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Dear Andre Sivels,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) report dated March 13, 2022, regarding the unauthorized disposition of archived email records.

The report indicated that on January 1, 2022, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Unified Messaging Service Division (UMSD), deleted 5,436 inactive non-capstone email accounts that were from 2010-2013 in order to keep NOAA's email archive system from exceeding its capacity.

NARA understands that the deleted accounts are no longer retrievable; however, it is believed that the majority of the content for these accounts was either non-record or duplicate emails from a previous archive system, Postini.

Based on the information provided, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met and this matter is now closed. Thank you for your commitment to improving your records management practices.

Sincerely,

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