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SRNS President and CEO

On the cover

SRNS Project Serve volunteers John Howell, Samantha Bryant, Kvonne Bryant and April Masterson cleaned up an overgrown flower bed at Heritage Academy in Augusta, Georgia.

Welcome

to the September 2023 edition of

SRNS Today

September has been a month of great news for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) as our employees have once again gone above and beyond to deliver on our commitments to the customer and the nation.

We recently achieved a significant milestone in reaching the 100th plutonium downblend in our efforts to remove plutonium from the state of South Carolina. The team accomplished this work safely and ahead of schedule. Another significant milestone was achieved with the issuance of an Air Quality Construction Permit for the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, which allows the project to proceed with important construction activities.

Career opportunities continued to grow with the addition of the 20th apprenticeship program at SRS. A Mechanical Engineering program provides a head start for college students enrolled in an accredited engineering degree program.

SRNS employees also volunteered their time and efforts to give back to the community as part of the annual Project Serve campaign, working on projects across six different sites in the greater Augusta area.

I hope you enjoy this edition of SRNS Today. As always, thank you for your interest in SRNS.



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SRS and LANL maintain Knowledge Transfer/Mutual Support programs

In August 2020, SRS and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) launched the Knowledge Transfer Program (KTP). This marked the first official joint training effort between the two sites, both designated by NNSA to produce the plutonium pits needed for restoring the nation's nuclear weapons modernization program capabilities.

As part of NNSA's two-site implementation strategy, the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility (SRPPF) at SRS will be required to produce a minimum of 50 war reserve (WR) pits per year (ppy), while LANL will be required to produce 30 WR ppy. While a multidisciplinary workforce with a variety of skills is crucial for the startup and operation of SRPPF, pit production will require a number of unique and highly specialized skill sets.

"The new production mission at SRS will be a long-term enduring mission and will provide tremendous career opportunities for the workforce," said Jimmy Angelos, Senior Vice President of the Plutonium Modernization Program.

Since the program's inception, nearly 25 SRS employees have signed up to participate in the KTP, which involves a two-year assignment working in LANL's pit production facility. Upon return to SRS, participants embark on an additional two-year assignment on-site, putting to use the skills and knowledge they've learned at LANL.

"Participants receive specialized training for pit production operations, work closely with experienced pit production subject matter experts and develop a working knowledge of current production requirements, constraints and capabilities," said Lisa Lee, Knowledge Transfer and Engineering Competency Development Manager. "The KTP has been very successful in its support of the pit production mission."

SRPPF Electrical Engineer Talbot Westhoff began his rotation at LANL in February 2023. "Given SRPPF needs qualified personnel who understand the process as well as the idiosyncrasies of working with plutonium, getting firsthand experience at LANL will allow me to contribute significantly to the engineering of SRPPF in a multitude of ways," he said.

Drawing from the skills and experience of both sites, the Mutual Support (MS) Program was established in 2022 to complement and build upon the success of the KTP. Much like the KTP, the MS Program allows participants to gain expertise in key areas of LANL's nuclear operations and also bring back lessons learned from their current pit production mission; however, while the KTP requires a two-year commitment on-site at LANL, MS participants take on assignments through remote work and/or on-site visits via short-term business travel, establishing a mutually beneficial collaboration for both sites.

Both programs were designed as components of the SRNS Plutonium Modernization Program, whose responsibilities include the start-up, commissioning and operations of SRPPF. While the KTP focuses exclusively on Engineering, the MS Program has grown from its



The first group of SRPPF Knowledge Transfer participants and managers at Los Alamos National Laboratory met in 2020.

original area of focus—Information Technology—to include areas such as Weapons Quality, Training and Procedures, Weapons Technology, 24/7 Operations, Environmental Compliance and Waste Management.

Michael Gilles, Plutonium Modernization Program Management, said having the two production agencies at LANL and SRS working together on issues and operability is vital to achieving NNSA's mission of producing 80 ppy. "We recognized early on the importance of having a mutually beneficial mechanism of having the two sites work together and develop relationships with their counterparts at the other site," Gilles said. "Having SRS personnel work on 'real-life' pit-related processes, establishing those contacts, and the chance to network was all incredibly beneficial."

