Minimum Retention Period for LEADS Related Files

File Type	Minimum Retention Period	File Contents
Active CHF	Until Cleared, Cancelled, or Purged	Original LEADS enter acknowledgment Modified entry and modification acknowledgment (if applicable)
Active Add-ons	As long as CHF entry remains active	Original add-on enter acknowledgment
Cleared CHF - Includes Cleared, Cancelled, and Purged	1 year from date record was cleared	All copies from active CHF file Clear acknowledgment Indicate reason for clearing record and recovering agency information
Validation Packets	18 months	LEADS validation list with status of each record indicated
Valid Hits - Articles - Boats - CPIC (Canada) - Foreign Fugitive File - Guns - License Plates - Missing Persons - Securities - Stolen / Felony Vehicles - Wanted Persons	7 years	Original hit Confirmation messages sent/received (if applicable) SOS responses CHRI responses Locate acknowledgment (if applicable) NOTE: NCIC requires how, when, and to whom the hit was disseminated be noted on each valid hit. Use of the Valid Hit Service form is recommended.
Valid Hits - Deported Felon File - Field Notification Program - Gang Member - Protection Orders - Sex Offender M/VOAY (Murderer/Violent Offender Against Youth) - Supervised Release - Registered Persons - US Secret Service Protective File - Violent Gang & Terrorist - Violent Person	1 year	
Directed Messages	1 year	
Daily Bulletin	1 year	Each agency is held responsible to ensure their users have read the Daily Bulletin. Use of the read and initial method is recommended.
CHRI Monthly Log	1 year	Available online for at least the previous 18 months
- If also used as a secondary dissemination log	3 years	
LEADS Agreements	Until either agency terminates	Must have current agency head's signature