investigation or similar event, a list of the records series involved should be transmitted to the State Archives within 30 days of the declaration.

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### **§307. Retention Schedule Maintenance**

A. Each agency shall review its retention schedule annually to identify any record series requiring an addition, amendment or deletion to the agency's approved schedule. Each agency shall submit an amended SS ARC 932 noting any changes to its existing retention schedule.

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### **§309. Retention Schedule Renewal**

A. An agency schedule, once approved by the State Archives will be valid for five years from the date of approval. Ninety days prior to the five year anniversary of a schedule's approval, each agency shall submit their schedule for renewal.

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## **Chapter 5. Storage of Records in State Records Center**

### **§501. Definitions**

A. For the purpose of this Chapter the following definitions apply.

*Approved Records Center Box* A box that is 1.2 cubic feet in size, with dimensions of 15"x12"x10" and having no lids (fan fold tops only).

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### **§503. Eligibility**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:408, the State Records Center may accept records from state agencies when they meet the following criteria.

1. The records are scheduled on an approved Records Retention Schedule.
2. The records belong to an office of the State Executive or Legislative branches of Louisiana government.
3. The records are considered inactive (not from current operational year).

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#### **§505. Packing Instructions**

- A. Each box containing eligible records (as listed above) must comply with the following requirements.
1. The records are boxed in an approved records center box.
  2. The records in each box are from the same records series with the same retention value.
  3. The records should be packed in the same order as they are filed in the agency.
  4. Boxes should not contain mixed media (i.e., microfiche with paper records).
  5. Approximately 1 inch of space should be left in each box to facilitate retrieval.
  6. Records should not be placed on top of other records in the box.
  7. The approximate weight of each box should not exceed 35 pounds.
  8. Packing tape is discouraged. If utilized, it may only be used to reinforce the bottom of the box.
  9. To further protect the records in case of fire, agencies are strongly encouraged to pack their boxes with the records facing the long (15 inch) side of the box. If records being packed are letter-sized (8 1/2" x 11") the remaining space in the back of the box, may include additional records with the records facing the short side (12 inch) end of the box.
  10. Boxes should not contain hanging file folders, three ring binders or binder clips.
  11. If boxes contain records in a media other than paper (i.e., microfilm, audio/video tapes), the media type should be noted on the transmittal within the description of contents section.

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#### **§507. Labeling Instructions**

- A. Each agency must assign a unique agency box number to each box to be transferred by affixing the number to the upper right hand corner of the narrow end of the box (the end of the box) and may include a brief descriptor for the records (i.e., 1997, FY2002, A-F, #1001-2500, etc.) to the left of the agency box number. This box number (and descriptor) must correspond to an entry made on the agency's transmittal forms submitted for the box.

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#### **§509. Disposal Date Cycles**

- A. Records stored in the State Records Center must be assigned one of two disposal cycles. Assignment should be made based on the following criteria:

1. July Cycle. Records that are retained based on fiscal year retention periods or meet their retention period between January 1 and June 30 during a given year.
2. January Cycle. Records that are retained based on calendar year retention periods or meet their retention period between July 1 and December 31 during a given year.

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#### **§511. Records Transmittal**

- A. Prior to the delivery of records to the State Records Center for storage, an agency must provide the Records Center with completed Records Transmittal and Receipt forms (SS ARC 103), which will serve as an inventory sufficiently detailed to enable the Records Center to retrieve any record needed by the agency for reference.

1. A separate transmittal form (SS ARC 103) should be completed for each disposal date (i.e., January or July of a given year).
2. For each box, the agency should include the minimum information on their transmittal forms:
  - a. agency box number;
  - b. beginning and ending dates for the records in the box;
  - c. a brief meaningful description of the contents of the box (i.e., Employees A -E, Batch 151-210);
  - d. a notation if the records are on a media other than paper;
  - e. a notation if any of the records contain confidential information.

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#### **§513. Arranging Transfer**

- A. After completing the transmittal forms for the boxes to be stored at the State Records Center, the agency shall mail or fax the transmittals to the State Records Center at least two weeks prior to the date of transfer the agency is requesting. The State Records Center will contact the agency's records officer to finalize the delivery date.

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#### **§515. Delivery of Records**

A. In general, delivery dates will be set on a first-come, first-serve basis. The State Records Center reserves the right to postpone or rearrange delivery dates or accept records of an agency in special circumstances or emergency situations, if the State Records Center staff or the Records Management Officer Statewide determine such an action is necessary.

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#### **§517. Ownership and Access**

A. Records stored at the State Records Center remain property of the agency depositing them at the State Records Center. Only the depositing agency's designated employees and to a limited extent, State Records Center personnel will be provided access to records stored in the State Records Center. Any requests to see an agency's records from non-authorized parties will be forwarded to the agency for written approval. A written approval must include the name of the person, the Records Center box number for the records being requested and the signature of the agency's records officer.

