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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) Officer
Mailstop: T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

FOIA Request Concerning NRC Approval of Spent Fuel Shipment Routes to DOE Sites

Dear NRC Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) Officer,

On behalf of the three non-profit public interest organizations named below I am hereby filing a request under the Freedom of Information Act to be processed according to procedures stipulated in FOIA regulations implemented by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, including a response within 20 business days.

This request is being filed on behalf of these duly registered non-profit organizations: Savannah River Site Watch (Columbia, South Carolina), Snake River Alliance Education Fund, Inc. (Boise, Idaho) and the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (Oak Ridge, Tennessee).

I hereby request a waiver of any fees that might be incurred related to this request. All three of our organizations are actively engaged in not-for-profit public education activities utilizing scientific and public policy information related to activities by the U.S. Department of Energy. Likewise, we will use the information from the NRC documents obtained under this FOIA request as part of our public-policy public education work in the states of South Carolina, Idaho, Tennessee and nationally. The documents sought are unique in nature and their release could result in significant understanding of the spent fuel issues at hand. The information obtained will also be used with public officials, state regulatory agencies and/or federal advisory panels in our respective states and could significantly contribute to their understanding of the issue as well.

Our organizations have decades of collective experience and have shown that we have full ability to utilize obtained information and that we can effectively disseminate such information to the public and government entities. All of our organizations have utilized the Freedom of Information Act in seeking to obtain documents from DOE and have been granted fee waivers. The information sought is related to an overall program by the DOE to ship spent fuel for research and other purposes from commercial nuclear reactors to DOE sites, and NRC documents obtained via this FOIA request will prove invaluable in the public's understanding of nuclear transport and spent fuel research and disposal. The information will be used in documents that we will prepare, including news release, letters to government officials and in

fact sheets and blogs for our websites and Facebook pages. We have no commercial interest in any documents that may be obtained.

The NRC has granted approval to Secured Transportation Services (460 Silverberry Lane, Sugar Hill, GA 30518) for shipping routes of commercial spent fuel between the North Anna nuclear power plant and the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Lab [ML15077A157]; from North Anna to Oak Ridge National Lab [ML15273A333]; from the Byron nuclear power plant to the Idaho National Lab [ML14233A205]; from DOE's Argonne National Lab to the Idaho National Lab; and from Byron to the Savannah River Site [ML15125A410]. As DOE has considered shipments from Byron to the Oak Ridge National Lab, NRC documents on that shipping route may exist.

I hereby request:

- 1. Applications to the NRC by Secured Transportation Services or any other entity for approval of routes to ship spent nuclear fuel between the following sites:**
 - **North Anna nuclear power station and the Idaho National Laboratory;**
 - **Byron nuclear power station and the Idaho National Lab;**
 - **North Anna nuclear power station and the Oak Ridge National Lab;**
 - **Byron nuclear power station and the Oak Ridge National Lab;**
 - **North Anna nuclear power station and the Savannah River Site/Savannah River National Lab;**
 - **Byron nuclear power station and the Savannah River Site/Savannah River National Lab.**
 - **Argonne National Laboratory and Idaho National Lab**
- 2. Any attachments to the above-listed applications.**
- 3. NRC evaluations of the above-listed applications.**

Information sought in this request might be provided by Mr. Gerard Jackson and Mr. William Gott in the NRC's Fuel Cycle and Transportation Security Branch, Division of Security Policy, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. The names of these officials are in the shipping route approvals cited above.

If any documents requested contain any form of classified or restricted information, I hereby request appropriately redacted versions of the documents and request a full explanation as to why any portions of the requested document meet NRC regulations on withholding of information.

I further request that the documents be provided as they become available and not be sent together if that results in delay of shipment of any of the documents. We request an unlocked electronic format (e.g. PDF or Word) of all documents, as provided for by 5 U.S.C. § 552, (a)(3). In the event that an electronic version(s) is not available, we then request paper copies of the requested documents.

Acting on behalf of the three non-profit organizations, you may contact me if there are any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

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