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VIA FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Tom Clements
Director, Savannah River Site Watch
112 Florence Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Clements:

On behalf of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), I acknowledge receipt on May 12, 2017, of your letter of the same date wherein you made a request for public records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA").

On May 19, 2017, Governor McMaster signed H.3352 which amended several sections of FOIA and which became effective upon approval of the Governor. This letter constitutes the ten (10) business day determination required by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(C), as amended.

ORS employees are searching for and gathering records responsive to your request. ORS will provide records which meet your request and which are not exempt from disclosure under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40 or other state or federal laws.

Due to the volume of this request, ORS finds that it is not reasonable to reduce fees associated with this request for records. The agency's fees for responding to FOIA requests are currently \$20.00 per hour for search, retrieval, and redaction of records. Charges for copying records are \$0.07 per side. At present, ORS employees have already expended in excess of twenty-five (25) hours searching for and retrieving records. Therefore, ORS requests a deposit of

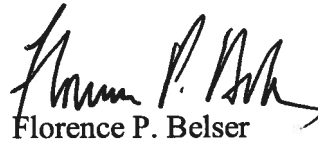
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\$125.00 to proceed with the FOIA request. Upon completing your request and producing the records, a final cost for search, retrieval, and redaction time and any copying charges will be provided, and that final cost, less the deposit, will be due at that time. Pursuant to S.C. Code. Ann. § 30-4-30(C), as amended, ORS will make the located records available no later than 30 calendar days from the date on which the deposit is received.

Sincerely,



Florence P. Belser

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