The lifecycle and code check

One page, plus a back page on retired drives

List every storage system you run first, then fill in the three oldest. Write down how old each is, what it holds, when support ends, and whether its software (code) is current. A blank box is a finding.

Your three oldest systems

1 Name and model

What it is called on the rack and in your records, and the exact model.

Oldest	Second oldest	Third oldest

2 Install year

The year it went into service.

Oldest	Second oldest	Third oldest

3 What it holds

The applications and data that depend on it, in a few words each.

Oldest	Second oldest	Third oldest

4 End of support date

The date the maker stops supporting this exact model. Write "not found" if you cannot find it.

Oldest	Second oldest	Third oldest

5 Code you run, and code they recommend

The software level installed (code, firmware) next to the level the maker currently recommends for this model.

Oldest	Second oldest	Third oldest

> Which of the three would you least like to explain to an auditor?

When a system retires: the drives

Every retired system leaves drives behind. Write down what happened to the last two, and who signed for it. A blank here means nobody can show it, which is the answer an auditor will ask for.

The last two you retired

1 System and retirement date

What it was and when it left the rack.

The last one	The one before

2 Where the drives went

Wiped and reused, destroyed on site, destroyed by a disposal partner, returned, or you do not know.

The last one	The one before

3 Who signed the record

The name on the sanitization record (the paper that says the data was wiped or the drive destroyed).

The last one	The one before

4 Which written standard it followed

The wipe or destruction standard named on the record. Ask the signer if it is not written down.

The last one	The one before

What this does not prove

Three filled-in columns show how old your oldest systems are, when support ends and how far their code is behind. They do not show that a system is about to fail, and a signed wipe record shows that someone signed it, not that every drive was wiped.

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