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## **DOE AND SRS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD PARTNER TO HOLD PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FORUM ON PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS**

On Wednesday, July 30, 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host a public educational forum on the development and use of Performance Assessments (PAs) for making waste management decisions at DOE Complex sites. This local educational forum was requested and is sponsored by the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizen's Advisory Board Waste Management Committee to facilitate effective public involvement in decisions being made at SRS. PAs are tools that inform decision makers on the relative protection of proposed DOE actions such as disposal of radioactive waste, closure of radioactive liquid waste tanks, and reactor decommissioning.

The topics to be addressed on July 30 include:

- Regulatory Perspective
- Applications and guidance from around the world
- Terminology and fundamental concepts
- History of PAs at SRS
- Basic steps in the PA process
- Introduction to technical approaches used for PAs such as modeling of covers, waste forms, barriers, and ground-water flow and transport.

Working exercises will be a part of the educational forum to illustrate how a PA is used to help make decisions. Attendance and participation by representatives from SRS, DOE-Headquarters, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and Environmental Protection Agency are planned.

**Where:** Aiken Technical College Amphitheatre; Aiken, SC

**When:** Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm

**Cost:** No cost to attendees. Attendees responsible for lunch during a noon break.

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