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## Savannah River Site Offers Public a Look Behind the Barricades

AIKEN, S.C. (Jan. 2, 2019) – Registration is now open for the 2019 Savannah River Site (SRS) public tour program. More than 750 seats are available on 22 tours to be held throughout the year. The program is managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) for the U.S. Department of Energy – Savannah River Operations Office.

The site tours provide the public with an opportunity to see many of the historic and operational facilities at SRS that were responsible for the production of plutonium and tritium during the Cold War with the Soviet Union. Tour participants also learn about the site's current activities and future missions. Public tours also include a visit to the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory where participants learn about the lab and see some of the animals indigenous to SRS.

“We want to ensure that local citizens, newcomers and visitors to the area are fully informed about the missions and current activities at SRS,” said Bob Bonnett, SRNS Tour Program Coordinator. “We work hard to meet this goal in a variety of ways but participating in a public tour provides the perfect opportunity to see the incredible work being accomplished here behind the fences.”

Tour participants arrive and depart from the SRS Badge Office on SRS Road 1, near New Ellenton. To register and get directions, visit [www.srs.gov/general/tour/public.htm](http://www.srs.gov/general/tour/public.htm). If you have



*The Savannah River Site (SRS) tour bus will be used for the 2019 public tour program.*

trouble registering online, call (803) 952-8994. Large groups can also be accommodated by calling the same number. The tours are free to the public.

Four historic tours (hosted in partnership with the SRS Cold War Historic Preservation Group) will be offered again this year featuring the former town of Dunbarton, C Reactor and the SRS Curation Facility.

Each tour accommodates up to 34 people, and is filled on a first come, first served basis. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and U.S. citizens.

*Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is 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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