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Savannah River Remediation Sets Company Record at Over 7 Million Safe Work Hours

Aiken, S.C. (March 7, 2018) – Employees with Environmental Management's (EM) liquid-waste contractor recently set a company record by surpassing 7 million hours, or a year and a half, without injury resulting in a missed day of work at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

It's the first time Savannah River Remediation (SRR) crossed the 7-million-hour threshold under its EM contract, which began July 1, 2009. SRR recorded its previous safety record in 2015 when employees reached 6.5 million hours without injury resulting in a missed day of work.

Disciplined operations at SRR are woven into the safety culture, creating an environment where employees leave SRS the same way they arrived. Over the past year and a half, safe work practices contributed to accomplishments in the liquid waste mission, including:

- Completing bulk waste removal in Tank 15, one of the site's remaining 43 high-level waste tanks;
- Finishing construction of the site's first mega-volume disposal unit and beginning construction of the next;
- Removing Melter 2 in the Defense Waste Processing Facility and replacing it with Melter 3; and,
- Continuing outage maintenance at the liquid waste facilities, preparing for safe and continued operations for years to come.

SRR President and Project Manager Tom Foster said accomplishing this safety record starts with employees incorporating safety into their daily work and staying vigilant while executing their important mission.

"SRR is moving the liquid waste mission forward each time an employee works safely, whether it is by attending a pre-job briefing, abiding by the posted speed limits, or calling a time out with their work," Foster said. "This string of hours represents SRR's focus on safety and the commitment we have to our community and state to reduce the risk of legacy liquid waste."

SRS is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). SRR is composed of a team of companies led by AECOM with partners Bechtel National, CH2M, and BWX Technologies. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Atkins, and AECOM Technical Services.

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Savannah River Remediation operations employees safely re-wet the inside of Tank 15 prior to bulk waste removal efforts.

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