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Savannah River Operations Office
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March 1, 2022

Mr. Tom Clements
Director, Savannah River Site Watch
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Dear Mr. Clements:

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Savannah River Operations Office
SRO-2023-00646-F

This is to acknowledge your FOIA request for copies of:

“1) Any modification to the original Work for Others (WFO) agreement between DOE/Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and Jülicher Entsorgungsgesellschaft für Nuklearanlagen (JEN) - located at the Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ) in Germany - and the Savannah River Site, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, and/or the Savannah River National Laboratory after February 2022. Modification Number 9 to the Work for Others agreement terminated on February 28, 2023, so this request covers any "modification" or new agreement subsequent to Modification Number 9. The requested modification(s) may be called Modification Number 10 (or higher);

(2) Any documentation on import of irradiated or unirradiated graphite fuel "pebbles" or materials from Germany to SRS. (At the time of this filing, it is believed that JEN obtained initial permission to export 33 fuel pebbles but it is unknown if final permission has been obtained from the Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA) - the Office of Economics and Export Control or other German agencies. The export is facing legal challenge.)

(3) Any attachments to Modification 10 requested above and any reports from any SRS entity that were provided to Germany in 2022 or 2023 under the Work for Others agreements; and

(4) Any communication, including letters and emails, between SRNL, SRS or DOE and JEN or other German entities on the status of the cooperation, including on terminating or reviving the WFO or other cooperation.”

Your request was received on March 2, 2023, and has been assigned control number SRO-2023-00646-F. Since we receive numerous requests each year, please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

In the meantime, we are conducting a search for responsive documents. We estimate 30-60 working days are needed to identify and produce the requested records that may exist at the Savannah River Site facilities. Once the results of the search are known and any documents are located and provided to us for review and release, we will process your request in the order it was received. This is consistent with the DOE-wide policy to process the requested records on a first-in, first-out basis. It could take additional time beyond the estimate before we can complete your request.

Mr. Clements

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 952-7813 or jennifer.farmer@srs.gov.

Sincerely,

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