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BWXT SAVANNAH RIVER CO. CELEBRATES FIFTH “SAFE YEAR” MILESTONE

Aiken, S.C., October 16 — At midnight on Sunday, September 30th, BWXT Savannah River Co. (BWXT-SR) employees completed five years and well over one million work hours without experiencing a workplace injury or illness that resulted in time away from work or restricted work activity. BWXT is one of four partners that make up the Westinghouse Savannah River Company Team, contracted to manage and operate the Savannah River Site.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recognizes the number of Lost Workday Cases as a significant indicator of a company’s safety culture. This major safety accomplishment demonstrates the company’s commitment to a safe work environment and, more importantly, each employee’s personal commitment to working safely at all times.

Since the company initiated work at the Savannah River Site in October 1996, BWXT-SR employees have actively taken ownership of their jobs while recognizing the responsibility for their safety as well as the safety of their co-workers.

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Robbie Cordani, President of BWXT Savannah River Co., says “The uniqueness of this accomplishment is emphasized by the successful completion of many deactivation and dispositioning tasks that involve taking apart and tearing down old buildings and equipment.”

To further improve its safety program, over 225 men and women in BWXT-SR’s Decontamination and Dispositioning Program are currently implementing a behavior-based safety concept that is part of a sitewide program focussing on safety awareness and practices. BWXT-SR workers realize that the behavior of each individual is the key to a safe work environment, and it shows in their exemplary safety performance.

To emphasize the company’s real safety objective, Mr. Cordani states, “While our safety numbers are positive and reflect good work practices, what really matters is that each of us goes home to our families at the end of the day as healthy as when we came in that morning.”