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IN RESPONSE REFER TO: FOIA/PA-2017-0085A FOIA/PA-2017-0056 FOIA/PA 2017-0056

Julian Tarver, (b) (6)

Dear Mr. Tarver:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated November 21, 2016, in which you appealed the agency's October 27, 2016, decision related to your September 21, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, FOIA/PA-2017-0056. Also, your letter dated November 19, 2016, in which you appealed the agency's October 27, 2016, decision related to your September 21, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, FOIA/PA-2017-0056. Both requests sought the same search as FOIA/PA 2016-0326, all notices of intent to initiate NRC classified work at Department of Energy National Laboratories, but with the date range of 2005 through December 31, 2009. Your appeal disputes the no records response to your requests.

Acting on your appeal, I have considered the matter and have determined the search was adequate. Therefore, I have denied your appeal.

The Office of Administration, Office of Research and the Office of Nuclear Security & Incident Response were tasked to conduct your search. These offices were appropriately determined to be the locations most likely to have the record(s) responsive to your requests. The search conducted was proper and complete to identify any records responsive to your request. Therefore, I conclude that the search performed was adequate.

This is the final agency decision. As set forth in the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(B)), you may seek judicial review of this decision in the district court of the United States in the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business. You may also seek judicial review in the district in which the agency's records are situated or in the District of Columbia.

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