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SRNS Surpasses 20-Million Safe Work Hours Milestone

SRNS adds to their growing list of Department of Energy safety-related accomplishments

AIKEN, S.C. (Sept. 20, 2013) – Working together, over 5,000 Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) employees have achieved an exceptional industrial safety milestone, having surpassed 20 million hours without a lost day of work due to an injury at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

"At the average industrial plant in the U.S., working one million hours is an admirable achievement," said Dwayne Wilson, SRNS President & CEO. "Surpassing 20 million hours is remarkable and fully demonstrates our employees' commitment to safety."

Wilson added that their safety philosophy includes a desire to share the SRNS safety culture outside the Site boundaries. "We want our fellow workers to take safety home with them, sharing our safety philosophy with their family and neighbors," said Wilson.

The company began its safe work-hour streak on October 19, 2011, and since then has completed some of the most highly



SRNS employees accept and support a culture that places the highest priority on worker safety. Linda Lang and Eric Johnson (above), SRNS Tritium Operations mechanics, work together to ensure a glovebox within a SRS facility is calibrated to designated safety specifications.

hazardous work associated with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Project. This milestone, achieved on Sept. 15, also encompasses the day-to-day work often performed in a nuclear environment.

“I came to SRS as a staff augmentation employee during the ARRA project and was instantly jolted by the safety culture,” said SRNS Technical Support Specialist, Bill Picciano. “Having worked in industrial environments throughout my career, I was no stranger to safety on the job, but I had never experienced anything like the safety culture with the Savannah River Site and SRNS. It made me feel proud to work with a team that not only cared about my safety but also the safety of our community.”

In addition to their most recent safety milestone, SRNS was also awarded their 13th Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star of Excellence from DOE Headquarters on August 25 at the Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association annual conference in Nashville, Tenn. This award is given to DOE contractors who exhibit exemplary performance in meeting safety and health goals, which result in achieving injury rates significantly below the average rates of similar businesses and operations.

SRNS employees are committed to creating safe, innovative, effective solutions for our country's most pressing initiatives. SRNS offers in-depth nuclear knowledge for the nation and works to make the future of our country secure, energy independent and environmentally responsible.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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