The MS Program has already begun to grow, expanding recently to include Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) in California. Floyd Stanley, Fellow Scientist, AC/MC Technical, joined the MS Program in January 2023 and continues to participate in efforts at SRS, LANL and LLNL. "I see these efforts as critical to the future success of our capabilities in SRPPF, as well as the growth and training of our personnel as they join the mission," he said. "Without these types of interactions, and regular technical exchanges with established community experts, our work becomes significantly harder."

According to Leo Thompson, SRNS Program Manager for MS, who is stationed at LANL, the biggest advantage of the MS Program involves building relationships and knowledge of the work each site is doing. "Just knowing who your counterpart is—that is super important," he said. "It's not often that two sites have the same mission, and this creates opportunities for partnership and opportunities to share resources. Savannah River has a lot of work ahead to develop the capability and techniques to reliably manufacture pits. The partnership is important to the pit mission at Savannah River."



Aerial view of the SRPPF Main Process Building and supporting facilities

SRPPF Air Quality Construction Permit issued

Another milestone has been achieved towards beginning construction on the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility (SRPPF). Following a multi-year effort led by the SRNS Environmental Stewardship, Safety, Health, Quality and Waste Management (ESSHQ&WM) group, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) issued an Air Quality Construction Permit on August 10.

Established by Congress, the Clean Air Act requires facilities whose emissions meet or exceed an established threshold to receive permits from the government before they initiate construction. The dismantlement and removal (D&R) phase at the SRPPF Main Process Building (MPB) began in January; however, now that the permit has been issued, MPB site preparation and construction activities, including installation of permanent utilities and removal of walls, are officially authorized by SCDHEC to begin.

According to Beth Connell, NCP Environmental Compliance and Waste Management Manager, the process of obtaining the permit was a “multi-year, phased approach.” Connell, NCP Environmental Permitting Manager Michele Wilson and Air Permitting Expert Brent Blunt worked closely with SCDHEC, as well as the SRPPF design and construction teams, staying on top of new developments and design changes to keep all parties informed. In addition to the SRPPF Construction Permit, the group previously obtained two Construction Air Permit exemptions for the Training and Operations Center (TOC) and the Machining Training Center (MTC).

“An incredible amount of work went in behind the scenes before the review process could even happen,” Connell said. “There was a tremendous amount of collaborative dialogue.”

The original project schedule had the Air Quality Construction Permit issuance calculated for 2024; however, the team worked diligently to accelerate that timeline, obtaining the permit two weeks ahead of the revised target date of Sept. 1.

“The Site has a long history of working with our state regulators and key stakeholders, keeping them informed from the start of any proposed new construction and projects at SRS,” said Wilson. “This cooperation enabled us to brief SCDHEC during permit development to ensure our application provided them all the information they needed to issue a timely Air Quality Construction Permit, while meeting the security needs of the project.”

100th plutonium downblend in FY23

SRNS employees recently completed their 100th plutonium (Pu) downblend in fiscal year 2023 — safely and ahead of schedule — as part of the ongoing activities to remove Pu from South Carolina.

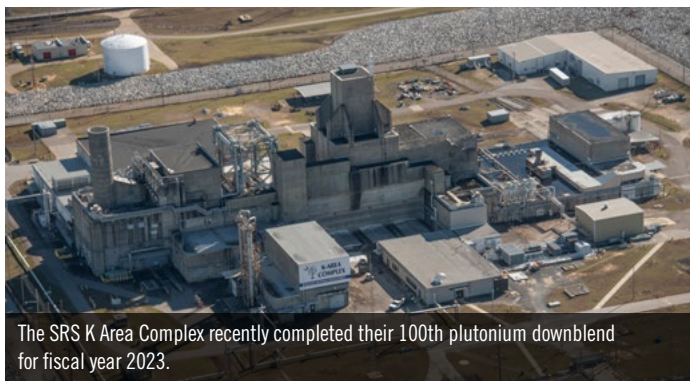
“Reaching the 100th Pu downblend well ahead of schedule is a huge accomplishment and a testament to our team’s commitment to remove Pu from the state,” said K Area Deputy Facility Manager Maxwell Smith. “Much of our work in the past few years has been to introduce efficiencies and speed up our processing rates in the K Area Interim Surveillance glovebox, and it’s gratifying to see the results of those efforts.”

