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Two SRNS Managers Honored by National Management Association, SRS Chapter

AIKEN, SC (July 19, 2010) – Two Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) managers have been honored by the Savannah River Site chapter of the National Management Association (NMA).

Charles Nickell, SRNS Director, Nuclear Material Disposition, has been named Executive of the Year by the Association. The award recognizes a senior executive who has gained significant recognition for accomplishments through personal and business actions in accordance with NMA's Code of Ethics.

Rich Izard, SRNS Manager, Site Process Control and Automation Engineering, has been named Manager/Leader of the Year.

Under Nickell's leadership, the SRS H Canyon and HB Line facilities have experienced their best safety and operational performance in recent history. He has helped to reduce facility operating costs for two years in a row through efficiency improvements, and has also provided senior leadership for the SRS Human Performance Improvement process, a major sitewide safety initiative. He has represented SRNS in the 2010 Leadership South Carolina class, and has volunteered locally with organizations such as Christ Central, Area Churches Together Serving, the Heart Walk Campaign and United Way Project Vision.

Izard has been noted for his effectiveness as a leader and communicator, and for pushing new ideas to capture knowledge for use by his entire organization. He has served as Vice President of the SRS Leadership Association, during which he has introduced "webinars," has increased membership, and has worked with the SRS Heritage Foundation to bring the SRS History Series to the Association. He has also been instrumental in bringing Strength Based Workshops to the organization.

Both Nickell and Izard are residents of Aiken.