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## SRNS Receives National Safety Council's 2017 Occupational Excellence Achievement Award

AIKEN, S.C. – May 18, 2017 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) was recently recognized with the presentation of the National Safety Council's 2017 Occupational Excellence Achievement Award for their safety performance in both Operations and Construction, for work performed during the 2016 calendar year. Receipt of this award qualifies SRNS to compete for the National Safety Council's Industry Leadership Awards, which will be presented in September.

This award recognizes companies, business units and/or corporate facilities that have reported injuries and illnesses that involved days away from work equal to or less than 50 percent of the Bureau of Labor Statistics rating for their type of industry in North America. A second requirement is that the organization cannot have experienced an employee fatality during the calendar year in which they have been nominated for the award.

SRNS has received this award for occupational excellence nine consecutive years, dating back to 2008.

"Savannah River Nuclear Solutions annually receives a number of prestigious safety awards, which collectively, validate the effectiveness of our safety program," said Kliss McNeel, SRNS Senior Vice President, Environmental Stewardship, Safety and Health. "These awards, especially this award from the National Safety Council, provides insight



*Savannah River Nuclear Solutions engineer Jeff Thibault (standing) and SRNS operator Harrel McCray work together to ensure environmental cleanup equipment at SRS is operating at maximum efficiency.*

on the value we as a company, place on the health and wellbeing of our family of employees. It's an honor to yet again receive the Safety Council's Occupational Excellence Achievement Award."

For more than 100 years, the National Safety Council (NSC) has been a leader in workplace safety, and according to the NSC, employers who show they care about the safety of their employees see improved morale, increased productivity, lower costs and, most importantly, fewer injuries.

During 2016, SRNS was also recognized at the 32nd annual National Voluntary Protection Program Participants' Association (VPPPA) Conference, receiving their 15th Star of Excellence Award for excellence in Health and Safety.

This program recognizes companies who maintain a total recordable injury case rate that is 75 percent lower than industry average. Recipient companies must also demonstrate excellence in the five tenants of the VPPPA program: Worksite Analysis, Hazard Prevention and Control, Safety and Health Training, Management Leadership and Employee Involvement.

*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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