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Freedom of Information Office
Savannah River Operations Office
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FOIA Request for Contracts with Germany on Reprocessing Graphite Spent Fuel at SRS

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 corporation duly registered with the State of South Carolina and having applied to be a duly registered 501c(3) non-profit organization. While now working for SRS Watch, I have filed many FOIA requests with DOE 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, the United States and Germany. 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 efforts to import commercial spent nuclear fuel from Germany. The information obtained via this request will be provided to not only the public but also the media, the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (a duly embodied federal advisory panel) and members of the German government at both the state and federal levels. 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.

This request is a follow-up to earlier FOIA requests on the same matter. For those requests, from which documents were obtained, no fee was charged.

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 two German commercial reactors - the AVR and THTR gas-cooled reactors, both of which used graphite fuel. The spent fuel from those long-closed reactors, contained in over 450 casks, is now stored at Juelich and Ahaus, Germany. A proposal remains alive to dump that material on SRS despite the affirmation by the DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration that there is no proliferation risk to leave the spent fuel in Germany.

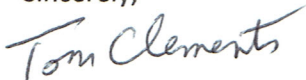
This request applies to any contractors working for DOE, including Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). This request applies to the DOE's Savannah River Operations Office and DOE's Office of Environmental Management.

I hereby request:

- Any "memorandum of agreement," "memorandum of understanding," "work for others" agreement or any other form of agreement or contract between any Germany entity, including the Forschung Zentrum Juelich (FZJ), and the Savannah River Site, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and/or the Savannah River National Laboratory during Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 concerning work and associated payment involving research and development of storage, reprocessing and disposal at SRS of German graphite spent fuel.
- Any technical reports or feasibility studies delivered in Fiscal Year 2016 or Fiscal Year 2017 by Savannah River National Laboratory or Savannah River Nuclear Solutions or any other contractor to DOE about technical aspects of storage, reprocessing and disposal of the German graphite fuel at SRS.

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

Sincerely,



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