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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Hires New Workers to Support New Missions

AIKEN, S.C. Sept. 15, 2014 – The Department of Energy's primary contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS), Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), has hired 387 new workers over the last 12 months to support new nonproliferation and plutonium disposition missions at the Site.

"After the budget challenges of 2013, we are ready to ramp up our production and start new missions," said Paul Hunt, Senior Vice President, EM Operations. "We are staffing up a sustainable workforce for missions that go well into the 2030s."

Some of these missions include: the start-up of HB-Line Phase II that converts surplus plutonium into oxide form necessary for known disposition paths; the receipt and subsequent down-blending of used nuclear fuel from Canada for use in commercial power reactors; K Area blend down of excess plutonium oxide for future disposition at a national repository, and start-up and operation of the K Area Final Storage Vault later this calendar year.

A significant percentage of the new employees are operators, workers who fulfill general duties and responsibilities in the area



SRNS instructor Skip Johnson explains how a portable air monitoring unit functions to SRNS Operator new hire Dennis Huff, an Augusta Tech graduate.