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

SRS Deer Hunts- Employee Hunt



(Dog Drive)



#### 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 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 gauge 2¾", or 3" slugs
  - •20 gauge sabot slugs allowed
  - •NO 20 gauge buckshot OR 20 gauge "Foster type" slugs
  - No 3½ shells allowed nor **BUCKSHOT**

- 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



Harvested animals will be brought back to the Deer Hunt Building.
Deer hunt staff can assist if needed.

•\*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.)



### Summary

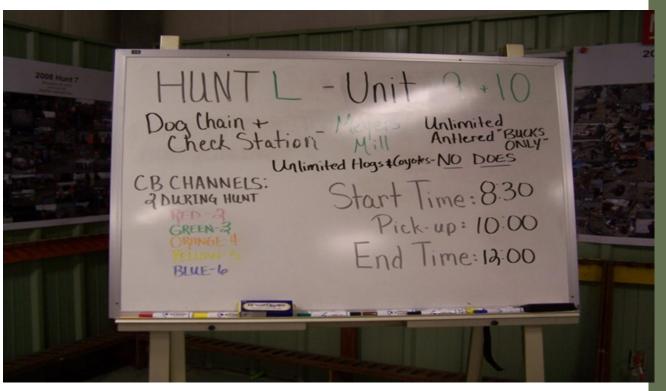
- Firearm and hunter safety is paramount
- Be seen...be heard
- Comply with start and end time
- Standers comply to the 50 yard rule
- 12 gauge 2¾" or 3" slugs/ 20 gauge sabot slugs

#### NO BUCKSHOT

- Deer, hogs, coyotes only
- · Respond to emergencies as directed
- EVERY HUNTER is expected to act as a Safety Auditor and report safety violations

### Overview

- Hunter Responsibilities
  - All hunters are expected to act as safety auditors and report unsafe acts
  - Hunt times- no shooting before or after!
    - Start time
    - Check for animals
    - End time
    - ALL HUNTERS WILL CHECK OUT AT THE DEER HUNT BUILDING...
- Questions?





#### <u>Click here</u> to go to the 2023 SRS Deer Hunts- Employee Hunt

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or go to:

http://s.alchemer.com/s3/2023-SRS-Badged-Employee-Hunt-Dog-Drive-Stander

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.