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## SRSLA Awards Executive and Leader of the Year

AIKEN, S.C. – June 28, 2011 – This year the SRS Leadership Association (SRSLA,) (the SRS chapter of the National Management Association (NMA)) was honored to present awards to two outstanding SRS leaders. Fred Dohse, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer was awarded Executive of the Year, and Cynthia Boler-Melton Nuclear Materials Operations Continuous Improvement Manager, was awarded Leader of the Year at the Awards Banquet held at the Hydrogen Research Center.

The Executive of the Year Award recognizes a senior executive who has gained significant recognition for managerial and leadership accomplishments, conducted both personally and through business affairs in accordance with the NMA's Code of Ethics. Fred Dohse has demonstrated his leadership skills in his safe execution of all M&O operations at SRS, as well as in the SRNS integrated safety management, in which he provides oversight, strategic operations and safety leadership.

As a leader, Dohse demonstrates trustworthiness, passion, teamwork, motivation and integrity in every aspect of his work. "Whether he is strategically focused on the Site's future, reviewing technical project material, providing excellent customer service and feedback to DOE, engaged in one-on-one communication with the workforce or handling a potentially



*Cynthia Boler-Melton (left), Nuclear Materials Operations Continuous Improvement Manager, was awarded Leader of the Year. Fred Dohse (right), SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Office, was awarded Executive of the Year*

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negative situation, Dohse maintains the qualities of a strong leader,” Angela Benfield (nominator) said. Dohse’s dedication to open and trustworthy communication facilitated a team which has supported the creation of a SRNS/DOE united front that is focused on SRS’s future. He has also built a strong lasting foundation for growth opportunities and partnerships.

Because of his commitment to the Site, Dohse has continuously improved systems and incorporated new ones. Dohse has addressed unnecessary requirements, has supported Operational Excellence, has implemented LEAN Manufacturing Principles, has given every SRNS employee the means to take personal ownership in the company, and has initiated large-scale multi-facility safety drills.

In addition to his leadership accomplishments at SRS, Dohse is a proud sponsor and contributor to the United Way, Golden Harvest Food Bank, and The American Heart Association. He also is on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, the Chairman of the Savannah River Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a member of the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness Organization and the SRS Leadership Association. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, which he lovingly says “to become a father is special, but to become a grandfather... that’s what life is about!”

The Leader of the Year Award recognizes a leader, who has demonstrated the same outstanding qualities as the Executive of the Year. Cynthia Boler-Melton embodies these qualities in her role as Nuclear Materials Operations (NMO) Continuous Improvement Manager.

Boler-Melton led the NMO to completing approximately 30 Continuous Improvement Initiatives, totaling approximately \$12 million in hard and soft dollar savings. This includes, Leaning the K Area Interim Storage (KIS) Destructive Examination Process, streamlining the H-Canyon High Activity Waste Process and the ORNL Blind Standards Receipt Process. As a leader she openly communicates through a Continuous Improvement Newsletter she designs and issues, which highlights her division and all the initiatives that have been accomplished within NMO.

She was the winner of the 2010 DOE National EStar Award for her work as DCOP Project Owner for the H-12 Humic Acid Detoxification Project at the H-12 Outfall. This team developed and applied for a patent for a new detoxification approach.

Boler-Melton actively supports and works to sponsor Site fundraisers for United Way, the American Heart Association, and Toys for Tots. Most recently, she raised over \$2,000 for the Toys for Tots campaign through preparation of meals.