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#### **§519. Requesting Stored Records**

A. An agency may request access to or check out their agency's records by following the following procedures.

1. The agency must contact the State Records Center by either mail, fax, phone or e-mail requesting access to or checking out a file(s) or box(es) by listing the Records Center box number for the boxes being requested and providing the file name(s) if particular files are being requested.

2. Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the event that an agency has a true emergency, the State Records Center will try to accommodate a request for expedited service.

3. The State Records Center will contact the agency's Records Officer when the records in question are ready for review or pick-up. Upon arrival to the State Records Center, agency personnel will be required to show proper identification before access to the records will be granted.

4. Records being checked out from the State Records Center require a signed check out invoice by the employee checking out the records.

5. Once the agency checks out a record, the responsibility to return the record to the State Records Center belongs to the agency.

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#### **§521. Disposal of Records**

A. Twice a year the State Records Center will generate disposal requests for agency records that have met their retention periods. Such disposal requests will be forwarded to the agency records officer for agency disposal approval. The agency will have 45 days to respond to the request. The State Records Center reserves the right to return to the agency any records listed on the disposal request after the allotted 45 days has lapsed.

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#### **§523. Agency Disposal Approval**

A. Once the agency receives the disposal request, the agency records officer must ascertain if any of the records listed on the request require further retention or are required for pending or on-going litigation. The records officer should consult with the agency's legal counsel if there are any legal holds that require the records being retained for a longer duration.

1. If the records are not needed for any legal or administrative need, the agency records management officer shall sign the statement indicating that in consultation with the agency's legal counsel the records are no longer needed by the agency and may be destroyed.

2. If any record is still required by the agency, they may designate the records to be retained by noting the new disposal date requested and the reason for the extended retention. The agency may request the records be transferred back to their custody if they do not wish the records to remain in the State Records Center.

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## **§525. Archival Review**

A. Prior to the destruction of any records in the State Records Center, the State Archives will review each disposal request for possible archival records. In the event that the State Archives wishes to retain some records for archival review, the State Archives will notify the agency which agency records they are transferring to the Archives acquisition section for processing. Once transferred to the State Archives the ownership of the record will transfer from the agency to the State Archives.

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## **Chapter 7. Transferring Records for Inclusion in Archives Collection**

### **§701. General**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:411, agency shall secure written approval from the state archivist (or his designee) prior to the disposing of any records of the agency.

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### **§703. Eligibility**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:401, the State Archives may accept records from state agencies according to the following criteria:

1. the records are scheduled on an approved Records Retention Schedule;
2. the records have been determined to be of historical value or mandated by law to be kept as permanent records.

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### **§705. Packing Instructions**

A. For records that easily fit into archive box, each box containing eligible records as listed in §703 must comply with the following requirements.

1. The records are boxed in an approved archival box.
2. The records in each box are from the same records series with the same retention value.
3. The records should be packed in the same order as they are filed in the agency.
4. Boxes should not contain mixed media (i.e., microfiche with paper records).
5. The approximate weight of each box should not exceed 35 pounds.
6. Taping of printed descriptions to the box and use of packing tape is prohibited.
7. To further protect the records in case of fire, agencies are strongly encouraged to pack their boxes with the records facing the long (15 inch) side of the box. If records being packed are letter-sized (8 1/2" x 11") the remaining space in the back of the box, may include additional records with the records facing the short side (12 inch) end of the box.
8. Boxes should not contain hanging file folders, three ring binders or binder clips;
9. If boxes contain records in a media other than paper (i.e., microfilm, audio/video tapes), the media type should be noted on the transmittal within the description of contents section.

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### **§707. Non-Standard Sized Packing Instructions**

A. Prior to sending records that exceed 8 1/2" x 14", the submitting agency should contact the Archives Acquisitions Section for further instructions on how to pack such records.

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### **§709. Labeling Instructions**

A. For boxes donated or sent to the State Archives for permanent storage:

1. the agency must assign a unique agency number to each box to be transferred by affixing the number on one of the long sides of the box;
2. a brief descriptor for the records (i.e., Dept of State, Correspondence 6/1/00C12/31/00; Bd of Ethics Campaign Finance Reports #98-04 through #98-100) under the box number.

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### **§711. Archives Transmittal Form Required**

A. Prior to the delivery to the State Archives, the submitting agency must provide completed Archives Transmittal Forms, which will serve as an inventory, sufficiently detailed, to enable Archives staff to retrieve records as they are needed.

