

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-26-0430; NARA-2026-040]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on *regulations.gov* for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

DATES: We must receive responses on the schedules listed in this notice by November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view a records schedule in this notice, or submit a comment on one, use the following address: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NARA-26-0430/document>.

This is a direct link to the schedules posted in the docket for this notice on *regulations.gov*. You may submit comments by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. On the website, enter either of the numbers cited at the top of this notice into the search field. This will bring you to the docket for this notice, in which we have posted the records schedules open for comment. Each schedule has a 'comment' button so you can comment on that specific schedule. For more information on *regulations.gov* and on submitting comments, see their FAQs at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

If you are unable to comment via *regulations.gov*, you may email us at request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your

comment. You must cite the control number of the schedule you wish to comment on. You can find the control number for each schedule in parentheses at the end of each schedule's entry in the list at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Green, Records Management Operations, by email at richard.green@nara.gov or at 301-395-7825. For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at request.schedule@nara.gov or by phone at 301-395-7825.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule.

We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the *regulations.gov* docket for this notice as "other" documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we may or may not make changes to the proposed records schedule. The

schedule is then sent for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. After the schedule is approved, we will post on *regulations.gov* a "Consolidated Reply" summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we made to the proposed schedule. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist's consideration process.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of State, Records of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) (DAA-0059-2026-0001).
2. Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Drug Testing Chain of Custody Forms (DAA-0021-2026-0001).
3. Bureau of Prisons, Special Housing Unit (SHU) Program Records (DAA-0129-2025-0018).
4. Defense Contract Management Agency, Military Human Resources Administration (DAA-0558-2026-0002).
5. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 549C—Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines (DAA-0138-2026-0004).
6. Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, Office of the Chief Financial Officer (DAA-0474-2025-0002).
7. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Legislative Records (DAA-0255-2026-0002).
8. National Indian Gaming Commission, Records pertaining to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) (DAA-0600-2026-0002).
9. Rural Development, Rural Business Cooperative Services Records (DAA-0572-2026-0001).

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BILLING CODE 7515-01-P**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****Agency Information Collection
Request: Annual Employee Survey
(3206-NEW)****AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) invites the public and Federal agencies to comment on its new Annual Employee Survey (AES) information collection request (ICR). The AES includes survey items previously administered through the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) and fulfills statutory and regulatory employee-survey requirements.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 19, 2026. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Office of Personnel Management” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Employee Viewpoint Survey Team, Attention: Makisha Brown, via electronic mail to EVS@opm.gov or via telephone at (202) 606-1800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Background

Section 1128 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Pub. L. 108-136, 5 U.S.C. 7101 note) requires executive agencies to conduct an annual employee survey and directs OPM to issue regulations prescribing the survey questions that must appear on all agency surveys to allow for comparison across agencies. The survey is the instrument through which agencies meet the statutory requirement to assess (1) leadership and management practices that contribute to agency performance and (2) employee satisfaction with leadership policies and practices, the work environment, rewards and recognition for professional accomplishment and personal contributions to achieving the organizational mission, opportunity for professional development and growth,

and opportunity to contribute to achieving the organizational mission. OPM implemented this requirement through regulations at 5 CFR part 250, subpart C, to provide comparable governmentwide data and centrally administered the annual survey, the Annual Employee Survey (formerly Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS)), on behalf of agencies. Agencies participating in the AES satisfy the annual employee survey requirement by including the prescribed core survey questions, while retaining limited flexibility to add agency-specific items consistent with OPM guidance.

In a proposed rule (91 FR 40435) issued July 2, 2026, OPM proposed to reduce the number of prescribed annual employee survey questions from 16 to 10, retaining the most probative items to better serve workforce planning needs. In addition, OPM would no longer centrally administer the survey on behalf of agencies. Instead, each agency would administer the survey to its employees. The survey consists of Likert-type, mark-one, and mark-all-that-apply items. The information collection consists of the responses provided by the employees who complete the survey. The OPM survey will be available to agencies as a common form. An agency would submit the resulting data for the prescribed questions to OPM and OMB once per year to enable governmentwide comparison. Should agencies add questions to the common form, agencies would be responsible for their own collections separate from the OPM common form and would need to seek their own OMB control number.

Analysis

Agency: Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Annual Employee Survey (AES).

OMB Number: 3206-NEW.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,990.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 166 hours.

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