



Savannah River Site Watch

The list of documents below pertaining to DOE's failed plan to import and dump highly radioactive spent fuel from Germany and are posted on the SRS Watch website. As DOE has continuously tried to suppress information about the status of the project, in violation of a legal commitment made under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), many of the documents were obtained by SRS Watch via Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. DOE has avoided posting these documents and, due to a severe lack of openness and transparency by the department, continues to suppress information about the scheme.

Cover letter and appeal decision by DOE's Office of Hearings and Appeals, in response to SRS Watch appeal that search by Savannah River Site for German spent fuel documents was not "adequate," as required by the FOIA law; August 1, 2023 – these and other key documents below are posted on the **SRS Watch FOIA documents** page at <https://srswatch.org/savannah-river-site-watch-document-library/savannah-river-site-watch-freedom-of-information-act-documents/>

1. Cover letter to SRS Watch from DOE's Office of Hearings and Appeals, August 1, 2023: Appeal decision, August 1, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FIA-23-0022-Cover-Letter.pdf>
2. DOE's Office of Hearings and Appeals, successful ruling for SRS Watch in FOIA appeal, August 1, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FIA-23-0022-FOIA-appeal-order-German-spent-fuel-August-1-2023.pdf>
3. SRS Watch appeal, June 30, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Appeal-by-SRS-Watch-of-FOIA-June-30-2023.pdf>
4. Initial response letter by Office of Hearings and Appeals, July 10, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Appeal-ack.-letter-July-10-2023-Ack-Ltr-1.pdf>

Documents obtained by SRS Watch concerning German spent fuel, after SRS Watch victory with appeal; magically, SRS found additional documents after conducting the legally required "adequate search," as directed by the DOE's Office of Hearings and Appeals, September 2011:

1. SRS cover letter, dated September 7, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SRO-2023-00646-F-Clements-appeal-final-letterlk-rcvd-Sep-11-2023.pdf>
2. First batch of SRS emails, received September 11, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SME-William-Bates-Emails-rcvd-Sep-11-2023.pdf>
3. Second batch of SRS emails, received September 11, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SME-Robert-Pierce-Emails-rcvd-Sep-11-2023.pdf>

Note: The email from JEN terminating the JEN-SRNL contract is contained in the emails above:
https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Schaffler-10.12.22-email_Redacted-2.pdf

SRS Watch initial FOIA request re involvement of Edlow International in official/unofficial negotiations with Germany, September 15, 2023: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/FOIA-request-for-Edlow-International-contract-re-German-spent-fuel-September-15-2023.pdf> & initial SRS response to FOIA request, September 18, 2023 (full response promised in 30-60 “working days”): <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SRO-2023-01811-F-Clements-first-letter-Sep-18-2023-edlow.pdf>

News release and documents obtained by SRS Watch before FOIA appeal decision, July 12, 2023: **SRS Watch Files Appeal to Inadequate SRS Response to FOIA Request for Documents on the Now-Terminated Scheme to Dump Highly Radioactive German Spent Fuel at SRS:**

<https://srswatch.org/srs-watch-files-appeal-to-inadequate-srs-response-to-foia-request-for-documents-on-the-now-terminated-scheme-to-dump-highly-radioactive-german-spent-fuel-at-srs/>

SRS Watch news, April 19, 2023, **German Federal Government Concurrs: Plan to Ship German Spent Fuel to SRS is Dead**, <https://srswatch.org/german-federal-government-concurs-plan-to-ship-german-spent-fuel-to-srs-is-dead/>

SRS Watch news, January 10, 2023: **U.S. DOE Plans to Export German Spent Nuclear Fuel to the Savannah River Site for Processing & Dumping have been Terminated after 10 Years, Yielding Good Outcome for South Carolina**, <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SRS-Watch-news-release-on-German-waste-scheme-failure-Jan-10-2023.pdf>

SRS Watch 21-page report of January 2023: ***Auf Wiedersehen to DOE Nuclear Waste Dumping Scheme***: <https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Auf-Wiedersehen-victory-on-German-spent-fuel-import-SRS-Watch-Jan-10-2023.pdf>

For a lot more documents and information pertinent to this issue, search for “Germany” on the SRS Watch website: <https://srswatch.org/>

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