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SENT VIA EMAIL

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RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Clements,

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your February 3, 2025, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request was received in this office on February 4, 2025.

Your request stated the following:

Any communication, including emails, sent by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or by management of the Savannah River Site to DOE and contractor employees at SRS concerning compliance with the memorandum entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding DEIS Executive Orders."

Any communication, including emails, sent to SRS staff directing that "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility" programs be halted and that the terms diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility - as well as other terms, such as "justice" - be removed from SRS documents, reports and emails.

It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of the General Counsel, in accordance with the Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. Your request is out for a search for responsive records. Please note that for fee purposes, "unusual circumstances" as defined in the Open Government Act of 2007 occur, as there is a need to search for or collect records from facilities geographically separated from this office. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. However, we estimate that we will not be able to provide a response in 20 working days, as we need more time to complete the search, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending on the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete.

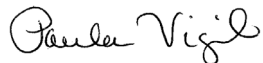
Reformulating or otherwise narrowing the scope of your request may result in a quicker processing time.

With respect to your request for a waiver of fees, pursuant to 10 CFR, Section 1004.9(a)(6), fees are not charged where they would amount to \$15.00 or less. We have not determined, at this time, the costs of processing your request; however, your request for a waiver will be considered if it is later determined that costs would exceed \$15.00.

You may contact NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, Christina Hamblen by telephone at 1-866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, for 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. Contact information for OGIS: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-741-5770; toll free 1-877-684-6448; or by facsimile 202-741-5769.

If you have questions about the processing of this request, please contact me by e-mail at paula.vigil@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 25-00234-PV in your communication.

Sincerely,



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