

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

From the individual and mortality reports.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**A0040-31b DASG****SYSTEM NAME:**

Research and Experimental Case Files (August 7, 1997, 62 FR 42530).

**CHANGES:**

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**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Add to end of entry "**Note:** This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

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Research and Experimental Case Files.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5425.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Individual research/test/medical documents (paper records) are contained in individual's health record which, for reserve and retired military members, is at the U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center, St. Louis, MO; for other separated military members, is at the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200; for military members on active duty, is at the servicing medical facility/center; for civilians (both Federal employees and prisoners) is in a special file at the National Personnel Records Center.

As paper records are converted to microfiche, the original (silver halide) and 1 copy of the microfiche will be located at the Washington National Records Center; 1 copy will be located at Chief Information Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command, Attn: MCIM, 2050

Worth Road, Suite 13, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6013; 1 copy will reside with the Army contractor—the National Academy of Sciences; and 1 copy retained at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Volunteers (military members, Federal civilian employees, state prisoners) who participated in Army tests of potential chemical agents and/or antidotes from the early 1950's until the program ended in 1975.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Individual pre-test physical examination records and test records of performance and biomedical parameters measured during and after test exposure.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Army Regulation 40-31, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and Armed Forces Histopathology Centers; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

**PURPOSE(S):**

To follow up on individuals who voluntarily participated in Army chemical/biological agent research projects for the purpose of assessing risks/hazards to them, and for retrospective medical/scientific evaluation and future scientific and legal significance.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Information may be disclosed to the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with benefits determinations.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

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**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:****STORAGE:**

Paper records in individual's medical file folders and electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Paper records in individual's health record are retrieved by surname and/or service number/Social Security Number. Microfiche are retrieved by individual's surname.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained in secured areas accessible only to authorized individuals having official need therefore in the performance of assigned duties.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Paper medical records in an individual's health record are retained permanently.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command, Attn: MCIM, 2050 Worth Road, Suite 13, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6013.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5400.

Individual should provide full name, Social Security Number, current address and telephone number of the requester.

For personal visits, the individual should be able to provide acceptable identification such as valid driver's license, employer or other individually identifying number, building pass, *etc.*

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5400.

Individual should provide full name, Social Security Number, current address and telephone number of the requester.

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**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and