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Request for NNSA-Tennessee Valley Authority “Interagency Agreement” on Downblending of HEU for “National Security Missions” & “Secretarial Determination”

To Whom it Concerns:

This is a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended. Per the applicable law and Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Agency regulations, I anticipate a prompt response to this request.

This request is being filed on behalf of Savannah River Site Watch (SRS Watch), a non-profit corporation registered with the State of South Carolina and a duly registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. While working for SRS Watch, I have filed many FOIA requests with DOE, TVA, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other federal agencies. I have also filed many requests on behalf of other non-profit organizations, including Friends of the Earth, the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability, Greenpeace and the Nuclear Control Institute. I have never been charged a fee for my FOIA requests with DOE.

I request that any fees that may be associated with this request be waived. The information obtained in response to this request will be used solely for non-profit purposes in South Carolina and the United States. The information will contribute to the public’s understanding of the manner in which DOE/NNSA conducts its business and will specifically be used to inform the public about management and use of nuclear materials. The information obtained via this request will be provided to not only the public but also to the media and DOE Citizens Advisory Boards. Over the years, I have demonstrated an ability to use information gathered via FOIA requests in a manner so as to educate the public about DOE and issues it addresses, including nuclear non-proliferation and tritium production. I request that the fee-waiver standard that has been applied to my requests in the past be applied to this request.

If any claim is made that any portion of any located documents are sensitive in nature or meet FOIA exclusions, I request that redacted copies of such documents be provided to me and that a full explanation be provided as to the reasons for any redactions. If any documents are marked “Official Use Only” (OUO) I request that they be released in their entirety.
This request applies to the DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration in Washington, including NNSA's Office of Defense Programs. Additionally, this request applies to any contractors working for DOE/NNSA on the requested information.

The requested "Interagency agreement" and "Secretarial Determination" were mentioned in an NNSA news release of August 22, 2018 and entitled "NNSA, TVA Announce Interagency Agreement for Down-Blending Highly Enriched Uranium."

I hereby request 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.

Thank you for processing this request in the time period mandated by law and regulation. If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at telephone 803-834-3084 or email tomclements329@cs.com.

Sincerely,

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