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Record Description:

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of:

1) Any written assessments by Department of Energy staff of USEC's American Centrifuge technology that have been completed in the past six months.

2) Any written assessments by consultants - Worley Parsons, for example - of USEC's American Centrifuge technology, which have been submitted to the Department of Energy in the past six months.

3) Any emails or other written correspondence sent to or from Matt Rogers, senior adviser to Energy Secretary Steven Chu since July 1, 2009 regarding USEC's application for a loan guarantee for its American Centrifuge Plant.

4) Any emails or other written correspondence exchanged since July 1, 2009 between Department of Energy staff (including Matt Rogers and Energy Secretary Steven Chu) and President Barack Obama, his senior advisers, and/or White House staff regarding USEC's application for a DOE loan guarantee for its American Centrifuge project.

5) Any emails or other written correspondence between the Department of Energy and USEC between since July 1, 2009 about USEC's application for a Department of Energy loan guarantee for its American Centrifuge project.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed $200. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the process behind the Department of Energy's decision to ask USEC to withdraw its application for a $2 billion loan guarantee to build its American Centrifuge Plant, which is of current interest to the public because it is important for the public to know how its government decides how and when to allocate -- or in this case how and when to risk -- billions of dollars of public funds. I am seeking this information on behalf of Energy Intelligence Group's publication Uranium Intelligence Weekly.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by

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reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Please note, I also sent this request by email to FOIA-CENTRAL@hq.doe.gov at 3:30 p.m. Monday Aug. 3, 2009.

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