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SRR Recovery Act Workers Reach Key Safety Milestone

AIKEN, S.C. (July 8, 2010) - Savannah River Remediation Recovery Act workers have reached a key safety milestone by logging in more than a half million safe hours.

Since commencing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) work on September 24, 2009, employees of Savannah River Remediation LLC (SRR) have performed more than 500,000 hours of work at the Savannah River Site (SRS) without suffering a lost workday injury.

Working more than 544,000 hours over the nine months, SRR's Recovery Act construction and operations personnel, numbering on average 520 workers, have been tasked with accelerating closure of radioactive liquid waste tanks, replacing aged equipment and infrastructure, and accelerating the production of high-level waste canisters for storage.

The Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office, Terrel Spears, cited the company's work in accomplishing goals safely.

"This achievement is even more significant when you note this work is complex and performed in a high-hazard, high-consequence environment," Spears said.

SRR's Recovery Act Program Manager Mark Schmitz praised the work of the Recovery Act employees, noting in particular the skill, experience and expertise of the union and craft labor on the project.

"The ARRA workers understand the Site's safety culture, and they have adopted it as their own," Schmitz said. "I am proud they carefully plan and execute work in the safest manner possible."

To reach this goal, SRR Recovery Act operations personnel amassed 349,000 hours while ARRA construction workers added nearly 195,000 hours without a lost workday injury. Separately, SRR recently announced that its construction workers achieved 12 consecutive years and accumulated over 22.7 million hours of work without an injury causing a lost day of work.

SRS is owned by DOE. The SRS Liquid Waste contract is managed by SRR, a team of companies led by URS Corp. with partners Bechtel National, CH2M Hill and Babcock &

Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy Solutions and URS Safety Management Solutions.

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