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Freedom of Information Office
Savannah River Operations Office
P.O. Box A
Aiken, SC 29802

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 regulations, I anticipate a response to this request within 20 days.

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 501c(3) non-profit organization. While working for SRS Watch, I have filed many FOIA requests with DOE. 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 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 conducts its business and will specifically be used to inform the public about DOE's management of spent nuclear fuel in the L-Area. The information obtained via this request will be provided to not only the public but also the media, South Carolina state government officials and the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (a duly embodied federal advisory panel). 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 is addressing. 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. I request that documents be provided to me as they become available to staff and that the documents not be withheld until all pertinent documents are obtained.

This request applies to any contractors working for DOE, including Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), and to documents supplied by them supplied to DOE. This request applies to the DOE's Savannah River Operations Office and DOE's Office of Environmental Management.



I hereby request:

- Any reports, documents, memos or analyses related to an investigation into an incident in the L-Area spent fuel basin around mid-July 2016 in which a caddy holding research reactor spent fuel was dropped onto the spent fuel basin floor;
- Any follow-up documents to the above-requested documents – in particular any documents related to correctional activities related to the incident and equipment involved in the incident;
- Any attachments to the above-requested documents.

Please get in touch if you have questions about this request. Thank you for your timely response.

Sincerely,



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