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

Dear Mr. Clements:

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Savannah River Operations Office
SRO-2023-01811-F

This letter constitutes our final response to your FOIA request for copies of:

- "1. Any copies of any formal contract(s) or formal agreement(s) between SRNL and/or EM and Mr. Jack Edlow and/or Mr. Russell Neely and/or the private entity Edlow International which designate authority to the above-named individuals or the above-named company to formally negotiate or communicate on behalf of or for SRNL or DOE with JEN or any agency or entity in the German federal government or in the North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) state government concerning the SRNL-JEN agreement on research into processing the AVR spent fuel;
2. Any copies of any informal agreement(s), including emails, memos, notes and other documents, between SRNL and/or EM and Mr. Jack Edlow and/or Mr. Russell Neely and/or Edlow International which states the named individuals or named company may informally negotiate or communicate on behalf of or for SRNL or DOE with JEN or any agency or entity in the German federal government or in the North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) state government concerning the SRNL-JEN agreement on research into processing the AVR spent fuel.
3. Any attachments to documents described above."

The documents responsive to your request are attached in their entirety.

If you wish to challenge the adequacy of the search, you must submit a written appeal within 90 calendar days after receipt of this letter denying in part and granting in part the requested information. Written appeals should be submitted to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, at OHA.Filings@hq.doe.gov, with "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line. If you cannot submit an email, please send the Appeal by mail to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615, under 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, which sets forth the required elements of such appeals. Thereafter, judicial review will be available within the district in which a requester resides, has a principal place of business, in the place in which the records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

You may contact me, DOE Savannah River Operations Office's (SR's) FOIA Public Liaison, at (803) 952-7618 or by mail at PO Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802 for any further assistance or 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

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Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

As Chief Counsel, DOE-SR, I am the authorizing and denying official for the documents responsive to your request. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Farmer at (803) 952-7813 or jennifer.farmer@srs.gov.

Sincerely,

OCC: LMK:anv

Lucy M. Knowles
Authorizing Official