Downblending began in K Area in 2016. In 2019, K Area paused downblending activities to optimize equipment, training and personnel in order to expedite the process. Some of these optimization activities included installing new material entry and removal devices for the glovebox; designing and fabricating special carts to move the downblend containers through the glovebox; and relocating equipment inside the glovebox to improve efficiency of the downblend process flow. The facility also moved from two-shift to four-shift operations and more than doubled the amount of trained operators in the facility, so downblending could be done 24/7.

“SRNS has safely accomplished a great amount of work in an effort to increase downblending operations,” DOE Nuclear Materials Program Manager Bert Crapse said. “Because of their commitment, K Area went from completing nine downblends in fiscal year 2017 to completing over 100 in fiscal year 2023.”

Smith explained that, because K Area reached its downblending goal for the fiscal year ahead of schedule, employees are going to be able to begin processing material originally slated for fiscal year 2024. “Downblending supports DOE’s nonproliferation mission, and the K Area team is proud to be part of that mission,” he said.

In conjunction with NNSA’s Surplus Plutonium Disposition mission, K Area is installing three new gloveboxes, support systems, and constructing a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA)/Electrical Building and ventilation stacks in K Area as part of a project to help further increase downblending rates.



The SRS K Area Complex recently completed their 100th plutonium downblend for fiscal year 2023.



Mauricio Martinez (right) instructs Ethan Deer (left) as he runs through a training program using the Mock Glovebox Trainer module.

SRTE unveils new Mock Glovebox Trainer

Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) recently unveiled their new Mock Glovebox Trainer (MGT) module. This innovative piece of technology provides SRTE with an opportunity to train employees on proper in-glovebox processing methods in a safe and controlled environment.

A glovebox is a stainless-steel enclosure with safety glass panels. It has fitted glove-port openings to allow handling of contaminated materials while shielding workers from the associated hazards. Unlike gloveboxes in the field, the MGT module has open sides allowing instructors better access for improved training. A touch screen monitor is also included so operators can practice their task while following a video-guided procedure without having to step away from the MGT.

In addition to training functions, the MGT module allows SRTE to develop prototype procedures for projects. It also allows troubleshooting of potential risks and hazards with low risk to the operators. MGT also provides non-production operators a greater appreciation for the challenges associated with glovebox operations and familiarization with process equipment.

“The MGT couldn’t have come at a more appropriate time,” said J.C. Epting, Senior Vice President of NNSA Operations and Programs. “With our increased efforts in hiring operators, and the planned outage in H Area New Manufacturing for 2025, the module will serve as

an invaluable tool to ensure our employees gain confidence in their operational skills and can continue to meet our mission requirements with the highest quality tritium products.”

