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SRR Employees Record 3 Million Safe Work Hours

AIKEN, S.C. (May 11, 2010) -- Employees of Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS), have worked three million hours without a lost day of work due to an injury since commencing liquid waste operations on July 1, 2009.

The milestone was reached on May 3. Working three million hours is equivalent to a 100-person organization working 15 years without a lost day of work.

"DOE expects safety to be the fundamental aspect of all work," said Terrel Spears, Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project, Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office. "I congratulate SRR on their continued focus on keeping workers safe. The statistics underscore the fact that employees return home each day safe and sound."

A lost workday case is defined as any work-related injury or illness that results in days away from work. This milestone continues a long tradition by liquid waste employees operating and maintaining critical cleanup facilities and being recognized nationally as one of the safest projects in the DOE complex.

"Liquid waste employees have worked nearly 14 million safe hours over the last decades at SRS while conducting some of the most hazardous work imaginable," said Jim French, SRR President and Project Manager. "A typical organization in the waste management and remediation business records an average of 30 days of lost work day cases due to injuries in the span of three million hours worked. I am very pleased with our safety performance and the attention given by our employees to execute work in a safe manner."

SRS is owned by DOE. The SRS Liquid Waste contract is managed by SRR, a team of companies led by URS 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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