



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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

Re: HQ-2015-00222-F

Dear Mr. Clements:

This is in response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You requested the following:

- Any DOE or NNSA document(s) directing preparation of a nuclear non-proliferation impact assessment on the new reprocessing technique being developed by Savannah River National Laboratory as it concerns commercial graphite spent fuel that is being considered for import from closed gas-cooled reactors in Germany; and
- The nuclear non-proliferation impact assessment on the new reprocessing technique being developed by SRNL and any attachment, annexes or policy determinations related to that assessment.

I have assigned your request to the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Albuquerque Complex and the Office of Environmental Management (EM) to conduct searches of their files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and the review of any documents located, you will be provided a response.

In your letter, you requested a waiver of all fees associated with the processing of the request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1004.9(b)(4), as an "other" requester. In this category, you are entitled to two free hours of search time and 100 free pages.

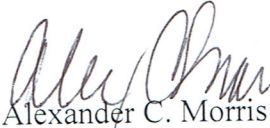
Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.9(8), I have reviewed the information you provided in the request to support your request for a fee waiver. I have determined that the information satisfies the criteria considered for a waiver of fees. A waiver, therefore, is appropriate for any fees that may be incurred because the subject of the request relates to a government activity, and information about the activity could lead to greater understanding by the public about the matter. You also have demonstrated the ability and intent of your organizations to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.



Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications about the request. If you have any questions about processing by NNSA, you may contact Ms. Tanya Lopez at P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400. She also can be contacted on (505) 845-5322. If you have any questions about processing by EM, you may contact Mr. Omer Pervaiz in this office at MA-90/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, or at (202) 586-7504.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alex Morris", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Information Resources