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## **FACT SHEET AVAILABLE FOR THE R AREA OPERABLE UNIT AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE**

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announces the availability of a Fact Sheet for the R Area Operable Unit. The Record of Decision was issued to the public on April 20, 2011. The selected final remedy is a combination of Monitored Natural Attenuation for groundwater and Land Use Controls. This final remedy will achieve the remedial goals for the residual hazardous substances that remain at the RAOU that could pose an unacceptable risk to future industrial workers.

Land Use Controls will be implemented in the short-term through the Savannah River Site (SRS) Site Use Program, which provides access controls for on-site workers, and through site access control against trespassing. Warning signs will be placed at strategic locations at RAOU to identify the operable unit. In the long-term, if the property is ever transferred to nonfederal ownership, the deed shall include restrictions precluding residential use of the property. In addition, groundwater and surface water will be monitored to verify that the groundwater plumes are not expanding beyond the Land Use Control boundaries and the surface water is not impacted. Four new monitoring wells will be installed and included in the groundwater monitoring network. Monitoring will continue until contaminants are below safe drinking water levels.

Copies of the R-Area Operable Unit Fact Sheet are available in the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina (USC) Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at USC in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the R-Area Operable Unit Fact Sheet are available at the following locations:

- Reese Library Government Information Section at Augusta State University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

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