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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request for
“Assessment of Alternative Plutonium Disposition Strategies”

To Whom it Concerns:

This is a request being filed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as amended. I am hereby filing this pursuant to the new Department of Energy (DOE) FOIA guidelines and appreciate your response to this request within 20 days.

I am filing this request as a duly authorized employee of Friends of the Earth, a legally registered non-profit environmental organization, with which I hold the title Southeastern Nuclear Campaign Coordinator. All information gathered under this request will be used for non-profit, public education purposes only, both in South Carolina and nation-wide.

I request that all fees with this request be waived given the non-profit educational use of the information. My organization and I will disseminate the information obtained under this request to the benefit of public understanding of the DOE's plutonium disposition program and the Savannah River Site (SRS) role in that program and I thus request the fee waiver. I and my organization have a long-demonstrated ability to analyze and disseminate information to the public related to plutonium disposition, including the plutonium fuel (MOX) program, and which is solely for non-profit, public interest use. In the past many years, I have received fee waivers from various offices in DOE and have paid no fees for any request and I expect the same standard to be applied to this request.

If any claim is made that the documents requested are sensitive in nature, I request a full explanation about that as stipulated under the DOE's FOIA regulations and request that redacted versions be released.

This request concerns the preparation of a plutonium disposition “assessment” to look at various options for disposal of surplus weapon-grade plutonium. The Fiscal Year 2014 budget request by DOE indicated that DOE would prepare such an assessment and stated that “NNSA remains committed to the plutonium disposition mission. However, considering preliminary cost increases and the current budget environment, the Administration is conducting an

assessment of alternative plutonium disposition strategies in FY 2013, and will identify options for FY 2014 and the outyears.” (see attached pages from DOE budget)

From what I gather, the assessment has been completed and is under consideration of Secretary Moniz as he plans for the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. Mr. John Macwilliams, senior adviser in the Office of the Secretary, is a contact for the assessment.

If any claim is made that the assessment is a draft document or that it should be withheld in whole or part for security or other reasons, I request a full explanation as to why the document in whole or part is being withheld and request a non-sensitive version of the assessment to be released.

I hereby request the following document(s):

- Any and all documents, memos or reports constituting the “assessment of alternative plutonium disposition strategies.”**
- All attachment to the plutonium disposition assessment.**

Thank you very much for your timely response to this FOIA request.

If you have further questions or want to discuss this request, please contact me at your convenience via telephone at 803-834-3084 or via e-mail at tomclements329@cs.com.

Sincerely,

Tom Clements
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