January 21, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Clements:

This letter is a final response to your November 12, 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

1. Any Department of Energy (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 (SRNL) as it concerns commercial graphite spent fuel that is being considered for import from closed gas-cooled reactors in Germany.
2. 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.

Please note, your request was transferred by the DOE and received in our office on December 16, 2014. Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Office of Non-Proliferation (NA-20). NA-20 searched but did not locate any records responsive to your request. They stated that the records you seek would be under the jurisdiction of the DOE, not NNSA.

You may appeal our inability to locate responsive records pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.8. Such an appeal must be made in writing within 30 calendar days after receipt of this letter, addressed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, L’Enfant building, Washington, DC 20585. Your appeal must contain a concise statement of the grounds for the appeal and a description of the relief sought. Please submit a copy of this letter with the appeal. Please clearly mark both the envelope and the letter “Freedom of Information Appeal.” Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the District of Columbia or in the district where (1) you reside, (2) you have your principal place of business, or (3) the Department’s records are situated.

There are no fees chargeable to you for processing this request. Please contact Christina Hamblen by email at Christina.Hamblen@nnsa.doe.gov if you have any questions concerning the processing of your request. Please refer to our Control Number FOIA 15-00056-H.

Sincerely,

Pamela Arias-Ortega
Denying Official