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Mr. Tom Clements
Director, SRS Watch
1112 Florence Street
Columbia, SC 29201-1512

Dear Mr. Clements:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your January 26, 2015 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

1. any "memorandum of agreement," "memorandum of understanding," "work for others" agreement, or any other form of agreement or contract between Germany and the Savannah River Site, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and/or the Savannah River National Laboratory from October 2014 to February 1, 2015 concerning payment involving research and development of reprocessing of German graphite spent fuel. In particular, any agreement in December 2014 concerning payment of an additional \$3 million by Germany to SRS is requested.
2. Any technical reports or feasibility studies prepared in the last half of 2014 until February 1, 2015 by Savannah River National Laboratory and given to DOE about technical aspects of reprocessing of the graphite fuel. In particular, a feasibility study dated October 2014 is requested.

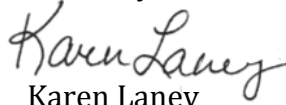
Your request was transferred by copy of the Department of Energy March 5, 2015 letter to you and was received in our office on March 12, 2015. It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. Your request is out for a search for the responsive record(s). A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Please note that for fee purposes, "unusual circumstances" as defined in the Open Government Act of 2007 occur, as there is a need to search for or collect records from facilities geographically separated from this office. We estimate that we will not be able to provide responsive records in 20 working days, as we need more time to complete the search, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the

response to you, as some requests, depending on the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete.

With respect to your request for a waiver of fees, pursuant to 10 CFR § 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 questions concerning the processing of your request, please email karen.laney@nnsa.doe.gov and reference Control Number FOIA 15-00136-K in your communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Laney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Laney
Information Programs Specialist