

# Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

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nuclear weapons production and waste cleanup*

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Governor Nikki Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

## **FOIA Request for Public Records Related to the Office of Governor Haley and the Nation's Highly Radioactive Spent Fuel Being Brought to South Carolina for "Consolidated" Storage**

Dear Governor Haley:

I am hereby filing this request under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act as stipulated in Title 30, Chapter 4. Per provisions in the law, I expect a response to this request within 15 days.

I am filing this request as the Nonproliferation Policy Director for the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA). ANA is a registered non-profit public interest organization with offices in Washington, DC, Santa Fe, NM and Columbia, SC. ANA has 35 members groups around the U.S., with a focus on clean-up and nuclear programs at U.S. Department of Energy sites such as the Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina. ANA actively engages members of Congress, the public and the media related to the DOE budget and funding of clean-up and other activities. ANA likewise engages with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) concerning SRS issues.

In South Carolina, ANA serves the public interest as the primary private monitoring organization over activities conducted by DOE and contractors at the Savannah River Site. ANA regularly attends SRS meetings and is frequently quoted in the media concerning activities at SRS.

As the information sought will be used solely for non-profit public education and media purposes, I request that a waiver of all fees be provided to me. The information obtained will benefit the general public, given the demonstrated interest by the public and media in the issues addressed by this request. The information obtained will serve to inform the public about the workings of the governor's office in relation to the issue for which this request is being filed. ANA has a demonstrated ability to publicly and without cost disseminate information such as that which may be obtained from this request, including via our web site, via news releases and via briefings to Congress.

If any records are withheld, I request a full explanation and justification under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. I retain the right to appeal any denial of any aspect of this request and retain the right to pursue legal action to obtain the requested public records.



The public records indicated in this request are being sought in either hard or electronic copy.

I hereby request the following "public records" as it pertains to Governor Haley and gubernatorial staff:

**All public records, including reports, documents, orders, emails, and phone records written by Governor Haley and staff, or in their possession, related to internal communication, including with other agencies of the Government of the State of South Carolina, or communication with the U.S. Department of Energy, including the Savannah River Site, concerning the receipt and storage of highly radioactive commercial spent fuel at the Savannah River Site for "consolidated storage."**

This request applies to all emails and written communication by Governor Haley or her staff or agencies under her control.

This request applies to all communication with the DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, including with Dr. Peter Lyons, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy.

I request that the information be made available to me as it is located and not when the documents have all been accumulated.

Given the sensitivity by and concern of the public to the issue of nuclear waste dumping in South Carolina, your cooperation in a timely response is most appreciated.

I look forward to receiving the requested public records in the time period noted by law. Please send the requested records to the address below. In recognition of the importance of openness and transparency in our government, I appreciate your response to this request as required by law.

Sincerely,



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