



## News from the Savannah River National Laboratory

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### **SRNL ACHIEVES 10 MILLION SAFE HOURS**

AIKEN, S.C. (February 14, 2012) – Savannah River National Laboratory employees recently passed a major milestone in safety performance: 10 million safe hours. The Laboratory has amassed 10 million work hours without any SRNL employee suffering an injury that resulted in days away from the job. The last lost-time injury was six years ago.

Every year since being named a National Laboratory in 2004, SRNL has demonstrated the best safety record among all of the U.S. Department of Energy's national labs. (Other labs' 2011 statistics are not yet available for comparison.)

"The work the people of this laboratory perform is challenging," said Dr. Terry Michalske, SRNL Director. "But our people bring a careful attention and focus to the job, and a commitment to watching out for themselves and their co-workers. The result is high-quality work, performed safely. That's reflected, not just in our safety statistics, but in the trust that the nation puts in us to conduct important tasks."

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions President and CEO Dwayne Wilson said, "I'm pleased to acknowledge great achievements in safety performance, and SRNL is a world leader when it comes to working safely in a laboratory environment. At the same time, we should never take performance for granted. The work we do requires focused commitment from every organization, every day."

"We continue to renew our emphasis on safety because it's the cornerstone of everything we do," he said. "It's important that our employees and our community know that our commitment is serious and ongoing."

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