1. On each transmittal form, the agency shall include:
  - a. name and address of agency;
  - b. the records officer name and official title within the agency;
  - c. contact information (phone and e-mail address) for the records officer;
  - d. any restrictions that exist for the records included on the particular form;
  - e. the total number of boxes/items to be transferred;
  - f. signature of transmitting records officer and date signed by officer;
  - g. page number and total number of pages of transmittal (i.e., Page 1 of 5).
2. For each box or item, agency shall include on the transmittal:
  - a. title of records series as it appears on the agency's approved retention schedule;
  - b. more than one box may be listed on an Archival Transmittal Form.

3. Submission and the acceptance of an Archives Transmittal Form from an agency or donor by the State Archives constitutes an Act of Donation to the State Archives by the agency or donor, and transfers all rights and ownership of the records to the State Archives.

4. The State Archives will return a signed copy of the Archival Transmittal form signed by the receiving archivist after the transmittal has been processed.

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### **§713. Arranging Transfer**

A. After completing the Archival Transmittal forms for the items to be transferred to the State Archives, the agency or donor shall transmit the forms at least one week prior to the date of transfer requested by the agency or donor. The State Archives, after reviewing the forms, will contact the agency's or donor's contact listed on the transmittal to finalize the delivery date.

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### **§715. Delivery of Records**

A. In general, delivery dates will be set on a first-come, first-served basis. The State Archives reserves the right to postpone or rearrange delivery dates or accept records of an agency in special circumstances or emergency situations, if the Archives staff or Records Management Officer Statewide determine such an action is necessary.

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### **§717. Long Term Records Storage**

A. Records transferred to the State Archives for permanent or long-term storage remain property of the agency depositing them with the State Archives. Only the depositing agency's designated employees and to a limited extent, Archives staff, will be provided access to records stored with the State Archives. Any requests to see an agency's records from non-authorized parties (including public records requests) will be forwarded to the owner agency for written approval. Written approval must include the name of the person authorizing the access, the person access is being granted and the archives storage box number(s) in which the record(s) is located.

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### **§719. Requesting Stored Records**

A. An agency may request access to or check out their agency's records by following the following procedures.

1. The agency must contact the State Archives by either mail, fax, phone or e-mail requesting access to or checking out a file(s) or box(es) by listing the agency box number for the boxes being requested and providing the file name(s) if particular files are being requested.

2. Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that an agency has a true emergency, the State Archives will try to accommodate a request for expedited service.

3. The State Archives will contact the agency's records officer when the records in question are ready for review or pick-up. Upon arrival to the State Archives, agency personnel will be required to show proper identification before access to the records will be granted.

4. Records being checked out from the State Records Center require a signed check out invoice by the employee checking out the records.

5. Once the agency checks out a record, the responsibility to return the record to the State Archives belongs to the agency.

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## **Chapter 9. Destruction of Public Records**

### **§901. General**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:411, agency shall secure written approval from the State Archivist (or his designee) prior to the disposing of any records of the agency.

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### **§903. Scheduled Records**

A. Agencies wishing to dispose of records listed on their agency's approved retention schedule shall submit to the State Archivist or his designee, Form SS ARC 930 (Request for Authority to Dispose of Records). Form SS ARC 930 must have the signature of either the agency's:

1. records officer as designated in LAC 4:XVII, Chapter 1; or
2. the chief executive officer; or
3. the general counsel for the agency.

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### **§905. Non-Scheduled Records**

A. Agencies wishing to dispose of records not listed on their agency's approved retention schedule shall submit to the State Archivist or his designee, Form SS ARC 930 (Request for Authority to Dispose of Records) and a completed Records Management Inventory Form for each non-scheduled series listed on the disposal request. Form SS ARC 930 must have the signature of either the agency's:

1. records officer as designated in LAC 4:XVII, Chapter 1; or
2. the chief executive officer; or
3. the general counsel for the agency

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### **§907. Destruction Authorization**

A. Once a disposal request has been received by the State Archivist (or his designee), the agency will be notified within 30 days of receipt that:

1. their disposal request has been approved;
2. their disposal request has been denied along with an explanation why approval was not granted;
3. their disposal request contains records that should be transferred to the State Archives for possible inclusion in the State Archives; or
4. their disposal request requires more research and requires an additional 30 days to issue a response to the request.

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### **§909. Legal Hold Policy**

A. Each agency is required to develop and implement an internal process for placing legal holds on records that are involved in state or federal investigations and/or litigation. Agencies should submit their policy within 30 days of creation to the State Archives. The policy should address:

1. the agency's internal disposal approval process;
2. which employees are notified of a legal hold, when they are told and how they are told;
3. who is responsible for contacting possible third party vendors who may house records or data covered under a legal hold;
4. what steps should be taken by notified employees to safeguard records or data covered under a legal hold;
5. the agency's legal hold forms (including file level notice sheets) and instructions for any legal hold form/release forms created by the agency to implement the plan;
6. who within the agency has legal authority to lift the legal hold once the litigation or investigation has concluded.

