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2019 SRS Annual Environmental Report Released

AIKEN, S.C. (Sept. 29, 2020) – Each year, the Savannah River Site (SRS) prepares an annual Site Environmental Report (ASER) in accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requirements. The site releases this report annually on this date, the last day of the DOE fiscal year, to give the public and SRS regulators detailed information regarding environmental conditions at SRS for the previous calendar year.

In 2019, SRS continued to safely operate, completing its missions while maintaining a record of environmental excellence. As in previous years, the site met federal and state standards, designed to protect the public, environment and site workers.

The report also summarizes SRS's environmental data; environmental sustainability performance; compliance with applicable DOE, federal and state regulations; and remediation and surveillance monitoring programs.

SRS has monitored environmental conditions since the site was built in the early 1950s and has published an ASER since 1959.

Each year, management and operations contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions collects more than 10,000 monitoring samples found both on and off site including air, water, soil, sediment, food products, freshwater fish, seafood, wildlife, plants and trees. Samples are collected from neighboring cities, towns and counties located in Georgia and South Carolina.



Environmental Monitoring Sample Technicians collect soil samples at an onsite sampling location at the Savannah River Site for radionuclide analysis.

“Our goal is to ensure that risks from SRS operations are low, and that our community is engaged in our mission execution and environmental performance. We are proud to have environmental reports and records dating back to 1959 showing how important we view engagement with our communities,” said Michael D. Budney, Manager of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site. “Each year we strive to provide meaningful data to improve our communication and outreach in efforts to keep our citizens connected”.

The 2019 ASER is available online at: <http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum/index.html>

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