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Mr. Tom Clements
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RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Clements:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your August 24, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request as it applies to NNSA news release entitled “NNSA, TVA Announce Interagency Agreement for Down-Blending highly Enriched Uranium” for the following documents:

1. NNSA-TVA "interagency agreement" to down-blend highly enriched uranium (HEU) in support of national security missions;
2. Lacking finalization of the requested interagency agreement, any pre-agreement memos, documents or written commitments concerning the signing of the interagency agreement;
3. "Secretarial Determination" by U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, August 21, 2018, "that allows NNSA to continue transfers of enriched uranium from DOE's inventories in support of national security."
4. Any cover letters or attachments to the above-requested documents.

Your request was received in our office on August 30, 2018. It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. We estimate **we will not be able to respond to your request in 20 working days**. We need more time to complete the search for records, review records for release, and prepare your response. **We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible.**

With respect to your request for a waiver of fees, pursuant to 10 CFR, Section 1004.9(a)(6), fees are not charged where they would amount to \$15.00 or less. We have not determined, at this time, the costs of processing your request; however, your request for a waiver will be considered if it is later determined that costs would exceed \$15.00.

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact me by email at Christina.Hamblen@nnsa.doe.gov and refer to our Control Number FOIA 18-00260-H.

Sincerely,

Christina H. Hamblen
Information Programs Specialist