

Destruction Of Records

1.0 POLICY

Contractors are required to use the following procedures **when** destroying Government records:

1.1 Paper records and other media: Since the bulk of the Government records created/ maintained and received by the contractor contain **Protected Health Information (PHI)** and **Personally Identifiable Information (PII)**, the contractor shall be required at a minimum to cross shred paper documents **in accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) 5220.22-M, "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM)," Chapter 5, Section 7**. Other acceptable disposal methods include: burning, melting, chemical decomposition, pulping, pulverizing, or mutilation. These methods are considered adequate, if the personal data is rendered unrecognizable or beyond reconstruction. Magnetic tapes or other magnetic media shall be cleared by degaussing, overwriting, or erasing.

1.2 If a contractor uses a shred company, the destruction shall be witnessed by a contractor employee. The shred company shall be bonded, insured, and furnish the contractor with a Certificate of Destruction. The Certificate(s) of Destruction shall provide a description of the records that were destroyed (i.e., general correspondence and claim documents for Calendar Year (CY) 2006). The Certificate(s) of Destruction shall be made available to the Government upon request.

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