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FIVE NAMED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

AIKEN, S.C., May 31 – Five SRS employees have received 2001 Community Service Awards from the Westinghouse Savannah River Company Team.

J.J. Buggy, president of Westinghouse Savannah River Company, and representatives of community organizations presented the awards to Bill Dixon, Jr., Nancy Knowles, Jim Luhring, Peggy Pollock and Gwen Watts.

Mr. Dixon is recognized for his service as head coach for a local recreational softball team and assistant coach of the Barnwell High School (BHS) junior varsity softball team. In addition, he provides fundraising support and leadership for the BHS Band Booster Club and serves as president of the Warhorse (athletic) booster club. He is also very active with youth at his church and holds several leadership positions.

Ms. Knowles is recognized for being a National Field Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind. She is also State Vice Chairperson for the South Carolina Independent Living Council, and participates as an Aiken County HELP LINE volunteer. She serves on the South Carolina Commission for the Blind Board of Directors, and is currently President of the Aiken Lions Club, where she is the first female president.

Mr. Luhring is recognized for his service with the Boy Scouts of America. He serves in his church supporting youth fellowship/interfaith hospitality. In addition, he participates with the following organizations: “Reaching For Success” public schools mentoring program, SRS National Engineer’s Week Teach-Ins, SRS Technology Day, CSRA Science Fair Judging, Salvation Army, Evans High School Band Boosters, Habitat For Humanity, Golden Harvest Food Bank and March of Dimes.

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Ms. Pollock is recognized for her service with the Aiken County HELP LINE, a 24-hour free and confidential telephone line. She has volunteered with HELP LINE over 11 years and was awarded the United Way HELP LINE Certificate of appreciation in 1995 and 1999. She is also very active in church activities and has developed, implemented and maintained several programs to aid church members and the community.

Ms. Watts is recognized for her involvement with the Computer Literacy Program (CLP) at local churches. In this volunteer position, she was instrumental in the coordination of the CLP, working with senior citizens to teach them computer skills. She is also actively involved with mentoring and tutoring youth, teaching youth Bible study classes, and has also held various leadership positions with the CSR Girl Scout Council.

Nominees were evaluated based on the worthwhile nature and community impact of the service, and the employee's influence, amount of time devoted and length of service. Since the program began in 1990, 58 SRS employees have been presented Community Service Awards.

The WSRC Team comprises Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Bechtel Savannah River Inc., B&W Savannah River Company, and BNFL Savannah River Corporation.

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