



## Guide to the Human Radiation Experiments Records

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## Summary Information

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**Repository:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.

**Creator:** United States. Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments

**Contributor:** National Association of Radiation Survivors (U.S.)

**Contributor:** United States. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

**Contributor:** United States, Department of Energy

**Title:** Human Radiation Experiments Records

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**Abstract:** The Human Radiation Experiments Records (1949-1995) contain reports from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments (ACHRE), and the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). Also included are newspaper clippings, a court case brought by the National Association of Radiation Survivors (NARS), and cancer research papers. With the goal of building an atomic bomb using plutonium extracted from uranium, the material also examines the outcomes of radiation exposure done on humans during the late 1940s and early 1950s at the Oak Ridge Nuclear Facility in Tennessee.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Clinton Engineering Works, located at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee, was purchased by the Government in 1943 and renamed the Oak Ridge Nuclear Facility. It was chosen by the United States because of its remote location on 60,000 acres of farmland. It became one of three "secret cities" for the purpose of producing an atomic bomb and testing the effects on the human body of exposure to the radiation being used. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory was established in 1948 and codenamed X-10. The laboratory was where plutonium was extracted from uranium for use in the atomic bombs.

The Oak Ridge Facility was opened to the public in 1949. The original buildings are no longer in use today, but still restricted from public access. The Museum of Science and Energy, which is the main visitor attraction, is located in the area and traces the history of the nuclear bomb.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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The material is arranged in rough chronological order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Accession number: 1994-05.

### Processing Note

In 2018, as part of a backlog elimination project, Joyce Moore reboxed and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Radiation exposure
- Radiation -- Physiological effect
- National Association of Radiation Survivors (U.S.)
- United States. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- United States, Department of Energy

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	
Proceedings of Advisory Committee on Radiation Tolerance of Military Personnel, 1949 April 03	box 01
Copy of Executive Panel Medical Advisory Committee, 1949 May 14	box 01
Medical Advisory Panel Project Report, 1949 July 22	box 01
Tabulation of Available Data Relative to Radiation Biology, 1949	

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Distribution of Isotopes for Cancer Research, 1949 September	box 01
Annual Progress Report from Franz K. Bauer from the Veterans' Administration Center to Stafford Warren, 1956 January 31	box 01
National Association of Radiation Survivors (NARS) v Edward J. Derwinski, secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, et al, 1992 November 24	box 01
Statements and background materials for the Public Comment Period, 1994 July 18	box 01
Openness and Secrecy: A Symposium on Establishing Accountability in the Nuclear Age: Selected Documents, 1942-1994	box 01
Newspaper clippings regarding help for atomic veterans, 1994	box 01
Cancer mortality near Oak Ridge, Tennessee, undated	box 01
Memorandums from the Advisory Committee Staff to the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments (ACHRE)	
Early history of Ethics Policies relating to Human Radiation Experiments (1940s-1950s), 1994 July 18	box 01
Total Body Irradiation: A Preliminary Narrative, 1994 July 20	box 01
Intentional Releases of Radioactivity, 1994 August 31	box 01
Ethics Data Collection Update, 1994 September 01	box 02
Historical Background on U. S. Nuclear Testing, 1994 September 07	box 02
Human Experimentation in Connection with Atomic Bomb Tests, 1994 September 08	box 01
Interim Report, 1994 October 21	box 01
Questionnaire from Human Resources Research Organization (HUMMRO) Psychological Tests, 1995 January 10	box 02
Application of Department of Defense (DOD) policies regarding research involving human subjects, 1995 January 18	box 02
Document Update: Fallout Data Collection, 1995 February 8	box 02
Overview and Preliminary Discussion Questions: Experiments of Opportunity, 1995 February 14	box 02
Debates between the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and Department of Defense (DOD): Secrecy Policy Revealed, 1995 March 08	box 02
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Participation in Planning of Department of Defense Experiments, 1994 September 01	box 02
Documentary Updates, undated	box 02
U. S. Department of Energy (DOE)	
Summary List of Previously Unannounced Tests, 1993 November 15	box 02

Fact Sheets, 1993 December 07, undated	box 02
Agenda for Panel on Openness and National Security, 1994 February 16	box 02
Preliminary Case Evaluation Report, 1994 October 20	box 02
List of Declassified Yields of Tests Conducted in the Pacific Prior to 1958-1961: Moratorium, undated	box 02
Bound by the Wind, by David L. Brown, undated Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 03
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Fission Track Analysis, undated Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes	box 03
News Zero: New York Times and the Bomb, book, 2004	box 03
Human Radiation Experiments: The Department of Energy Roadmap to the Story and the Records, book, 1995 February	box 03