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A Peek Behind the Unjustified Veil of Secrecy: New Aerials Photos Released of Plutonium Fuel (MOX) Plant Under Construction at U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina

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Columbia, SC – New aerial photos of the construction site at plutonium fuel (MOX) project at the US DOE's Savannah River Site in South Carolina have been publicly released.

The photos of the MOX plant, dated March 25 and taken in full compliance with applicable air flight regulations, can be used with the following credit: "©High Flyer, special to SRS Watch."

The photos reveal that the external security wall ("bastion wall") has still not been finished and that a host of openings into the MOX building remain. The photos of the concrete shell of the MOX plant reveal minor changes since the last set of photos, taken on October 14, 2015, were released by SRS Watch.

"As DOE, the National Nuclear Security Administration and contractor CB&I AREVA MOX Services have failed to provide photos of the partially finished MOX plant, we feel responsible to let the public see what's going on at the site," said Tom Clements, director of SRS Watch. "Our photo documentation of MOX project over the last few years is the best-available visual documentation of the project. As the MOX project is likely to wind down and be terminated, we will continue to provide photos to the public so that work at the site and shut-down activities can be observed."

SRS Watch believes that the public must be kept fully informed about all aspects of the construction of the mismanaged MOX plant and be informed as to how tax payer funds are being spent.

"Unfortunately, DOE and NNSA operate behind an unjustified veil of secrecy and have failed in informing the public as to what's happening with the MOX project, so we step in as best we can to fill the public oversight role that they have abrogated," added Clements.

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