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### **§911. Disposal Methods**

A. Once approval for disposal has been granted, an agency should dispose of the agency records in a manner acceptable to the level of confidentiality the record requires.

1. If a records series contains no information considered confidential in nature, an agency may use any acceptable disposal method including:

- a. landfill;
- b. recycling;
- c. shredding;
- d. incineration;
- e. maceration;
- f. pulverization.

2. If a records series contains information considered confidential in nature, an agency may use any of the following disposal methods:

- a. shredding;
- b. incineration;
- c. maceration;
- d. pulverization.

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### **§913. Certificate of Destruction**

A. Agencies shall document the destruction of their records by maintaining a Certificate of Destruction for all records requiring destruction approval from the State Archives. Such Destruction Certificate shall consist of either:

1. the current State Archives Certificate of Destruction form (SS ARC 933) along with the approved destruction request from the State Archives; or

2. an equivalent document that records the date the records were destroyed, the method of destruction, the approved Authority to Dispose of Records Form and the signature of at least one witness to the destruction or removal of the records. In the event that a recycling company is used for destruction, the date the records are transferred to the recycler for destruction will constitute the destruction date.

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## **Chapter 13. Electronic Records**

### **Subchapter A. Agency Responsibilities**

#### **§1301. Definitions**

A. For the purpose of this Chapter the following definitions apply.

*Agency Record*Ca record as defined by R.S. 44:402.

*Electronic Mail (E-mail)*Ca system that enables an agency to compose, transmit, receive and manage text and/or graphic electronic messages and images across networks and through gateways connecting other local area networks.

*Long-Term Record*Ca record with a total retention requirement of over 10 years but less than permanent.

*Permanent*Ca record with a total retention of life of the agency and/or the state and intended to be maintained in perpetuity.

*Short-Term Record*Ca record with a total retention requirement of 10 years or less.

*Transitory*transitory records are records that have limited or no administrative value to the agency and are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of agency functions.

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#### **§1303. General**

A. The head of each agency must ensure:

1. that a program is established for the management of state records created, received, retained, used, transmitted, or disposed of on electronic media;

2. that the management of electronic state records are integrated with other records and information management records management programs of the agency;

3. that electronic records management objectives, responsibilities and authorities are incorporated into pertinent agency directives and policies;

4. that procedures are established for addressing records management requirements, including, retention, access and disposition requirements;



5. that training is provided for users of electronic records systems, in the operation, care, and handling of the information, equipment, software and media used in the systems;
6. that documentation is developed and maintained about all electronic state records in a manner adequate for retaining, reading, or processing the records and ensuring their timely, authorized disposition; and
7. that a security program for electronic state records is established.

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#### **Subchapter B. State Archives Imaging Policy**

##### **§1305. Imaging System Survey; Compliance**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:413, each agency shall complete a State Archives Imaging System Survey and provide any amendments to their survey in a timely manner when original information provided is no longer accurate.

1. Survey Information. Each agency shall provide the following information to the State Archives:
  - a. a listing of all records series maintained/managed by the system being surveyed;
  - b. the hardware and software being used (including model and version numbers) including total storage capacity;
  - c. the type and density of media being used by the system (magnetic, WORM, etc.);
  - d. the type and resolution of images being produced (TIFF class 3 or 4, and dpi);
  - e. the agency's quality control procedures for image production and maintenance;
  - f. the agency's back up procedures for the system and where (on-site, off-site) and how many sets of images exist;
  - g. the agency's migration plan for purging images from the system that have met their retention period.
2. Initial Survey Implementation. Any agency with an imaging system in operation before June 1, 2003 shall submit their survey response to the State Archives by no later than July 31, 2003.
3. New Systems. In addition to completing the Imaging System Survey, any agency implementing an imaging system on or after June 1, 2003, must contact the State Archives prior to implementation to ensure that a retention schedule, approved by the State Archives, is in place and that the system can comply with their schedule's requirements.

4. Amending Imaging Survey Response. In the event that any changes in the initial information providing on an agency's Imaging Survey response, the agency shall submit an amendment to their survey response within 90 days of the change occurring.

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##### **§1307. Acceptable Means of Records Preservation**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:410, electronic digitizing (imaging) is an acceptable means for records preservation for the maintenance of short-term agency records, as defined in LAC 4:XVII.1301.

