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**From:** Tom Clements <tomclements329@cs.com>  
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**To:** PrivateISF  
**Subject:** "Response to the RFI on Private Initiatives to Develop Consolidated SNF Storage Facilities" re "proposal" by "Spent Fuel Reprocessing Group" for Barnwell spent fuel storage/reprocessing in S. Carolina

re: "Response to the RFI on Private Initiatives to Develop Consolidated SNF Storage Facilities"

To Whom it Concerns,

In the event you receive an expression of interest for a private spent fuel storage facility by the "Spent Fuel Reprocessing Group," I draw your attention to following document sent by Savannah River Site Watch to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

[http://www.srswatch.org/uploads/2/7/5/8/27584045/srs\\_watch\\_letter\\_to\\_nrc\\_on\\_sfr\\_group\\_scheme\\_october\\_12\\_2016.pdf](http://www.srswatch.org/uploads/2/7/5/8/27584045/srs_watch_letter_to_nrc_on_sfr_group_scheme_october_12_2016.pdf)

The letter to the NRC and attachments concern a "proposal" by an entity called the "Spent Fuel Reprocessing Group" (SFR Group) in Aiken, South Carolina to create a facility at the old Barnwell, South Carolina reprocessing plant site, adjacent to the Savannah River Site, for storage of spent fuel from reactors in South Carolina. The rather unclear SFR Group letter to the NRC also mentions interest in reprocessing and fast reactors.

To my knowledge, there is no governmental or public interest in South Carolina in such a facility. Thus, there is not only no "consent" for such a facility there is not even a public discussion about it beyond the news generated by SRS Watch, the South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters of South Carolina. We are simply not a potential host community for consolidation of spent fuel from South Carolina reactors (or any other reactors).

A top nuclear and corporate officer South Carolina Electric & Gas also told me that he had never heard of the "proposal" or the SFR Group.

I would point out that the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (SRS CAB), a federal advisory committee to DOE on Environmental Management issues, renewed in July 2016 its position against commercial spent fuel storage at SRS:

### **SRS CAB Position Statement on Interim or Long Term Storage of Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Waste**

<http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/srs-cab/library/positions/Storage%20of%20Commercial%20Spent%20Nuclear%20Fuel.pdf>

I urge extreme caution on your part if the SFR Group or any other entity expresses interest in any private spent fuel storage (or reprocessing) facility at or near the Savannah River Site.

Sincerely,

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