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SAVANNAH RIVER SITE PROVIDES LOANED EXECUTIVE TO SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

AIKEN, S.C., (March 16, 2005) - A Savannah River Site executive will lend his expertise to South Carolina State University's Orangeburg Campus for the next six months.

Howard Walls is being named as a Loaned Executive to SCSU, reinforcing a strong collaborative program that enables the Department of Energy, Washington Group International and SCSU to benefit from the expertise at SRS and the university.

Walls, who has 27 years of managerial experience in business operations, is vice president and director of Strategic Planning and Mission Integration for the Westinghouse Savannah River Company, which operates SRS with a team of companies for the U.S. Department of Energy. Washington Group International is WSRC's parent company. In his current position, Walls directs the development of strategies in support of the Savannah River Site's present missions and the integration of new missions. As a loaned executive to SCSU, he will assist in strategic planning, integration and assurance of sound project plan development of the university's capital improvement spending plan.

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THE WSRC TEAM

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“Providing Howard Walls as a loaned executive will strengthen what has already been an excellent relationship between SRS and South Carolina State University,” said WSRC President Bob Pedde. “In the past, WSRC has partnered with South Carolina State University in environmental restoration research and the university’s Nuclear Engineering Program providing an ideal example of the valuable contribution education and industry can make to each other.”

Walls holds Bachelor of Science degrees in physics and mathematics from Tougaloo College and a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering from Tuskegee Institute. He also received an executive MBA from Stanford University.

Last year, South Carolina State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the WSRC intended to stimulate joint efforts to improve science and technology education and research in the areas of nuclear engineering, machine tooling and fabrication techniques, measurement techniques, mechanical and robotics design, environmental sciences, hydrogen fuel-cell technologies for transportation, and transportation delivery systems for nuclear materials throughout South Carolina.

The Memorandum of Understanding also provides opportunities for personnel exchanges, faculty/scientist loan, joint student research mentoring and the sharing of state-of-the-art research equipment and facilities.