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##### **§1309. Short-Term Records**

A. Agencies utilizing imaging for the creation and maintenance of short term records, may use imaging without maintaining the original or a microfilm copy of the original provided that:

1. the records series has been included on the agency's retention schedule submitted to and approved by the State Archivist or his designee;
2. a quality control inspection of the images is conducted prior to the destruction of the original source documents to ensure the visibility and accessibility;
3. the proper approval has been secured from the State Archives prior to the destruction of the original source documents;
4. the records series maintained on imaging systems are stored in such a manner as to comply with the retention requirements (i.e., like retentions on the same optical disk or subdirectory).

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##### **§1311. Long-Term and Permanent Records**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:410, agencies utilizing imaging for the creation and maintenance of long term and/or archival records, may use imaging for administrative purposes provided that for preservation purposes the agency either:

1. maintain the original source documents for the retention period listed on the agency's retention schedule; or
2. produce a microfilm back up of the records and store the microfilm with the State Archives.

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### **Subchapter C. Electronic Mail (E-mail) Guidelines**

#### **§1321. Series Retention of E-mail**

A. E-mail should be retained based on content not on media type or storage limitations. Agencies should not encourage employees to unilaterally discard E-mail because of artificial limits on E-mail box capacities.

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#### **§1323. E-Mail is Not a Records Series**

A. E-mail should not be treated as a single record series for retention scheduling purposes. E-mail should be incorporated into existing records series maintained by an agency.

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#### **§1325. Types of E-Mail**

A. There are two broad categories of E-mail: record and non-record, based on their administrative and retention requirements.

1. Transitory. Transitory records are records that have limited or no administrative value to the agency and are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of agency functions.

a. Examples. Transitory information can include the following: unsolicited and junk e-mails not related to agency work, listserv and other e-mail broadcast lists that require subscription (including newspapers), reminders for meetings and events (i.e. cake in the conference room, staff meeting moved from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.), personal non-work related e-mails received by employees.

b. Retention. There is no retention requirement for transitory messages. Public officials and employees receiving such communications may delete them immediately without obtaining approval from the State Archives.

2. Record. Electronic mail records are records that have administrative value to the agency or are required to be maintained under state or federal law for a specified amount of time.

a. Retention. The retention requirement for e-mail records must follow suit with records with similar content found in other media (i.e., paper, film, electronic image). In the event that the content of the message does not fit into an existing record series on an approved retention schedule, the e-mail should be maintained in a manner consistent with R.S. 44:36 and should be added to the agency's approved retention schedule if the series is expected to remain active.

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#### **§1327. Maintenance of Electronic Mail**

A. Records created using an e-mail system may be saved for their approved retention period by one of the following.

1. Print message and file in appropriate hard copy file.

2. Place in folders and save on personal network drive or C: drive.

3. Save to removable disk (including CD-ROM). 3.5" disks are not recommended for retention periods of more than one year due to the instability of this medium.

4. Transfer to an automated records management software application.

5. Managed at the server by an automated classification system.

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#### **§1329. User Responsibilities**

A. It is the responsibility of the user of the e-mail system, to manage e-mail messages according to their agency's retention schedule.

1. It is the responsibility of the sender of e-mail messages within the agency's e-mail system and recipients of messages from outside the agency to retain the messages for the approved retention period.

2. Names of sender, recipient, date/time of the message, as well as any attachments must be retained with the message. Except for listserv mailing services, distribution lists must be able to identify the sender and recipient of the message.

3. User responsibilities may be mitigated by the use of a server level automated classification system.

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### **§1331. Agency Responsibilities**

A. Each agency should adopt and disseminate to their employees an agency Electronic Mail (E-mail) Proper Use Policy. The policy should include:

1. defining official use and set limits on personal use of electronic messaging (similar to limitations that exist for telephone, fax, and personal mail);
2. prohibiting the use of electronic messaging system to promote the discrimination (on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, political affiliation, religion, disability or sexual preference), promotion of sexual harassment, or to promote personal, political, or religious business or beliefs;
3. prohibiting employees from sending electronic messages under another employee's name without authorization;
4. prohibiting the altering of electronic messages, including any attachments;
5. agency process for storing and maintaining electronic messages for the duration of the message's retention period;
6. notice that users of an agency's electronic messaging system should not expect a right of privacy and that electronic messages may be monitored for compliance and abuse.

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### **§1333. Use of Records Management Application (RMA) Software**

A. Agencies may use records management application (RMA) software to manage records in digital form. RMA software categorizes and locates records and identifies records that are due for disposition. RMA software also stores, retrieves, and disposes of the electronic records that are stored in its repository. Agencies should use RMA software that complies with DoD 5015.2-STD, "Design Criteria Standard for Electronic Records Management Software Applications," as issued by the U.S. Department of Defense.

