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NNSA Honors 41 Savannah River Site Employees with Defense Programs Awards of Excellence

AIKEN, S.C. (September 20, 2013) – Forty-one Savannah River Nuclear Solutions employees were honored for excellence in support of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Defense Programs. Doug Dearolph, manager of the NNSA Savannah River Field Office presented NNSA Defense Programs Awards of Excellence to one individual and two teams for their "significant achievement in quality, productivity, cost savings, safety, or creativity in support of NNSA's nuclear weapons program."

Honorees included Rick Poland of Savannah River National Laboratory, the Tritium Control Room Operator Training Team, and the B83 Alt 353 Implementation Team.

Poland was honored for his multi-year work as Director of the Federal Working Group on Industrial Digital Radiography to develop unified standards for digital radiography, allowing this modern replacement for film X-rays to become a truly useful tool across Defense Programs work.



SRNS Team members are: Jennifer L. Rice, Benjamin T. Snider, Caleb F. Gustafson, Charles F. Miller, J. Colin Ferguson, John C. Rivers, Michael S. Hourihan, Milton L. Rogers Jr, Patrick L. Dorr, Phillip J. French, Tracey L. Franklin, Carol S. Kestin, Brenda B. Bordon, Josie G. Fraley, Pamela L. Morgan, Pamela R. Waller, Sandra B. Stallings, Timothy D. Allen, E. Lynn Bouknight, Gerald D. Levi Jr, Charles R. Bell, Jr., Michael L. Autry, Adam B. Reese, Wendall J. Platt, Joya W. Trottie, William D. Syms, Zanthia B. Green, Wanda E. Tyler, William C. Whittle, Kevin L. Sessions, Mickey W. Craig, Maurice K. Thomas, Robert M. Blanton, Gregory E. Mcgee, Rhonda W. Arnold, John O. Radeck, Chad E. Sweeney, and Paul S. Korinko

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The Tritium Control Room Operator (TCRO) Training Team, consisting of Thomas F. Davis and Shawn P. Adair, both of Savannah River Tritium Enterprise, was honored for developing the training process that qualifies employees as Control Room Operators in multiple facilities. Traditionally, a Control Room Operator was qualified in one facility, then worked there for a period of time before going back into training to achieve the other facility qualification. Simultaneous qualification as a TCRO in both facilities increases proficiency and flexibility. When the first group of multi-facility TCRO trainees took their oral qualification exams, the final step in full TCRO qualification, the qualification board members were impressed at their knowledge and ability to understand not just individual systems, but how all of the various systems interface.

The B83 Alt 353 Implementation Team was led by SRTE's Jennifer Rice, and included 38 SRNS employees from Tritium and SRNL, along with four employees from Sandia National Laboratories. The team completed significant accomplishments in support of the alteration that will replace the reservoirs and Gas Transfer System hardware in the B83 weapon. The work, which included pinch weld development, function testing to validate new design configuration, and trainer hardware production, was symbolized by excellent partnering and communication among various departments within SRTE, multiple SRNL organizations, and Sandia National Laboratories.

At an awards luncheon recognizing all the honorees, SRNS President and CEO Dwayne Wilson personally thanked recipients for their commitment to customer satisfaction, constantly raising the bar on their performance in support of vital national missions.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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