SRS Contractors Honored with State Safety Award

AIKEN, S.C. – (July 16, 2019) – Savannah River Site (SRS) contractors Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and Savannah River Remediation (SRR) recently received the Palmetto Shining Star Award from the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations at a ceremony. This is the fourth consecutive year the two contractors have won this award, demonstrating the strong safety culture at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

The award reflects safety achievements and successful health and safety programs from 2018. Employers must meet certain criteria in order to be nominated, such as having zero recordable injuries throughout the year or reaching one million safe work hours without a lost-day due to injury.

SRNS, the SRS Management and Operations contractor at SRS, had an incidence rate that was 75 percent below the national average. The SRNS operations workforce exceeded 17 million safe work hours in 2018, and the construction workforce exceeded two million safe work hours. Recently, SRNS marked a new company safety record when the team surpassed 25 million safe work hours.

SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean says the company continuously builds upon a long-standing legacy of safety at SRS.

“Safety is woven into the fabric of the Site and is a core value for all employees. This award is further validation that our employees and the Site culture continue to make SRS a safe, secure and reliable asset, both locally and nationally,” MacVean said.

The operations workforce for SRR, the SRS Liquid Waste contractor, SRS contractors are presented with the Palmetto Shining Star Award on June 21.
reached the milestone of 11 million safe hours without a workday lost to an injury. The SRR construction workforce surpassed a company record—achieving 30 million safe work hours, which equates to 20 years and counting, without injury. Additionally, SRR has an incidence rate 84 percent lower than the national average.

SRR Environmental, Safety, and Health Director Patricia Allen said she is proud of the SRR team’s strong and consistent commitment to safety.

“Earning the Palmetto Shining Star Safety Award demonstrates that Savannah River Remediation has fostered a culture of safety, awareness, and disciplined operations, all of which serve as an essential foundation for the successful execution of our mission: the disposition of waste and closure of radioactive waste tanks,” Allen said.

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations awarded the Palmetto Shining Star to a total of 24 South Carolina-based companies.