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## **Chapter 15. Microfilm Policy**

### **§1501. General**

A. This policy applies to the microfilming of any agency record that is to be maintained solely in microfilm format and to all microfilm which is created or maintained for the full retention period of the record as a security copy of an agency record. This policy does not apply to convenience film.

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### **§1503. Definitions**

A. The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Terms not defined in these sections have the meanings defined in the R.S. 44:402.

*Aperture Card* A card with a rectangular opening(s) into which 16mm/35mm microfilm frames can be inserted, mounted, or pre-mounted.

*Batch* A quantity of chemicals or film which has been prepared at one time, and which has been identified through labeling or through other means by the manufacturer as a batch or lot.

*CAD (Computer Assisted Design)* A method of creating microimages by computer-driven laser.

*Convenience Film* Microfilm copies of records created only for convenience of use and considered non records under R.S. 44:1.

*Declaration by the Camera Operator* A target photographed on film following the filmed records that provides identification of beginning and ending records on the film; signature of the camera operator; date the declaration was filmed; and reduction range, if more than one ratio has been used.

*Diazo* A photographic film containing one or more photosensitive layers composed of diazonium salts in a polymeric material which react with coupler(s) to form an azo dye image after film processing.

*Duplicate Microfilm* A microfilm copy made from the original or master negative. Can be silver, diazo or vesicular film.

*Essential Record* Any agency record necessary to resume or continue an agency's business; to recreate its legal and financial status; and to preserve the rights of the agency, its employees, and its clients.

*Microfilm* Roll microfilm, microfiche, computer output microfilm (COM), and all other formats produced by any method of microphotography or other means of miniaturization on film.

*Microfilm Container* Generic term for any enclosure in close or direct contact with film such as a reel, can, bag, folder, sleeve (sheath), jacket, envelope, window mount or mat, slide mount, carton, cartridge, cassette, and aperture card.

*Microfilming* The methods, procedures, and processes used to produce microfilm.

*Original Microfilm* Cfirst generation of film produced when records are filmed.

*Silver Original* Cfirst generation silver-gelatin film or other archival quality film.

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#### **§1505. Access to Referenced Standards and Practices**

A. The copyrighted standards and recommended practices issued by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and/or the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) listed in this chapter are considered best practice and each agency should strive to meet their minimum requirements for all microfilming of state records. A copy of each of the standards mentioned in this rule will be on file upon adoption of this rule and available for public inspection by appointment, during regular working hours at the Louisiana State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. The standards are distributed by and available from the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM), Suite 1100, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5699.

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#### **§1507. Retention Schedule Compliance**

A. Microfilming of records must be in compliance with an approved agency retention schedule except, if an agency does not have an approved retention schedule, a microfilming needs assessment must be completed by the State Archives to determine if filming is justified.

1. For microfilm maintained as roll film, no more than one record series is permitted on each roll of microfilm.

2. Original records that have been microfilmed may be destroyed or source documents that have been filmed prior to the expiration of their retention periods if the microfilm complies with this policy and in accordance with R.S. 44:36 and R.S. 44:39.

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#### **§1509. Use of Original Microfilm**

A. After the completion of production tests and quality inspection, original microfilm must not be unwound and used for any purpose except:

1. to produce duplicate copies of the film;
2. to carry out periodic inspection of stored original film;
3. to expunge records required by law;
4. to destroy records when retention period has been met.

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#### **§1511. Annual Report Requirement**

A. All agency microfilm produced in house by an agency or by an outside vendor shall make an annual report to the State Archives in the form of letter or report and shall include:

1. equipment used by agency or vendor;
2. records series annually filmed by agency;
3. total number of:
  - a. 100' 16 mm reels;
  - b. 215' 16 mm, reels;
  - c. 35 mm reels;
  - d. microfiche;
  - e. jackets;
  - f. aperture cards;
  - g. images filmed;
  - h. duplicate reels produced.
4. the method(s) and/or vendor used to process agency microfilm;
5. the location of the original film produced.

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### **§1513. State Centralized Microfilm Unit**

A. In accordance with R.S. 44:415, all agencies shall contract with the State Archives for microfilming services. If the State Archives is unable to meet the agency's needs, the State Archives can grant permission for the agency to contract with a private vendor.

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### **§1515. Film Requirement**

A. Film with a polyester base must be used for records having a retention period of 10 years or more. Any film type may be used for records having a retention period of less than 10 years, provided the microfilmed record will last for the required retention period.

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### **§1517. Film Production**

A. The records to be filmed must be arranged, identified, and indexed for filming so an individual document or series of documents can be located on the film. In instances where records are not self-indexing (i.e. not in a readily identifiable numeric or alphabetic sequence) an index must be maintained.

