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## SRNL Deputy Director Honored by American Ceramic Society

AIKEN, S.C. (October 4, 2016) – The Deputy Director at the Department of Energy’s Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) has been named a Fellow with the American Ceramic Society (ACerS). Sharon Marra received the distinction due to her accomplishments and long standing service to the society as an officer and member.

Marra serves as Deputy Director of SRNL, helping as the lab moves forward in creating innovative solutions for nuclear chemical manufacturing. “With new technologies, SRNL will be able to reduce risk in meeting our mission and moral obligation in providing new options in environmental stewardship. Partnerships through organizations such as the American Ceramics Society are vital in sharing knowledge and challenging researchers to work together for viable solutions. I am honored to be named a Fellow in such a highly respected organization.”

Marra has almost 30 years’ experience in the engineering and research field with 25 of those years in the DOE complex primarily in the high-level waste environmental management area. She has been a member of the American Ceramic Society for over 30 years and has served in all officer positions of the ACerS Nuclear and Environmental Technology Division. She has also chaired or served on several Society committees.

The American Ceramic Society is the leading professional membership organization for ceramic and materials scientists, engineers, researchers, manufacturers, plant personnel, educators, and students. The society has more than 11,000 members from more than 75 countries.



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In order to be accepted as a fellow, nominees must distinguish themselves through outstanding contributions to the ceramic arts or sciences, broad and productive scholarship in ceramic science and technology, conspicuous achievement in the ceramic industry, or by outstanding service to the society. Marra will be recognized at the ACerS Annual Honors and Awards Banquet on October 24 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The event is part of the Society's Annual Meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Materials Science and Technology 2016 Technical Meeting and Exhibition.

The Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) is a multi-program applied research and development laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy. SRNL applies state-of-the-art science and engineering to provide practical, high-value, cost-effective solutions for our nation's environmental cleanup, nuclear security and clean energy challenges. Visit us on the web at <http://srnl.doe.gov>

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