



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Via email: [srswatch@gmail.com](mailto:srswatch@gmail.com)

Re: HQ-2022-00588-F

Dear Mr. Clements:

This is the final 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:

A copy of the “plan for executing the Versatile Test Reactor project via a public-private partnership with an option for a payment-for-milestones approach,” as required by Congress to be submitted to the Appropriations Committees around January 27, 2021.

Any attachment to the VTR “plan” requested above.

Your request was assigned to DOE’s Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. NE started its search on March 17, 2022, which is the cut-off date for responsive documents. NE has completed its search but did not locate any documents responsive to your request.

Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 1004.4(d), I am unable to provide any responsive documents for NE. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am responsible for the determination that no responsive records exist in NE. The adequacy of this search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L’Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to [OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov), including the phrase “Freedom of Information Appeal” in the subject line. (This is the method preferred by the Office of hearings and Appeals.) The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: (1) in the district where you reside; (2) where you have your principal place of business; (3) where DOE’s records are situated; or (4) in the District of Columbia.



You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585 for any further assistance and 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, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); see also 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In your request, you requested a waiver of all fees associated with the processing of this request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(4), as an "other" requester. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost. DOE's processing costs did not exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. Therefore, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Mr. Jorge Melendez, or me, at:

MA-46/ Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
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(202) 586-5955.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

**Alexander  
C. Morris**

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