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### **§1519. Image Marking**

A. Any use of image marking should comply with standard ANSI/AIIM MS8.

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### **§1521. Targets**

A. Whenever possible, targets must all face the same direction as the records being microfilmed.

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### **§1523. Image Sequence**

A. Image sequence on roll microfilm must be at a minimum:

1. leaders with a minimum of 3 feet (36 inches) of blank film;
2. density target and resolution target;
3. title page (including agency of record);
4. records series identification page;
5. records on film;
6. declaration by camera operator;
7. density target and resolution target;
8. trailer with a minimum of 3 feet (36 inches) of blank film.

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### **§1525. Retake Sequence**

A. Filming sequence for retakes and additions on all microfilm must be:

1. title target identifying the retake or addition records;
2. the retake or addition records; and
3. declaration of the camera operator.

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### **§1527. Splices**

A. Retakes and additions can be spliced either before the density and resolution targets at the beginning of the film or after the density and resolution targets at the end of the film. Retakes and additions can be on another roll of film if cross-indexed to the original roll on the title target and the container label of the retake.

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### **§1529. Inspection**

A. Original processed microfilm must be visually inspected according to the following procedures.

1. A visual inspection of microfilm within two weeks of creation must be completed to verify legibility.

2. Film of essential records or records having a retention period of 10 years or more must be inspected image by image.

3. Film of non-essential records having a retention period of less than 10 years must be inspected at least every 10 feet of each roll or every third microfiche.

4. Images of documents must be uniformly placed on the film and must be free of any defects in the filming area that would interfere with the documents being read.

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#### **§1531. Cameras and Ancillary Equipment**

A. It is recommended that camera equipment be calibrated, tested, or otherwise inspected and adjusted at least twice annually or more often if required to comply with manufacturer's specifications or recommended operating and maintenance procedures.

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#### **§1533. Storage of Original Microfilm**

A. Original film should be stored in a separate building from where duplicate copies or the original record are housed. In addition, films of different generic types, such as silver-gelatin, diazo, and vesicular films, should not be stored in the same storage room/vault or in rooms sharing common ventilation.

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#### **§1535. Storage of Original Microfilm at State Archives**

A. Original film of original records at the State Archives must be placed in an Archives vault on a different floor than the original records or duplicate film. Films of different generic types, should not be stored in the same vault.

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#### **§1537. Storage Environment**

A. Original microfilm must be stored in a storage room or vault that:

1. offers protection from fire, water, steam, structural collapse, unauthorized access, and other potential hazards;

2. is equipped with a fire alarm and fire suppression system;

3. has adequate temperature and humidity controls:

a. for original film of records with a retention of 10 years or more, temperature must not exceed 72 degrees Fahrenheit, and a constant relative humidity of 45 percent must be maintained with a maximum variation of plus/minus 5.0 percent relative humidity in a 24-hour period;

b. for original film of records with a retention period of 10 years or less, the maximum temperature must not exceed 77 degrees Fahrenheit, and a relative humidity range between 20 percent and 60 percent must be maintained with a maximum variation of plus/minus 5.0 percent relative humidity in a 24-hour period.

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#### **§1539. Containers and Storage Housing**

A. Storage housing materials must be noncombustible and non-corrosive. Microfilm containers for original microfilm must:

1. be used for processed microfilm to protect the film and facilitate identification and handling.

2. be chemically stable materials such as non-corrodible metals (anodized aluminum or stainless steel), peroxide-free plastics, and acid-free paper to ensure no degradation is caused to the images.

3. stored in a closed housing or may be stored on open shelves or racks if the film is in closed containers.

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#### **§1341. Container Labels**

A. Labels must include:

1. whether the film is original microfilm or a duplicate, including generation number if known;

2. identification number;

3. name of agency;

4. records series title;

5. inclusive dates of records;

6. the beginning and ending records; and
7. retakes/additions, if applicable.

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#### **§1541. Inspection of Stored Original Microfilm**

A. Inspection of stored original microfilm may be conducted in accordance with the following standards:

1. ANSI IT9.11;
2. ANSI/AIIM MS45; and
3. ANSI/NAPM IT9.1.

B. When inspection is done, the sample of microfilm to be inspected for each storage room or vault, if more than one, must be 1/1000th of the total volume of stored microfilm or at least 100 microforms (rolls, jackets, microfiche, aperture cards, COM, etc.), whichever is greater. Sampling procedures must be established that will assure that all parts of the group of microfilm are represented.

C. Inspection must be conducted every five years. Microfilm that has been stored under temperature and/or humidity conditions other than those specified in this policy must be inspected every two years.

D. Containers used to store the film must be inspected for evidence of rust, corrosion, or other deterioration and replaced, if needed.

E. Original microfilm must be inspected on a light box with rewinds or comparable equipment which will not scratch the film.

