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## **SRR Construction Force Surpasses Safety Milestone**

AIKEN, S.C. (September 28, 2011) – The Construction workforce at the Savannah River Site (SRS), currently working for Savannah River Remediation LLC (SRR) and previously for Washington Savannah River Company, continues to enhance its world-class safety record for safe performance by recently surpassing 24 million hours without an injury requiring days away from work.

That string of safe days represents more than 13 years of work without a days-away case. The average construction organization would have about 200 days-away cases in a span of 24 million hours. The milestone was reached September 7, 2011.

Another way to look at it: a 100-person company would have to work 120 years without an injury requiring days away from work to achieve 24 million hours without a days-away injury.

“All work at SRS begins and ends with safety,” said Terrel Spears, Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project, Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office. “SRR’s construction employees are continuing an impressive record of work and operations without a days-away injury. I am pleased to see them continue to keep the focus on what’s most important in their daily job performance.”

Kim Cassara, SRR Manager of Project Management, Design and Construction, praised Construction workers and their supervisors for their dedication to a safe workplace.

“This phenomenal accomplishment is directly attributed to the commitment of all our construction team members who continuously work hard to improve our safety culture,” Cassara said. “It is important to understand that injuries don’t just impact the person who is injured. Injuries affect loved ones, family and others. The men and women of our construction workforce are among the best, and this achievement would not have been possible without their constant focus and dedication. I am extremely proud of them and the tremendous job they have done, and continue to do.”

She added that the Augusta Building Trades are truly dedicated supporters of our safety, quality and performance goals at SRR.

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"The Trades provide us with skilled craftsman who understand that executing work in a safe and quality manner is an integral part of each task every day," Cassara said.

SRR President and Project Manager Dave Olson said the Construction employees' achievement is one of several positive signs about the continuing strength of the SRR safety culture.

"While construction continues to set an incredible pace, the entire workforce is accepting the challenge of stepping up our safety performance," Olson said. SRR operations employees are about to log in six million hours without a days-away injury.

SRS is owned by DOE. The SRS Liquid Waste contract is managed by SRR and is composed of personnel from a team of companies led by URS with partners Bechtel National, CH2M Hill and Babcock & Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy Solutions and URS Safety Management Solutions.

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