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## **SRR Recovery Act Workers Achieve 1 Million Safe Work Hours**

AIKEN, S.C. (January 19, 2011) – Recovery Act employees at Savannah River Remediation (SRR) LLC, the liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS), have amassed more than one million hours of work without a lost day of work due to injury since beginning work on September 23, 2009.

The milestone was reached this week.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) workforce at SRR currently numbers nearly 330. It peaked at more than 600 during the summer.

“This is a particularly noteworthy accomplishment,” said Zack Smith, Director of Recovery Act Programs at the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Savannah River Site, “since many of the Recovery Act workers were new to this kind of work and previously unfamiliar with the rigorous safety standards we adhere to at SRS.”

SRR’s Program Manager for the Recovery Act Project, Mark Schmitz, attributed much of the safety success to assigning new Recovery Act personnel to work with experienced SRR workers familiar with stringent safety requirements and work conditions. Schmitz added that “our safety success also results from providing each and every Recovery Act worker with comprehensive safety training before they began their work assignments.”

A lost workday case is defined as any work-related injury or illness that results in days away from work. This milestone continues a long tradition by liquid waste employees operating and maintaining critical cleanup facilities and being recognized nationally as one of the safest projects in the DOE complex.

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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