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Maria Levesque
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585-1290

Dear Maria Levesque,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Department of Energy's (DOE) report on the loss of records at the Argonne National Laboratory.

According to the report, the records were lost due to human error. Approximately 60 cubic feet of scientific research, administrative, environmental, medical, and facility records were lost during a vendor transfer. We further understand that to prevent future loss of records, off-site storage contracts will require copies of the vendor's detailed receipt, control protocols, and quality control measures for accessions. Retrievals, returns, and disposals will require written documentation.

Based on the information provided, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met and NARA considers this matter closed. I appreciate your attention on this important matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government