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Proposed Plan for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) Operable Unit Available for Public Comment

The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) will release a Proposed Plan (PP) for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) Operable Unit (OU) on November 18, 2026, describing the preferred remedial approach for the OU at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The PP will be available for public review and copying at the locations listed below. The thirty (30) day public comment period is scheduled for November 18, 2026, to December 18, 2026.

The PP was completed to meet the terms of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, a law governing the investigation and cleanup of waste units. USDOE, United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region 4 (USEPA) and the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) have worked together to ensure the remedial approach is consistent with all applicable environmental requirements. USDOE, USEPA, and SCDES have reviewed the risks associated with this OU and have evaluated the cleanup alternatives presented in the PP.

The Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) was a single-story structure constructed in 1953 on a concrete slab and had an area of 42,014 square feet under the roof. The building was used as an automotive repair shop containing service bays with offices, related storage areas, plus mechanical and electrical rooms. This facility also contained many vehicle lifting systems, battery charging and storage room, and a brake repair area prior to demolition in 2005. Samples were collected from trenches, sumps, and soils beneath the slab and analyzed for potential contaminants. Based on the evaluation of the sample results, no constituents of concern were identified for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) OU. Therefore, the USDOE, USEPA and SCDES agreed that there are no problems warranting a remedial action response.

The proposed remedy for this OU is No Action because there is no current or potential threat to human health or the environment from the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) OU.

Comments on the PP are requested by December 18, 2026. Upon completion of the public comment period, a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments will be prepared. The Responsiveness Summary will be made available with the Record of Decision and will be sent to each person who submits comments.

To aid in the review of the PP, a Proposed Plan Fact Sheet for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) OU was prepared.

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Copies of the PP and the Fact Sheet are available in the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record is available in the information repositories listed below:

US Department of Energy Public Reading Room
Gregg-Graniteville Library
University of South Carolina - Aiken
471 University Parkway
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
(803) 641-3456

Thomas Cooper Library
Government Information and Maps Department
University of South Carolina
1322 Greene Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29208
(803) 777-4841

Hard copies of the PP and Fact Sheet are available at the following locations:

Reese Library, Government Information Department
Augusta University
2500 Walton Way
Augusta, Georgia 30904
(706) 737-1744

Asa H. Gordon Library
Savannah State University
2200 Tompkins Road
Savannah, Georgia 31404
(912) 358-4324

The PP and Fact Sheet are available electronically at the following address: https://public.srs.gov/missions-and-programs/environmental-stewardship/public-involvement-2/

If there is interest in discussing the recommended remedial approach, a public hearing may be requested. Comments on the PP should be sent to Lindsey MonBarren. For additional information or to request a public meeting contact:

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