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I wanted to notify you that on Monday, December 5, Secretary Moniz will announce that the United States will begin consultations with the IAEA to develop a process to monitor and verify the dilution and packaging of 6 MT of previously-declared surplus, weapons-usable plutonium at the Savannah River Site (SRS) in Aiken, S.C., for ultimate disposition elsewhere. This process is part of our commitment to verifiably and transparently eliminate this material.

In March 2016, NNSA published a Federal Register notice announcing its *Record of Decision for Disposition of Surplus Non-Pit Plutonium for the Final Surplus Plutonium Disposition (SPD) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Supplemental EIS)*. In the Record of Decision (ROD), NNSA announced the 6MT of surplus plutonium at SRS would be dispositioned using the dilute and dispose approach. This plutonium is the material that will be monitored by the IAEA and was part of the 6MT of surplus non-pit plutonium addressed in the ROD.

Neither this disposition activity, nor its associated monitoring by the IAEA, includes or involves the 34 MT of surplus plutonium material that is to be addressed by the Plutonium Management Disposition Agreement (PMDA).

Consistent with other IAEA monitoring activities in the United States, the Administration will ensure that the monitoring activity does not impinge on or result in the release of any information of direct national security significance.

If you have any questions regarding this announcement or would like a briefing, please let us know.

Best,
Harris



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