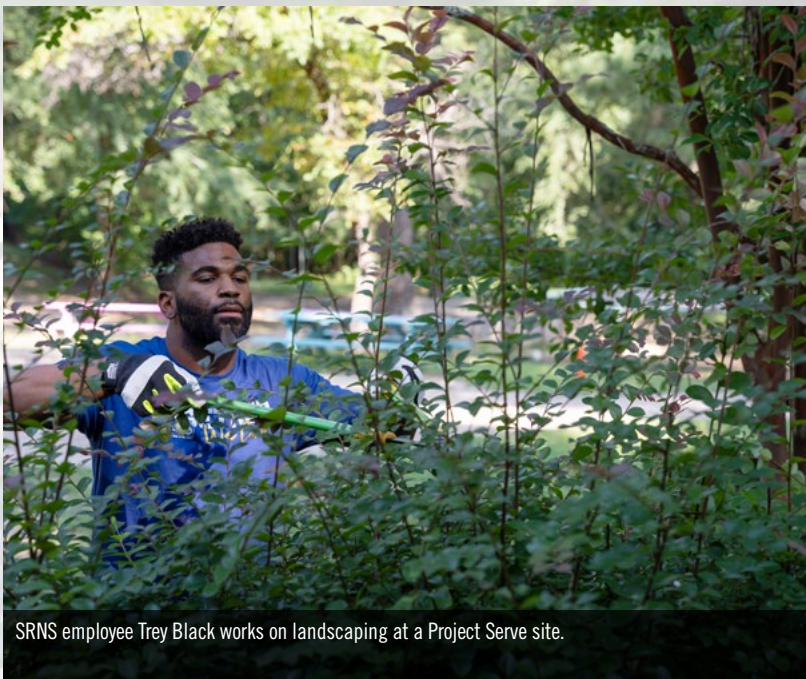
The construction of the MGT module was a collaborative effort between several teams within the SRTE complex. Training, Engineering and Operations all contributed to developing a module with the primary goal of driving performance improvement. The teams were also resourceful in building the module. Hayden Tillhof, the engineer in charge of developing the glovebox, managed to design the module using salvaged materials from other units. Michael Breidenbach, in SRTE’s maintenance group, physically constructed the module to specifications, while Chad Sweeney of the Savannah River National Laboratory developed the welder and other process components within the module.

While difficult to calculate, the MGT module provides substantial future savings as a preventative measure against human error.

“Cost savings wasn’t our primary objective, but is definitely an added perk of this module,” said Jon Wiley, SRTE Technical Training Specialist. “Our Operators deliver the highest quality Reservoirs every day, but it’s not easy or without risk. The cost of errors during the process can fall in the tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The MGT module can help to mitigate these costs by eliminating errors before they happen.”

Continuing to serve the community

Volunteers donate time during Project Serve



SRNS employee Trey Black works on landscaping at a Project Serve site.



SRNS employees Mike Violette and Sanquetta Jackson worked together to clean up at Heritage Academy.



Ethan Guidry and Laqunia Bush led Site employees at Girl Scout Camp Tanglewood.

For over a decade, SRNS employees have volunteered their time to give back to their community as part of the annual Project Serve campaign, benefitting the United Way.

Over 75 employees dedicated a day to working on projects across six different sites in the greater Augusta area to help ensure that the facility needs of local charitable organizations were met. Projects included landscaping, fence repairing, painting, floor repairing, playground construction, basic repairs and more.

“The day started off with a kickoff breakfast at the First Baptist Church of Augusta celebrating the start of the United Way of the CSRA 2023 campaign as well as Project Serve,” said Kevin Cross, SRNS Project Serve Lead. “After the breakfast, we dispersed to six different locations across the Augusta area completing projects at Heritage Academy, Westabou Montessori School, Family Counseling Center of the CSRA, Columbia County Community Connections and Camp Tanglewood.”

Heritage Academy, an independent school offering a quality Christ-centered education to children of diverse economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds, needed repairs and improvements. A team of SRNS employees engaged in an array of projects to help meet the facility needs of the school.

Mike Violette, SRNS Project Serve team member, has been volunteering with Project Serve for two years now. This year was his first year taking on a team lead role at the Heritage Academy project site.

“This is a wonderful school whose mission is to provide enriched educational opportunities to all children regardless of their family income. Anything we can do to assist in meeting the needs of the school for the staff and students is very valuable,” said Violette.

With a surge in temperature over the past few weeks, Violette mentioned that each team took extra precautions to keep the volunteers safe while working in the heat. Coolers of water and Gatorade were provided, as well as cool refuge areas where team members could take a break and cool down.

“We covered heat stress at our pre-job briefing and the importance of taking breaks throughout the day. I asked that everyone team up with a heat stress buddy to monitor and remind each other to take a break and cool down,” said Violette.



