

NEWS from The Savannah River Site



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WSRC TEAM EMPLOYEES REACH 10 MILLION SAFE HOURS

AIKEN, S.C., (March 22) – On Wednesday, March 20, the Westinghouse Savannah River Company added to its long record of safety accomplishment.

Wednesday marked 10 million man-hours worked by WSRC operations employees without an injury resulting in a lost workday. This is the second time in two years that WSRC employees have surpassed that milestone.

“Most companies would be excited to pass one million hours of injury free work,” said Bob Pedde, WSRC President. “Ten million hours is phenomenal, particularly in the kind of complex industrial environment we have at the Savannah River Site.

“This indicates that the safety culture at SRS continues to be strong, and continues to be one of the things that sets the site apart.”

A lost workday case is defined as any work-related injury or illness which results in days away from work.

Fran Williams, WSRC’s Vice President for Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Assurance, stressed to employees the importance of focusing on what it takes to keep moving forward.

“It takes constant attention to get through a safe workday,” said Williams, “and there is nothing easy about that. This is all about concentration and observation, and about continuing to do more to change at risk behavior. We’ve done an excellent job of preventing serious injuries. The next step is to continue to watch what we’re doing to prevent the less serious injuries – the slips and trips and other things that happen when people are careless about everyday tasks.”

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WSRC continues to retain STAR status, the highest award in DOE's Voluntary Protection Program for safety excellence. In addition, planning continues towards the annual SRS Safety Conference, a two-day event highlighting both workplace and family safety. The Safety Conference will be held June 19-20 at USC-Aiken, and will feature sessions that are open to community participants and employee family members.

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