

# News from the Savannah River Site

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## SRS Recognized for “Green” Building

AIKEN, S.C. (Feb. 13, 2017) – The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has formally recognized the Savannah River Site’s Tritium Engineering Building as a “green” building, awarding it High Performance Sustainable Building (HPSB) status. The HPSB designation means that the building meets 28 distinct performance requirements related to energy, waste and water reduction, and tenant health and comfort.

James McConnell, NNSA’s Associate Administrator for Safety, Infrastructure & Operations, credited the partnership between NNSA’s Savannah River Field Office (SRFO) and the Savannah River Site’s management and operating contractor, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). “The Savannah River Field Office and SRNS continue to demonstrate excellence in facilities management by having another building earn the designation of an HPSB,” McConnell said in a letter congratulating NNSA-SRFO Manager Doug Dearolph and SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean. “These types of modern, functional buildings are great places to work, and achieve lower operating costs and reduced environmental impacts.”

One other building in the Savannah River Site’s Tritium area, the NNSA Tritium Administration Office, achieved HPSB status in 2014.

“This building’s features bring together three of our priorities,” said MacVean, “Our commitment to the environment, our constant drive to operate the site in a cost-effective manner, and our dedication to making the Savannah River Site a compelling place to work. With its natural sunlight and improved indoor environment, this building provides an appealing space for engineers in the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise to carry out their important work in support of our nation’s defense.”

Among the features that helped to earn the HPSB designation are large, store-front style windows that allow in natural daylight, Energy Star roofing products, and carpet and furniture that are environmentally preferable.



*NNSA-Savannah River Field Office Manager Doug Dearolph (from left), SRNS Sr. Vice President – NNSA Operations & Programs Wallis Spangler, SRNS Program Manager Kevin Scaggs, NNSA-SRFO Ryan Cox, SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean, and NNSA-SRFO Assistant Manager for Facilities and Security Roxanne Jump with the plaque recognizing the Tritium Engineering Building. Even the plaque itself represents sustainability, being made of bamboo and aluminum.*

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Approximately 35 percent of the Savannah River Site's work is on behalf of NNSA. The largest segment of the SRS NNSA mission is the work related to tritium, the radioactive form of hydrogen used in national defense.

Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science.

*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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