SRNS employees Jason Whitson and Adam Balph worked together to complete a variety of projects to help meet the needs of local charitable organizations.

Project Serve locations

Heritage Academy

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Westabou Montessori School

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Family Counseling Center of the CSRA

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Columbia County Community Connections

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Camp Tanglewood



SRNS employees Jacob Mason and Mike Collins rebuild a fence at Heritage Academy.

Andrew Kricke, SRNS Associate Fire Protection Engineer, tests various types of glass and their impact on the accuracy of flame detectors during his University of South Carolina Aiken Capstone project.



Fire Protection sparks talent pipeline

Three recent graduates from the University of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken) hired on full-time at the Site after completing their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) Capstone project sponsored by SRNS fire protection engineers (FPEs).

“Partnering with the University of South Carolina Aiken contributes to the growth of our engineering department and our continued involvement in the local community,” said Rich Zaharek, SRNS Senior Vice President, Chief Engineer and Nuclear Safety. “This project gave SRNS engineers the opportunity to mentor/coach students to promote the work and safety culture at SRNS and identify individuals who could successfully transition into full-service roles.”

The USC Aiken Capstone project is a culminating experience related to the student’s major that aids in professional development, portfolio growth and job experience. This senior project simulated a glovebox environment and was designed to test three different flame detectors’ ability to identify fires through multiple configurations of glass. In June, Industrial Engineer Noah Chancey and Mechanical Engineers Tucker Rayfield and Andrew Kricke, transitioned from USC Aiken into their permanent assignments in FPE groups at SRS.

“The commitment from Mr. Zaharek, my mentors and SRNS sent a powerful message to me as a new engineer,” said Kricke, who is an SRNS Associate Fire Protection Engineer. “This company cared about my development and success, making it an easy decision to seek employment here after completing my senior project.”

SRNS Fire Protection Engineers Eric Johnson, Rob Hanson and John Antignano served as sponsors and mentors to the students and shared a glimpse of real-world engineering experiences. The students conducted research, contacted manufacturers, completed live burn tests and presented their experimental findings.

“Our goal for the Senior Capstone course is for students to participate in design experiences led by industry leaders,” said Bethany Fralick, Instructor, USC Aiken Capstone. “We hope students learn practical skills beyond the classroom in engineering environments that are similar to full-time positions. The capstone partnership with SRNS has proven invaluable in developing engineering thinking for our students through outstanding projects and mentor support.”

In addition to student sponsorships, SRNS has grown its talent pipeline through a recent partnership with South Carolina State University to increase the number of FPEs joining the workforce. The critical skillset is in great demand at SRS, and this new concentration will prepare students to use their knowledge of fire protection engineering concepts to positively impact the Site’s missions.

“Historically, it has been difficult to recruit and retain fire protection engineers due to the low number of graduates from FPE programs coupled with the increasing need for FPEs throughout the industry,” said Eric Johnson, Manager, Fire Protection Engineering. “By providing academic knowledge, identifying talented individuals, and working with them through the qualification process, SRNS is ensuring the availability of qualified FPEs to meet the needs of our industry.”

The partnership between SRNS and USC Aiken Capstone will continue in the 2023-24 school year as the university aims to identify a total of 10 capstone senior projects and collaboration opportunities between faculty, students and the engineering department.

“The preparedness, knowledge and support that I received from my capstone team was enough to have me back at SRS as a full-time employee,” said Kricke. “I would highly encourage students to work with this group of fire protection engineers and to add SRNS to the top of their list of potential employers.”

Nearly 75 SRNS employees graduate 1:1 Mentorship Program

On August 23, nearly 75 SRNS employees graduated from the third and largest 1:1 Mentorship Program cohort. Established last year, the six-month program promotes on-site safety and facilitates employee professional development in crucial areas of SRS.

Sean Alford, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, congratulated the third graduating cohort on completing the 1:1 Mentorship Program.

