

and those persons transacting business within the building who are escorted by DEA employees. Access to the system is restricted to employees of the Office of Internal Security and upper level management officials. The records are stored in a vault protected by alarm and cipher locks. Access to the system will be on a strict need-to-know basis.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Case files are destroyed after five years unless the Office of Internal Security of the Chief Counsel determines that these files are required for potential or ongoing litigation. This determination will be subject to annual review. General files and audit files shall be retained as long as the subject is employed at DEA and for two years after termination.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Security Programs Manager, Drug Enforcement Administration, 1405 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20537.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries should be addressed to Freedom of Information Section, Drug Enforcement Administration, 1405 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20537.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

(A) DEA Investigations; (B) Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies; (C) Cooperating individuals.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

The Attorney General has exempted this system from subsections (c), (3) and (4), (d), (e) (1), (2) and (3), (e)(4) (G), (H) (e) (5) and (8), (f), (g), (h) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a (j) and (k). Rules have been promulgated in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 (b), (c) and (e) and have been published in the *Federal Register*.

JUSTICE/DEA-011**SYSTEM NAME:**

Operations Files

SYSTEMS LOCATION:

Drug Enforcement Administration, 1405 Eye Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20537. Also, field offices. See Appendix 1 for list of addresses.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

(A) Cooperating Individuals; (B) Confidential Informants.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

(A) Biographic and background information; (B) Official Contact Reports; (C) Intelligence Reports (DEA-6).

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

This system of records is maintained to assist in intelligence operations pursuant to the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-513) and Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1973.

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

This system is used to keep a history of intelligence operations against narcotics traffickers and their support networks. Information contained in this system is provided to the following categories of users for law enforcement purposes on a routine basis: (A) Other Federal law enforcement agencies; (B) State and local law enforcement agencies; (C) Foreign law enforcement agencies with whom DEA maintains liaison; (D) United States Intelligence and Military Intelligence agencies involved in drug enforcement; (E) The United States Department of State.

Release of information to the news media. Information permitted to be released to the news media and the public pursuant to 28 CFR 50.2 may be made available from systems of records maintained by the Department of Justice unless it is determined that release of the specific information in the context of a particular case would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Release of information to Members of Congress. Information contained in systems of records maintained by the Department of Justice, not otherwise required to be released pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552, may be made available to a Member of Congress or staff acting upon the Member's behalf when the Member or staff requests the information on behalf of and at the request of the individual who is the subject of the record.

Release of information to the National Archives and Records Administration (*NARA*) and to the General Services Administration (*GSA*): A record from a system of records may be disclosed as a routine use to the *NARA* and *GSA* in records management inspections conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

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

These records are maintained in standard case files.

RETRIEVABILITY:

These files are retrieved manually by subject matter category and coded identification number.

SAFEGUARDS:

This system of records is maintained at *DEA Headquarters* which is protected by twenty-four hour guard service and electronic surveillance. Access to the building is restricted to DEA employees and those persons transacting business within the building who are escorted by DEA employees. In addition, all files are stored in GSA approved security containers approved for Secret material and treated as if they carried a Secret classification whether classified or not. Access to the files is restricted to authorized DEA employees with Top Secret clearances on a limited need-to-know basis.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

These records are retained indefinitely.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration, 1405 Eye Street N.W., Washington, DC 20537.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries should be addressed to Freedom of Information Section, Drug Enforcement Administration, 1405 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20537.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Same as above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

(A) DEA Reports; (B) Reports of federal, state and local agencies; (C) Reports of foreign agencies with whom DEA maintains liaison.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

The Attorney General has exempted this system from subsections (c)(3) and (4), (d), (e)(1), (2) and (3), (e)(4)(G), (H), (e)(5) and (8), (f), (g), (h) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a (j) and (k). Rules have been promulgated in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 (b), (c) and (e) and have been published in the *Federal Register*.