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## **Environmental Assessment (EA) being prepared for Tank Closure Demonstration Center**

DOE has determined that an environmental assessment will be prepared to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the proposed Tank Closure Demonstration Center (TCDC) at the Savannah River Site (SRS). DOE proposes to design, construct, and operate a new tank closure demonstration facility at SRS for the purpose of demonstrating new technologies to perform specific Tank Farm operations including bulk waste removal, heel removal, annulus cleaning, and tank closure. The TCDC would consist of an open-top tank to simulate an actual SRS waste tank (approximately 85 feet in diameter by 12 feet deep, steel sided with a concrete bottom, partial annulus, built above grade, and capability to install equipment such as cooling coils and tank support columns in order to simulate actual waste tank conditions). A primary steel bridge superstructure would span the open tank to provide support for waste removal equipment. Stairways would be provided for access to the superstructure platforms. Access to the tank bottom for tank inspection, simulant removal, equipment instrumentation, or maintenance purposes would be provided.

Notifications of DOE's intent to prepare DOE/EA-1580 were sent to the States of Georgia and South Carolina on November 13, 2006. If you would like a copy of the predecisional EA when it becomes available, please contact:

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