“SRNS has a strong track record and history of performance that has prepared us to evolve rapidly in order to meet the needs of the nuclear industry,” said Sean Alford, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. “We commend those that choose to enroll in this program and further their capacity professionally or share their expertise through mentorship. I hope this cohort continues to pursue new opportunities that will leave a fingerprint on this organization.”

The 1:1 Mentorship Program is a continued effort by SRS in succession-planning, adding diverse leaders to the workforce and preserving critical missions. Over 180 employees have successfully completed the program while exploring new areas of the Site and connecting with mentors outside of their own organizational sphere.

“Fifty-three percent of SRNS employees possess less than five years of on-site experience, which makes the availability of mentorship opportunities extremely important,” said Anitra McManus, SRNS Program Developer and Manager. “This initiative fosters relationships between unlikely mentor-mentee pairs spanning various functional organizations.”

Site Service Human Capital Manager and Mentor Mike Violette believes the 1:1 Mentorship Program helps sustain the successful workplace



Mentor Mike Violette and Mentee Zachary Burckhalter were one of many pairs that graduated from the third 1:1 Mentorship Program cohort.

and safety culture established by SRS contractors throughout history.

“We have a short period of time to onboard a large number of people to keep SRNS missions moving forward,” said Violette. “I’d like to challenge mid-to-senior level managers to take the leap and adopt a mentee. The future of our workforce depends on our ability to further these solutions, create new opportunities for employees to network across the Site and build stronger workplace relationships.”

“Mike, my mentor, let me run the show and gave me some of the best advice I’ve ever received from the managerial level,” said Zachary Burckhalter, SRNS Assistant First Line Manager Maintenance and Outage Support. “This experience shows the importance of accepting new challenges, improving my professional skills and increasing my communication with other employees across the Site.”



Best Place to Work

Dozens of Aiken County’s most popular places and people shared the spotlight on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Aiken Standard’s Aiken’s Choice awards event held at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center.

SRS was awarded “Best Place to Work” at the event, having received the most votes from the community.

The award was accepted by SRNS Senior Vice President, Chief Engineer and Nuclear Safety Officer Richard Zaharek, SRNS Director of Communications and Chief of Staff Dawn Haygood, U.S. Department of Energy - Savannah River Director of External Affairs Amy Boyette and SRNS Director of Interface Management P.K. Hightower.

Kathryn McGee

Student volunteer to employee

In 2019, North Augusta High School student Kathryn McGee volunteered for the SRNS Introduce a Girl to Engineering outreach program. Today, she's a newly hired SRNS Engineer and has recently volunteered to serve yet again, at the next Introduce a Girl to Engineering.

Held at the Ruth Patrick Science Center on the University of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken) campus, McGee and her two friends represented the 2019 North Augusta Robotics Club and demonstrated how to build and operate robots.

"I really enjoyed it," said McGee. "And it was probably where I realized that explaining the importance of engineering as a career, particularly for women, was rewarding. In fact, during my last years at Clemson, I gave tours to prospective students around the campus that promoted engineering."

The North Augusta, South Carolina, native confirmed her lifelong desire to be an engineer through an internship and then an apprenticeship at the SRNS Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) at SRS.

During fall 2021, McGee began working with SRTE Engineering as an apprentice. Shortly thereafter, she accepted an offer with SRTE's Reservoir Systems Engineering group as a full-time employee.

"During my time as an intern and then as an apprentice, I learned so much about the Site, tritium and the missions at SRS," said McGee. "It's been a great experience, and I have enjoyed working with the members of that group. The Site is a totally different world than



Kathryn McGee works in SRTE's Reservoir Systems Engineering as a full-time employee.

most companies. It's unlike anything else in the U.S. I'm grateful I had this opportunity as a student to get my foot in the door. I understand so much more than if I had just hired on. It made that transition from student to employee easier."

McGee said she always knew that one day she would join the workforce at SRS. "I don't see myself working anywhere else."

"Statistically, females are highly underrepresented in engineering and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields. This event provides an opportunity for local eighth grade girls to be mentored by female engineers, scientists and IT professionals from the Savannah River Site through a variety of hands-on activities to showcase all the exciting career paths that STEM fields have to offer," said Taylor Rice, SRNS Education Outreach Specialist.

