

## Schedule 19 - Research and Development Records

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### Introduction

The previous editions of the General Records Schedules (GRS) included GRS 19, Research and Development Records. However, GRS 19 has not provided meaningful records disposition authority for Federal research and development records. The nature of research and development activities in the Federal government is varied. Therefore, uniform disposition standards cannot be mandated for most series of records created in carrying out such functions. Retention periods were not specified for the more substantive records series. In addition, many research and development activities do not generate records as described in the previous version of GRS 19. It is important for agencies to schedule their research and development records individually, so that they may be accurately described. This approach will allow proper appraisal of the records by the National Archives and Records Administration and facilitate preservation of significant records for future research. The National Archives has determined that the disposition of research and development records should not be governed by a General Records Schedule.

GRS 19 is therefore RESCINDED.

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