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

Deer Hunts (Dog Hunts)





### 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- **NOTURKEYS**
- 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 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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 <a href="BLAZE ORANGE">BLAZE ORANGE</a> 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 3<sup>1</sup>/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?



#### Click here to go to the 2022 Standers Dog Hunt Application

or go to http://sgiz.mobi/s3/dog-hunt

Submitting the above application acknowledges that you have carefully read and understand the rules and requirements governing the Standers Dog Hunt and agree to comply with those rules and requirements.