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2014 Environmental Report States SRS Environmentally Safe

AIKEN, S.C., Oct. 1, 2015 – Last year, the Savannah River Site (SRS) continued to safely complete goals related to its missions while maintaining its record of environmental excellence. The site's radioactive and chemical discharges during 2014 were well below federal, state and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regulations and standards, set to protect the public, environment and site workers.

Employees of the Savannah River Site prepare an Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER) in accordance with DOE requirements. This report provides detailed information regarding environmental conditions at SRS for the calendar year in review and is available for use by the public and SRS regulators.

The report summarizes SRS's environmental data; environmental sustainability performance; compliance with applicable DOE, federal and state regulations; and remediation and surveillance monitoring programs.

SRS has monitored environmental conditions since the site was built in the early 1950s and has prepared an ASER for more than five decades.



Geologists Maggie Millings (left), and Mark Amidon, both with the Savannah River National Laboratory Environmental Restoration Technology Section, conduct tests used to monitor groundwater retrieved from wells near F Area at the Savannah River Site.

A condensed version of the ASER, referred to as the Summary Report, is also available. The Summary Report, written with a minimum of technical terminology, is used to provide information the public in support of SRS's educational and community outreach programs. Both the Savannah River Site Environmental Report for 2014 and the summary are available online at:

<http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum/index.html>

Each year, management and operations contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) collects more than 5,000 samples found both on and off site to include air, water, soil, sediment, food products, freshwater fish, seafood, wildlife, plants and trees. Samples are collected from neighboring cities, towns and counties located in Georgia and South Carolina.

“Our commitment to protect our employees and surrounding communities is unwavering,” said Mike Griffith, SRNS Manager, Sample Data Management. “The results from the monitoring conducted demonstrate that we continue to reduce environmental impacts from our operations.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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