

September 18, 2022

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 is to acknowledge 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."

Your request was received on September 18, 2023, and has been assigned control number SRO-2023-01811-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.

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

Sincerely,

FOR: Jennifer Farmer FOIA/Privacy Act Officer Office of Chief Counsel