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## **Six SRS Organizations Hit New Heights of Safety**

AIKEN, S.C., February 26, 2009 – It’s usually impressive for one organization to work five million hours without incurring an illness or injury serious enough to result in time away from work. But at the Savannah River Site, six different operational organizations within the 6,000-employee management and operating company have worked at least five million such hours.

“It’s phenomenal,” says Chuck Munns, President and Chief Executive Officer of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS), which holds the M&O contract for the Department of Energy DOE). “SRS has always had a tremendous safety culture, which is important because everyone is entitled to a safe workplace. The bottom line of the documented safety performance here simply means that important work is getting done safely and people are going home to their families the same way they came to work – and that’s what it’s all about. This is real tribute to each and every employee, to the Department of Energy and to the various managing companies that have been in place over the years.”

Leading the way are:

- The Soil and Groundwater Closure Project employees within the Area Completion Projects organization; they and their matrixed employees and subcontractors have worked over 9 million hours without a lost workday case (more than 11 years)
- F Area Operations – 7 million hours (since 2000)
- The L Area Complex, which is on a 17-year streak that extends back to 1992 – over 5 million hours

Also impressive are the K Area Complex (6 million hours, extending back to 1997), the F/H Analytical Laboratories (5 million hours, extending back to 1999), and the Savannah River National Laboratory (5 million hours, dating back to 2006). And, SRS’s construction force continues on its streak that is a national record and is believed to be a world record – 22 million hours and counting.

All these organizations routinely perform complex, demanding work, either in the field or in nuclear facilities. Larger organizations compile hours faster than smaller organizations. The streaks have been compiled under the management of both

Washington Savannah River Company (April 1989 through July 2008) and SRNS (beginning Aug. 1, 2008). With the exception of the Soil and Groundwater Closure Project, the streaks do not include hours worked, or injuries sustained, by subcontractors.

“These are just the operational organizations,” explains Tony Umek, SRNS’ vice president for Environment, Safety, Health and Quality. “We have administrative organizations that have never had a lost-time injury – and that’s harder than it might sound. Many industrial work place injuries involve common slips, trips and falls and it’s very easy to get hurt doing simple, day-to-day activities.”

Collectively, the entire SRNS workforce has worked over 5 million hours without a lost workday case as well.

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