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Savannah River Remediation Reaches Significant Milestone

SRR Processes Over 1 Million Gallons of Salt Waste Since Start of Contract

AIKEN, S.C. (June 28, 2010) – Savannah River Remediation (SRR) has processed over one million gallons of hazardous waste, mostly from underground storage tanks, a major milestone in the company's work. SRR began its contract July 1, 2009, at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS) Saltstone facility.

Since beginning operations in 1990, the facility has processed over 7.8 million gallons and continues to safely stabilize and dispose of low-activity salt and incidental process waste at record numbers. The facility achieved the milestone late last month.

"Saltstone facility operations are a critical component of DOE closing the circle on treatment of tank wastes," said Terrel Spears, Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project, DOE-Savannah River Operations Office. "The liquid waste program employees are demonstrating real progress in the safe removal and permanent disposition of this low-activity salt waste, which supports DOE's ultimate priority to permanently close our tank farm system and reduce risk."

SRS is the only site within the DOE complex that processes and permanently disposes salt waste removed from waste tanks. Removing salt waste, which constitutes 90 percent of the waste in SRR's two tank farms, is a major step toward closing the Site's waste tanks and keeping the company's commitment to operationally close 22 old-style waste tanks in its eight-year contract.

"Our employees are safely moving salt waste from storage to disposal, reducing risk and opening the door to more salt waste processing," said Jim French, SRR President and Project Manager. "Sending this material through Saltstone is instrumental in performing our mission to operationally close waste tanks."

The Site's interim salt disposition system is designed to remove nearly all radioactivity from salt waste solutions prior to its transfer to the Saltstone facilities. The system is "interim" because it was designed to operate while the Site's Salt Waste Processing Facility is being constructed.

The Saltstone facilities include the Saltstone Production Facility (SPF) and the Saltstone Disposal Facility (SDF). The SPF receives the salt waste from the Site's tank farms and stabilizes it by mixing the salt solution with cement, fly ash and slag. The resulting grout

mixture is mechanically pumped into concrete storage cells in the SDF, where the grout solidifies into a non-hazardous waste for permanent storage.

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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PHOTO CUTLINE: The Saltstone Production Facilities at the Savannah River Site.