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## Community Organization Update SRR Senior Management

AIKEN, S.C. (May 24, 2010) – Members of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) recently updated Savannah River Remediation (SRR) senior managers on their mission to help create jobs and foster economic growth in partnership with the Savannah River Site (SRS).

David Jameson, SRSCRO Board of Directors Chairman, and Rick McLeod, Executive Director, met with the SRR senior management team as part of an ongoing informational campaign and community outreach effort.

“Our mission is to support economic development opportunities with SRS technology, capabilities and missions,” Jameson told the managers, “and to serve as an informed, unified voice for the five-county, two-state region.”

The SRSCRO is a non-profit organization charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to diversify the economy in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) of Georgia and South Carolina. SRSCRO counties include Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell in South Carolina and Richmond and Columbia counties in Georgia. The organization serves as the community interface for DOE-SR with respect to DOE supported area economic development initiatives.

Originally created by Congress in November 1993 as a Community Reuse Organization, it started with a \$6 million commitment from the Department of Energy (DOE) for projects intended to offset the large loss of local employment.

“SRSCRO is composed of business, government and academic leaders from Georgia and South Carolina,” McLeod explained. “Initially, our mission was to develop and implement a regional economic development plan utilizing technology-based facilities at the Savannah River Site. Today, the SRSCRO remains focused on diversifying the region’s economy by supporting new business ventures that create new jobs in the region.”

SRSCRO also is responsible for working with DOE to identify surplus property and equipment from the Site and determine how this material may be used for economic development and job creation.

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During the presentation, McLeod explained how the one-time SRS locomotive was utilized to attract an industry to Barnwell County as an example of using surplus property for economic development.

Also, McLeod said the SRSCRO has been involved in new proposals including an Energy Park and land use initiative, the Regional Nuclear Workforce Initiative, and building consensus on completing Yucca Mountain for future nuclear waste disposal.

SRR Deputy Project Manager Dave Olson said SRR has been a strong supporter of economic development in the CSRA and will continue supporting the SRSCRO.

"The SRSCRO is an important stakeholder for this Site and its future," Olson said. "Savannah River Remediation looks forward to working with the SRSCRO in the pursuit of a stronger Savannah River Site."

SRS is owned by DOE. The SRS Liquid Waste contract is managed by SRR, a team of companies led by URS Corp. with partners Bechtel National, CH2M Hill and Babcock & Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy Solutions and URS Safety Management Solutions.

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David Jameson (standing), Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) Board of Directors Chairman, explains the mission and purpose of the SRSCRO to Savannah River Remediation senior managers recently. He was joined in the presentation by SRSCRO Executive Director Rick McLeod.