20th Apprenticeship Program begins at the Site

Career opportunities at SRNS, continue to grow with the start of the twentieth apprenticeship program. The new mechanical engineering discipline is part of an ongoing commitment to create innovative workforce development at SRS and fill vacant positions.

"Through active partnerships with colleges and universities, SRNS is developing a pipeline of talent specifically tailored to fit our industry needs," said Carla Wheeler, SRNS Engineering Staffing and Development Manager, "Apprenticeships are the way of the future for recruitment at SRS."



Mechanical Systems Engineering Manager Michael Mitchell, right, highlights aspects of the Mechanical Engineering career and apprenticeship opportunities with an SRS employee.

The program is designed for college students who are enrolled in an accredited engineering degree program and receive paid on-the-job experience while completing approximately 1,000 hours per year—up to 2 years—on competency-based and job-related training. Graduates receive a nationally recognized and portable credential from the U.S. Department of Labor and an opportunity to hire on full-time with SRNS.

Tucker Rayfield, the first graduate from the new mechanical engineering discipline, transitioned into a full-service role in Design Authority Engineering in June.

"This was the perfect head start in my training that eventually sparked a new career path for me to follow," said Rayfield. "The mentorship I received from Michael Mitchell and other engineers in Tritium provided real-world experiences to practice the fundamentals I was learning in the classroom."

"We have several important missions to fulfill which involve national security and environmental stewardship," said Sean Alford, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. "For long-term success, it is crucial to grow our avenues of employment and fill our most needed roles by continuing to advance the apprenticeship program."



Lisa Mead

AT SRNS: SRNS Hazardous Material Shipping Advisor, AMP Steering Committee-Outreach

IN THE COMMUNITY: United Way Loaned Professional, Aiken YMCA “A Place to Dream” volunteer, community outreach for Cedar Creek West

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Lisa Mead is the Hazardous Material Transportation Technical Advisor for SRNS.

In this role, Mead conducts regulatory and compliance reviews on hazardous materials shipments leaving the Site and performs self-assessments for the Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) program. She also serves as the on-site Trainer for the Packaging and Transportation Services group.

When asked what she enjoys most about working at SRNS, Mead stated, “I love the people of SRNS. I’ve never worked at another place where I had the opportunity to interact with people of so many different backgrounds.”

This year, she served as the United Way Loaned Professional for the 2023 SRS United Way Campaign. In this role, she has had the opportunity to see firsthand how the United Way makes an impact to the local community.

“I was incredibly flattered and excited to be offered this opportunity at SRNS. I couldn’t imagine a better way to give back to my community and to the United Way,” said Mead. “I am only at the halfway point of this amazing experience, but it has already been so rewarding and fulfilling to be a part of the United Way family.”

In addition to supporting the United Way, she currently serves on the Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals (AMP) Outreach Steering committee. She also volunteers her time with the Aiken YMCA “A Place to Dream” and is part of the community outreach program for Cedar Creek West.

Mead holds a bachelor’s degree in marine science from the University of South Carolina.

She resides in Aiken with her husband and three children. In her free time, she enjoys cheering on her kids at their sporting events and going on family trips.



Successteam bookbag drive

Last month, the Successteam Back to School Bookbag Drive consolidated the efforts of multiple groups and companies, including AMP, (the Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals group for SRNS, SRMC and BSRA.)

As part of an annual event held at Aiken Technical College, local K-12 children received 1,317 backpacks; with more than 6,800 school supplies that included scientific calculators, binders, paper and writing utensils. Children from Aiken County and nearby Georgia counties visited booths, played games and received additional giveaways.

AMP Steering Committee members and SRNS employees Jon Wickliffe, Jessica Lape, Lisa Mead and Courtney Wilson volunteered at a table, during the Successteam Back to School Bookbag giveaway at Aiken Technical College. (Photo courtesy of Tory Robbins Photography)

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