INTRODUCTION

Schedule Overview
Nuclear Integrated Data System (NIDS)

Background
In the world of nuclear weapons it is important to keep track of the location and condition of one’s arsenal. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Department of Energy have a number of databases that monitor the nuclear stockpile of the United States. One such database is the Nuclear Integrated Data System (NIDS), a cataloging system for tracking and inventory managed by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. As with any other catalog, a specific number is assigned to individual entries for weapons components within the NIDS system. Thus, the primary means by which NIDS tracks individual items is through a National Item Identification Number (NIIN). This is a nine-digit code that identifies each item of supply. The first two numbers of the NIIN represent the National Codification Bureau Code. This code identifies the country that entered the item into the supply system. The remaining seven digits are sequentially assigned and serve to individually identify each item in the Federal Catalog System (FCS). As a result, NIDS itself is part of the Federal Catalog System. NIDS tracks nuclear ordnance data from the time items are introduced into the DOD inventory until they are removed from the supply system. In addition to the National Item Identification Number (NIIN), NIDS tracks encoded characteristics and usage data for each item in the inventory.

Overall Recommendation
I recommend approval of the attached schedule.

APPRAISAL

Item 1: Nuclear Integrated Data System (NIDS)
Records relating to inventory and tracking of weapons systems including management, identification, stock numbers, and usage.
Proposed Disposition: Temporary
Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition:  Appropriate

Appraisal Justification:
*Little or no research value.
*Other. Routine and facilitative in nature.

Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period(s):
*Adequate from the standpoint of legal rights and accountability.

Media Neutrality: Requested and approved.

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