F. If deterioration is found, a more extensive inspection must be conducted to locate all deteriorating film.

G. Any deteriorating film must immediately be removed from the storage area and the problem corrected before returning the film to storage.

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#### **§1543. Computer Output Microfilm (COM)**

A. All policies for COM are the same as other microfilm formats, except:

1. The COM original must be wet processed silver-gelatin film for essential records and records with a retention of 10 years or more.

2. The following standards for production, testing, and inspection of COM are recommended:

- a. ANSI/AIIM MS1;
- b. ANSI/AIIM MS5;
- c. ANSI/AIIM MS28;
- d. ANSI/AIIM MS39;
- e. ANSI/AIIM MS43; and
- f. ANSI/NAPM IT9.17.

B. If bar coding is used, the procedures in technical report AIIM TR12 should be followed.

C. The COM original must be visually inspected every 10 feet.

D. Eye-legible titling information must include the following:

1. name of agency;
2. records series title;
3. date(s) of records; and
4. starting and/or ending indexing information.

E. A reduction ratio not exceeding 48:1 must be used.

F. Adherence image sequence for filming, mentioned in this policy is not required.

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#### **§1545. Jacketing**

A. All policies for jacketed microfilm are the same as other microfilm formats, except:

1. original microfilm may be placed in a jacket, if there is a security copy stored in the same fashion as original microfilm;

2. jacket header information should include a record identifier (name, number). If no security copy exists, the following must be included in the jacket header information:

- a. name of agency;
- b. records series title;
- c. date(s) of records; and
- d. starting and/or ending indexing information.

B. Header information must be created with a black carbon-type ribbon or ink that will not bleed, spread, or transfer.

C. Microfilm jackets should comply with ANSI/AIIM MS11.

D. The procedures in AIIM TR11 are recommended for the jacketing of film.

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#### **§1547. Aperture Card/CAD Systems**

A. Film produced by aperture card/CAD systems are the same as other microfilm formats, except:

1. original microfilm and enclosure should pass the photographic activity test criteria outlined in the standard ANSI IT9.2;

2. a density test and a resolution test must be conducted on a sample of original microfilm at a minimum of once every 250 cards or every 1,000 images, whichever is greater;

3. aperture cards must have the following information on label headings:

- a. name of agency;
- b. records series title;
- c. date(s) of records; and
- d. unique identifier.

B. Adherence image sequence for filming, mentioned in this policy is not required.

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#### **§1549. Expungements**

A. Such action must comply with statutory law.

1. If roll film is spliced, the following information must be inserted in place of the expunged record(s):

- a. a start of expungement target;
- b. replacement documents for documents that were expunged (if necessary);
- c. an expungement certificate containing the following information:
- d. the number of the district court ordering the expungement;
- e. the signature, printed name, and title of the custodian of expunged records;
- f. the date of expungement.

B. Images on film must not be expunged by punching holes through film, by using opaque, by blotting images with ink-type pen, or by using chemical means such as potassium dichromate (bleach) on film emulsion.

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#### **§1551. Destruction of Microfilmed Records**

A. Microfilmed records must be destroyed only in accordance with R.S. 44:411(A)(2). Microfilmed records scheduled for destruction must be disposed of in a manner that ensures protection for any sensitive or confidential information. Destruction of records on a roll of microfilm containing multiple records series must be done by destroying the whole roll of film at the time the records on the film that have the longest retention period are eligible for destruction or, if filmed prior to the effective date of these standards, by deleting the section of the film containing records eligible for destruction and splicing the film. If the film is spliced, a destruction notice containing the following information must be inserted in place of the deleted records:

1. the records series title and the inclusive dates of the records;
2. the signature and printed name of the agency records management officer (RMO) approving deletion of the records;
3. the date of the deletion.

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#### **§1553. Documentation and Record Keeping**

A. Microfilm Production

1. Agency records management officer (RMO) must require documentation to be maintained that identifies titles of records filmed, dates records filmed, disposition of records after filming, dates film processed, disposition of film, reduction ratio used, records series contained on each microfilm, and equipment on which each microfilm was filmed and processed. The documentation must be retained until final disposition of all microfilm documented in the log or equivalent.

B.1. The following information must be recorded for each inspection of stored microfilm:

- a. the quantity and identification of microfilm inspected;
- b. the condition of the microfilm, including description of any deterioration;



- c. any corrective action required;
  - d. the date(s) of inspection and signed certification of inspector; and
  - e. the date any corrective action was completed.
2. The inspection log of stored microfilm must be maintained by year and within each year numerically according to microfilm identifier or number.

C. Agency microfilm programs must be reviewed yearly by the agency records management officer (RMO) for compliance with R.S. 44, Chapter 5, and this policy.

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