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### **BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYEES SET NEW COMPANY CONSTRUCTION SAFETY RECORD AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE**

Aiken, S.C., (November 26, 2002) – At midnight, November 25, Bechtel Savannah River Construction employees achieved their first-ever safety milestone of ten million safe hours without a lost-time injury resulting in days away from work.

“We have an experienced workforce who takes a ‘zero accidents’ approach to work, one task at the time, one day at the time,” says Rick Bradford, Manager of Construction. “Our workers know how to work safely, and they continue to set the standard for safety excellence in the industry.”

Ten million safe hours is equivalent to 5,000 employees working without a major injury in the construction industry for one year. An average construction firm in the United States usually experiences 160 lost-time accidents in 10 million hours worked.

Earlier this year, Bechtel Construction celebrated a dual safety milestone—nine million safe hours without a lost-time injury resulting in days away from work and four consecutive years without a lost-time injury.

“This is an outstanding safety achievement our construction employees have accomplished,” says Westinghouse Savannah River Company President Bob Pedde. “Setting this new record means these employees continue to challenge unsafe work conditions and at-risk behaviors, which helps prevent other workers from getting hurt,” says Pedde.

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