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Public Tours highlight the Past, Present and Future of the Savannah River Site

AIKEN, S.C., November 27, 2023 – In the upcoming year, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) is inviting approximately 900 members of the public to hop on board one of 25 driving tours of the Savannah River Site (SRS).

Visitors can gain an understanding about the Department of Energy's (DOE) facilities, missions and workforce that changed the face of nearby counties and helped the United States during the Cold War. Guests will also learn about current and future DOE Environmental Management and National Nuclear Security Administration missions at SRS.

The tour includes a visit to the University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, where participants will hear about the ecology lab's history and mission and get an up-close view of animals found on the Site.

Due to high demand, the number of historic tours has doubled this year; there will be eight available in 2024. Four tours will stop at the Dunbarton town site. Four will be at the Ellenton town site. All Historic tours also include a walking tour of the SRS Curation Facility and a driving tour of C Reactor. In addition, two full walking tours of the streets of Ellenton have been added this year. Those tours will feature the old townsite and several historic markers throughout the Ellenton area.

"Come see environmental stewardship at work at SRS. Sign up now for our exclusive tours showcasing history, sustainability and clean energy. Witness how we merge nuclear power with eco-responsibility, shaping a future that safeguards our nation," said Bob Bonnett, SRNS Tour Program Coordinator. "Grab your spot now for an exclusive tour of our historic site, where safety and efficiency combine to shape generations to come."

Go to <u>www.srs.gov</u> and click on the registration button to get more information or sign up for a tour. For further assistance, call (803) 952-8994.

Each public tour can accommodate up to 34 people. Each historic tour has a limit of 50. All are filled on a first come, first served basis. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and U.S. citizens. Participants must register separately for a tour.

2023 SRS Public and Historic Tour Dates

January: Thursday, Jan. 18

February: Thursdays, Feb. 1 and 15

March: Historic Tours - Tuesday, 12 and 19 Thursday, 14 and 21 Ellenton Walking Tours- Thursday, 28 April: Thursdays, April 4 and 18 May: Thursdays, May 9 and 23 June: Thursdays, June 6 and 20 July: Thursdays, July 11 and 25 **August: No Tours** September: Thursdays, Sept. 12 and 26 October: Historic Tours - Tuesday, 8 and 15 Thursdays, 10 and 17 Ellenton Walking Tours- Thursday, 31 November: Thursday, Nov. 7 **December:** Thursday, Dec. 5

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.



SRS tours provide the public with an opportunity to learn about current activities and future missions. Visitors will also see many historic and operational facilities that produced plutonium and tritium during the Cold War.