

## Department of Energy

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Mr. Tom Clements Director, Savannah River Site Watch 1112 Florence Street Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Clements:

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information (FOIA) Act Request Savannah River Operations Office SRO-2018-00445-F

This letter constitutes our final response to the request for information that you made to the Department of Energy under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of: (1) All documents and attachments- including emails, memos, and written plans- related to the receipt at U.S. Department of Energy sites, including Savannah River Site, of nuclear weapons and Special nuclear Material removed from North Korea; and (2) All documents related to storage and disposition at U.S. Department of Energy Sites, including Savannah River Site, of plutonium and/or highly enriched uranium (HEU) received from North Korea, either in raw form or in the form of plutonium pits or HEU components removed from North Korean nuclear weapons or its weapons programs.

We were unable to locate any documents responsive to your request.

If you wish to challenge the adequacy of the search, you must submit a written appeal within 90 calendar days after receipt of this letter denying in part and granting in part the requested information. Written appeals should be submitted to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, L'Enfant Plaza Building, Washington, DC 20585, under 10 CFR § 1004.8, which sets forth the required elements of such appeals. Thereafter, judicial review will be available within the district in which a requester resides, has a principal place of business, in the place in which the records are situated, or in the District of Columbia. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Privacy Act Appeal" in the subject line.

You may contact me, the DOE Savannah River Operations Office's (SR's) FOIA Public Liaison, at (803) 952-7618 or by mail at PO Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802 for any further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

As Chief Counsel, DOE-SR, I am the authorizing and denying official for the documents responsive to your request. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Farmer at (803) 952-7813 or jennifer.farmer@srs.gov.

Sincerely,

Lucy M. Knowles
Authorizing Official

OCC: LMK:anv