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Mechanical Engineer Wins Savannah River Site's Highest Award

AIKEN, S.C. - The Savannah River Site today presented its highest honor in engineering and technical leadership to Paul S. Hebert, a mechanical engineer with the Savannah River Technology Center. The Donald A. Orth Award of Merit, named for a distinguished, internationally known nuclear chemist who retired from SRS in 1992, recognizes Hebert's work in the field of Specialty Equipment Development and Facility Automation. He was honored for both his creative technical contributions and his generosity in mentoring other engineers.

In his years at SRS, Hebert has helped shape the site through numerous contributions critical to the success of several important SRS missions and projects. He is also well regarded for his status as a leader and mentor. In presenting the award, Westinghouse Savannah River Company President Joe Buggy noted that Hebert "has served as a mentor and role model to virtually every engineer in Engineered Equipment Systems and many across the site."

In nominating him for this award, Hebert's co-workers took note of his reputation for creativity, pointing out that "He is widely recognized across the site and the DOE complex as a mechanical engineer with exceptional creative talents." Hebert was the "driving force behind the development, testing and successful deployment of the Defense Waste Processing Facility Melter Pour Spout," which extended the life of the DWPF melter and was largely responsible for the facility's achieving its production targets.

The Orth Award was created in 1992 to recognize SRS employees who best exemplify Don Orth's qualities of leadership, creativity and technical expertise. It is awarded annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to DOE's national defense mission in nuclear materials reprocessing, transuranic chemistry, high-level nuclear waste processing and associated environmental activities. The recipient is selected by a special committee of the SRS Engineering Council. The award was presented during Technology Day, part of the site's National Engineers Week observance.

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