

ON BEHALF OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Deer Hunts (Dog Owner)



INFORMATION ON CESIUM- 137

- SRS monitors cesium levels in the environment and in all hogs/deer/coyotes released
 - Cesium exists in the earth's environment from historical atmospheric nuclear testing
 - Some past SRS operations have resulted in small Cesium releases
- SRS monitors all animals for Cesium-137 content. They track dose to hunters and animals will not be released should they 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.

SHOOTING SAFETY 101

- Unload firearms when not in use
 - Leave the actions open
 - Firearms must be carried empty to and from shooting areas
 - Load firearms 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/tree or jump a ditch/log with a loaded firearm

SHOOTING SAFETY 101 CONT

- Identify your target and what is beyond it
 - Know the identifying features of the game you hunt
 - Deer, hogs, coyotes- NO TURKEYS
- Treat unloaded firearms with the same respect as a loaded firearm
- Use proper size ammunition for the firearm in use
 - 12/w buckshot ONLY, no slugs
 - No 3¹/₂ shells allowed





Hand-Held Electronic Device use is prohibited while driving on all SRS roads.

Have your passenger operate all Hand-Held Electronic Devices.

HUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Required to wear international **BLAZE ORANGE** vest/hat/coat-**NOT FADED**- with a visible dog pack number
- Once placed in the stand, you are to remain there for the entire hunt
- **ALL** hunters will remain within 50 yards of their assigned stand
- Any hunter observed outside of their stand distance will be immediately removed

HUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

- Hunt stands are 900 feet apart
- Smokers are to properly extinguish cigarette butts; No littering
- Take pictures of harvested animals only. Pictures of facilities, structures, or security badges are **NOT allowed**
- Know the location of hunters in your area
- **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN WITHIN 50 YARDS OF YOUR ASSIGNED STAND**



HUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

- Obey posted speed limits- 25 MPH on dirt roads
- Seatbelts are required in **ALL** moving vehicles
- Watch for open wells- Notify hunt manager should you encounter one
- Safety auditors will conduct spot checks to ensure safety rules are being followed
- **ANY** observed unsafe act will result in immediate and permanent removal from the SRS Deer Hunts
 - Harvested animals will be confiscated if a rule violation occurs

HUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

- 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 3:00pm- Must return to the Deer Hunt Building by 4:00pm- **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Harvested animals will be brought to the Deer Hunt Building- Hunt staff will notify owner upon retrieval of dogs

If you have a complaint or concern, forms are available at the exit gate.

STANDERS

- Color of badge should correspond with 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 while exiting the van
- Upon returning to the Deer Hunt Building, all guns must be immediately returned to your vehicle
- Harvested animals will be brought to the Deer Hunt Building



EMERGENCIES

- The Deer Hunt Staff will notify you in the event of an emergency
- If you hear a horn blowing, unload your shotgun and immediately report to check station
- SRS Emergency Staff:
 - On call at **(803) 725-1911** (Also located on back of badge)
 - This is for hunt emergencies (personal emergency, injury, fire, non-hunters in area, etc)



CB CHANNELS



- 2- RED
- 3- GREEN
- 4- ORANGE
- 5- YELLOW
- 6- BLUE



When hunt begins, use Channel 2

SUMMARY

- Firearm and hunter safety is paramount
- Comply with start and end time
- Standers comply to the 50 yard rule
- 12 gauge buckshot only- No 3¹/₂" shells
- Deer, hogs, and coyotes only
- Respond to emergencies as directed
- Assist at the check station with off loading of animals and with retrieval of dogs

OVERVIEW

- Hunter Responsibilities
 - Communication
 - **50 yard rule**
- Hunt Times- **no shooting before or after**
 - Start time
 - Check for animals
 - End time
- Questions?

