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SRS Safety Engineer Honored

AIKEN, S.C. (Nov. 4, 2013) – Sonya Patton of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions has been named the Safety Professional of the Year by the Augusta Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Patton is the safety engineer for the National Nuclear Security Administration's Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) at the Savannah River Site.

The award recognizes her expertise, her contributions to the safety profession, and her leadership in establishing, maintaining, and improving safety programs. Her management credits Patton's hands-on approach to safety leadership as an important contributing factor in SRTE's excellent safety record. Earlier this year, SRTE surpassed 4.4 million hours without an injury result-

ing in time away from work

Dave Potocik, manager of SRTE Radiological and Industrial Safety, calls Patton a "dedicated, uncompromising safety professional, for whom the safety of the worker is the highest priority."

Patton is an active member and past president of ASSE. She has served as a safety professional at SRS since 1990, with 10 years' prior experience in the commercial nuclear industry.

The ASSE, founded in 1911, is the nation's oldest and largest professional safety organization. Its more than 32,000 members manage, supervise and consult on safety, health, and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government, and education. The Augusta Chapter, formed in 1983, has membership from 19 counties in Georgia and South Carolina.

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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