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Subject :- Iran's first nuclear power plant started - a copy of agreement for spent fuel with Iran under FOIA.

Sir,

The test run of Iran's first nuclear power plant started in Tehran on February 25, 2009. It involved the use of non-nuclear material instead of enriched uranium. In fact, it was tested on 'virtual fuel' consisting of lead that imitates the density of enriched uranium. This plant was originally scheduled to go online of the end of 2006, but the date has been pushed back several times.

The 1000-megawatt light water reactor, in the southern Iranian port of Bushehr, has been built with Russian assistance under a $ one billion contract. Russia took over construction at Bushehr in 1994 but completion of the plant was delayed for a number of reasons, particularly Western accusations that Iran's nuclear programme is aimed at making nuclear weapons. This plant is likely to raise concerns among western countries worried over Iranian atomic ambitions. Many countries have been worried over the nuclear plant because they fear Iran will reprocess the spent reactor fuel into plutonium, a potential material for a nuclear bomb.

On the other hand, Iran denies that it seeks to build a nuclear bomb, saying its programme aims only to generate electricity. Iran said that the operation of the reactor would be started by the end of this year. Scientists at the plant are carrying out a computer run of the equipment to ensure there are no malfunctions in the future when enriched uranium fuel is introduced into the reactor.

And now today it is believed that Iran agreed to return spent fuel to Russia which is providing enriched uranium fuel to the plant. In view of this, I would like to seek information from DOE to send me a copy of such agreement of returning spent fuel to Russia under the Freedom of Information of Act at the earliest.

FOIA fee will be sent after receiving the above information.

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Thanks & Regards,

Preferred Form or Format:

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I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

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Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

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