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Preparing for the Future: EM to NNSA SRS Landlord Transition Summit

AIKEN, S.C., (November 28, 2023) – The future of the Savannah River Site (SRS) was the topic of conversation at the recent Environmental Management (EM) to National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) SRS Landlord Transition Summit, held Oct. 31-Nov. 1 in the on-site Collaboration Center. Personnel from the Department of Energy (DOE) and NNSA gathered to discuss plans for the upcoming SRS Landlord Transition, which will occur on Oct. 1, 2024, when primary authority, accountability and Site stewardship responsibility for SRS is transferred from DOE-Savannah River Operations Office (SROO) to the NNSA-Savannah River Field Office (SRFO).

Deemed necessary due to the steadily increasing NNSA mission requirements at SRS and the concurrent progression of the EM clean-up mission toward a defined end-state, the transition will include transfer of four major areas of responsibility from DOE-SROO to NNSA-SRFO: the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Management and Operating (M&O) Contract, including Landlord Services (LLS) and Essential Site Services (ESS); Pro-Force Contract; K Area Complex; and Environmental Permits/Agreements.

“We thought it was important to have everyone here so we could meet as many people as possible in person,” said Mike Budney, DOE-Savannah River (SR) Manager. “A lot of people have worked very hard on the original Transition Plan and to put this Summit together. They’ve

done a tremendous job in getting us to this point, and now we've got to carry things through for the next 11 months."

The Transition Summit was designed to provide detailed briefings to the NNSA organizations who will be assuming SRS Landlord function, responsibilities and interfaces, on both an internal and external level, and to continue optimizing communications flow between DOE and NNSA personnel to accomplish a seamless SRS transition.

"We wanted to ensure that we had as an outcome of this Summit some sense of where we are today and what we will end up looking like," said Sherri Robinson, DOE-SR Transition Steering Committee Lead. "We have the 'as is' and the 'to be.' In order to get to the 'to be,' we had to start talking collaboratively as a unified group between EM and NNSA. This was the platform we chose to go with."



Sherri Robinson, DOE-SR Transition Steering Committee Lead, gives remarks at the EM to NNSA SRS Landlord Transition Summit.

At the conclusion of the two-day Summit, Robinson said she was pleased with the results. "I'm very happy with the way everything has turned out. This was a success," she said. "As some of our SRNS and EM folks have said, they're ready to launch and feel confident to launch on October 1, 2024. I appreciate everyone's support."

Jeff Allison, NNSA-SRFO Deputy Manager, agreed. "This Summit was excellent. I think this has been a great forum," he said. "There's a lot of good work that's happened so far. There is still a lot of work to be done, but I think we understand what that looks like. Let's keep communicating and collaborating, and on October 1 [2024], we'll be ready to go."

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DOE and NNSA personnel gather to discuss plans for the upcoming SRS Landlord Transition at the EM to NNSA SRS Landlord Transition Summit.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor Corporation-led company with Newport News Nuclear, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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