



Savannah River Site Watch

Outstanding Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests filed with DOE by Savannah River Site Watch, with No Response - as of May 18, 2017

SRS and DOE have not adequately explained the tardiness in responding to the FOIA requests listed below, filed for documents on important and activities programs at SRS.

The support of the SRS Citizens Advisory Board and the public in obtaining documents about these programs and issues is welcome and encouraged. FOIA text and initial responses by DOE, confirming receipt of the request, can be provided on request.

- 1. Documents, reports and photos on the SRS "Drone Scare 2016" - filed with SRS on November 16, 2016;** on May 17, SRS claimed that they are now processing the request; SRS has so far failed to document the drone scare with any documents or photos;
- 2. Request for the CD-0 documents on expanding plutonium downblending capacity at SRS - filed DOE/NNSA on November 23, 2016;** downblending (with the secret material "stardust") is being pursued as an alternative to the plutonium fuel (MOX) program;
- 3. Reports prepared for German entities on processing and dumping of German AVR & THTR reactor spent fuel at & documents on any transfer of funds to support Savannah River National Lab research - filed with SRS on November 29, 2016;** the import plan is essentially dead given passage of a German nuclear waste law all but barring export of the highly radioactive spent fuel; the proposal should be officially terminated;
- 4. MOX plant construction monthly and quarterly reports for part of Fiscal Year 2016 - filed with DOE/NNSA on April 18, 2016;** DOE claimed on May 15 that it will not even have documents from contractor CB&I AREVA MOX Services to be reviewed before release until the end of July;
- 5. Annual report on the MOX project – legally required to be delivered by DOE to Congress by February 15 of each year – NNSA claimed in a letter to SRS Watch dated May 10, 2017 that the report has not been prepared.** (See SRS Watch news release of May 11, 2017: <https://tinyurl.com/kmxyngd>). The NNSA response to SRS Watch noted that no report was found in various offices within DOE and then admitted that no report had been prepared: "We also contacted the NNSA's Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (NA-20) about your request. NA-20 stated that the requested documents have not yet been drafted. The program intends to begin drafting a 2016/2017 when a budget and/or a decision has been made by the new Administration regarding plutonium disposition. Therefore, NA-20 has no responsive documents."