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Savannah River Remediation Reaches 8 Million Hours without Lost Work Day

AIKEN, S.C. (February 13, 2015) – Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste contractor at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS), recently surpassed 8 million hours of work without a lost work day.

SRR routinely handles radioactive liquid waste, but the work is anything but routine, according to SRR President and Project Manager Stuart MacVean.

“This impressive record is a significant milestone,” MacVean said. “Our employees demonstrate exemplary safety performance on every task.”

During the last 8 million hours, SRR employees:

- Operationally closed two massive waste tanks;
- Poured 329 canisters of glassified waste at the Defense Waste Processing Facility;
- Processed over 1.6 million gallons of salt waste at the Actinide Removal Process/Modular Caustic Side Solvent Extraction Unit;
- Poured 3.6 million gallons of grout into Saltstone Disposal Units; and
- Treated 6.8 million gallons of wastewater at the Effluent Treatment Facility.

Patricia Allen, Director of SRR Environmental, Safety, Health & Quality Assurance, & Contractor Assurance, said SRR works hard to create a safer environment for employees, but the company also relies on worker involvement.

“This workforce follows safety procedures and they have a questioning attitude as they safely work to meet milestone after milestone. Given our mission, 8 million hours without a lost work day could not be accomplished without their commitment to work safely and to watch out for each other,” Allen said. She added that the 8 million hours equates to about 675 days.

SRR employees achieved the milestone January 20, 2015. The company’s last lost work day case occurred on March 25, 2013. This string of safe days represents the largest
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number of days and hours worked without a lost work day since the SRR contract began on July 1, 2009.

SRS is owned by DOE. SRR is composed of a team of companies led by AECOM Corporation with partners Bechtel National, CH2M HILL and Babcock & Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy*Solutions* and URS Professional Solutions.

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