On Behalf of the Savannah River Site and the Department of Energy

WELCOME

To the Savannah River Site Deer Control Activities
SRS monitors cesium levels in the environment and in all hogs/deer/coyotes released:

- Cesium is a radioactive element that exists in the earth’s environment from historical atmospheric nuclear testing.
- Some past SRS operations have resulted in small cesium releases to the environment.

SRS monitors all animals for Cesium-137 content. Dose to hunters is tracked and animals will not be released that could cause you to exceed the conservative SRS limit. Cesium is a radioactive substance.

- In the history of SRS hunts, only one deer has ever failed to meet conservative release limits.
Unload firearms when not in use.

- Leave the actions open.
- Firearms must be carried empty to and from shooting areas.
- Load firearm only at start time.

Never point a firearm at anything you don’t want to shoot.

Safety on until ready to shoot.
Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm.

Identify your target and what is beyond it.

- Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.
- Deer, hogs, coyotes – no turkeys!

Treat firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.

Use proper size ammunition for the firearm in use.

- 12 ga. w/buckshot ONLY, no slugs
- No 3½ shells allowed
Hand-Held Electronic Device use is prohibited while driving on all SRS roads.

Have your passenger operate all Hand Held Electronic Devices.
Hunters

- Hunters are required to wear international BLAZE ORANGE vest/coat and hat/cap (bright orange, not faded, visible dog pack number).
- Once placed at your stand, you are to remain there for the entire drive.
  - Standers must remain within 20 yards of stand.
  - Dog driver must remain within a ½ mile of stand.
  - Any hunter observed outside of their stand distance will be immediately removed from the hunt.
• Hunt stands are 900 feet apart.
• Don’t stand on roads/trails where vehicles travel.
• Smokers properly extinguish butts.
• Do not litter.
• Take pictures of harvested animals only. Pictures of facilities, structures or security badges are not allowed.
• Know the location of hunters in your area.
  • Refer to the map prior to departing.
  • Hunters are required to yell to alert other hunters of their location.
• Non-communication between hunters will result in permanent removal from deer hunts.
• Obey posted speed limits (25 mph on dirt roads).
• Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
• Watch for open wells, mark on hunt map and notify hunt manager of any findings.
• Safety Auditors are placed throughout the hunt unit to observe hunt activity.
• Any observed unsafe act will result in immediate and permanent removal from the Savannah River Site deer hunts.
• Harvested animals will be confiscated if a rule violation occurs.
• Harvested animals must be brought to the check station before searching for dogs.
• Hunters are asked to assist others with dog retrieval.
• After exiting the barricade you cannot re-enter.
• Departure gate will not open until 3:00 p.m. You must return to the Deer Hunt Building by 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!
• If you have a complaint or concern, forms are available at the exit gate.
• Harvested animals will be brought to the Deer Hunt Building.
• Hunt staff will notify owner upon retrieval of dogs.
Standards

- Color of badge to van route color.
- Notify van driver if you need to look for an animal. Hunt staff will assist in recovery after the hunt.
- At the end of the hunt, give badge to van driver when you exit the van.
- Upon returning to the Deer Hunt Building, all guns must be returned to your vehicle immediately.
- Harvested animals will be brought to the Deer Hunt Building.
• In the event of an emergency, you will be notified by deer hunt staff.
• If you hear a horn blowing, unload shotgun and report to check station immediately.
• SRS Emergency Staff is on call at (803) 725-1911 for hunt emergencies (personal emergency, injury, fire, non-hunters in area, etc.) number is located on back of badge.
When hunt begins use Channel 2.
Summary

- Firearm and hunter safety is paramount.
- Be seen...be heard.
- Comply with start and end time.
- Standers comply to the 20 yard rule.
- Dog Drivers comply to the ½ mile radius.
- Buckshot only.
- Deer, hogs, coyotes only.
- Respond to emergencies as directed.
- Assist at the check station with off loading of animals and with retrieval of dogs.
- EVERY HUNTER is expected to act as a Safety Auditor and report safety violations.
- Questions?
Overview

- Hunter Responsibilities
- All hunters are expected to act as safety auditors and report unsafe acts.
  - Communication
  - 20 yd rule
- Hunt Times – no shooting before or after!
  - Start time
  - Check for animals
  - End time
- Questions