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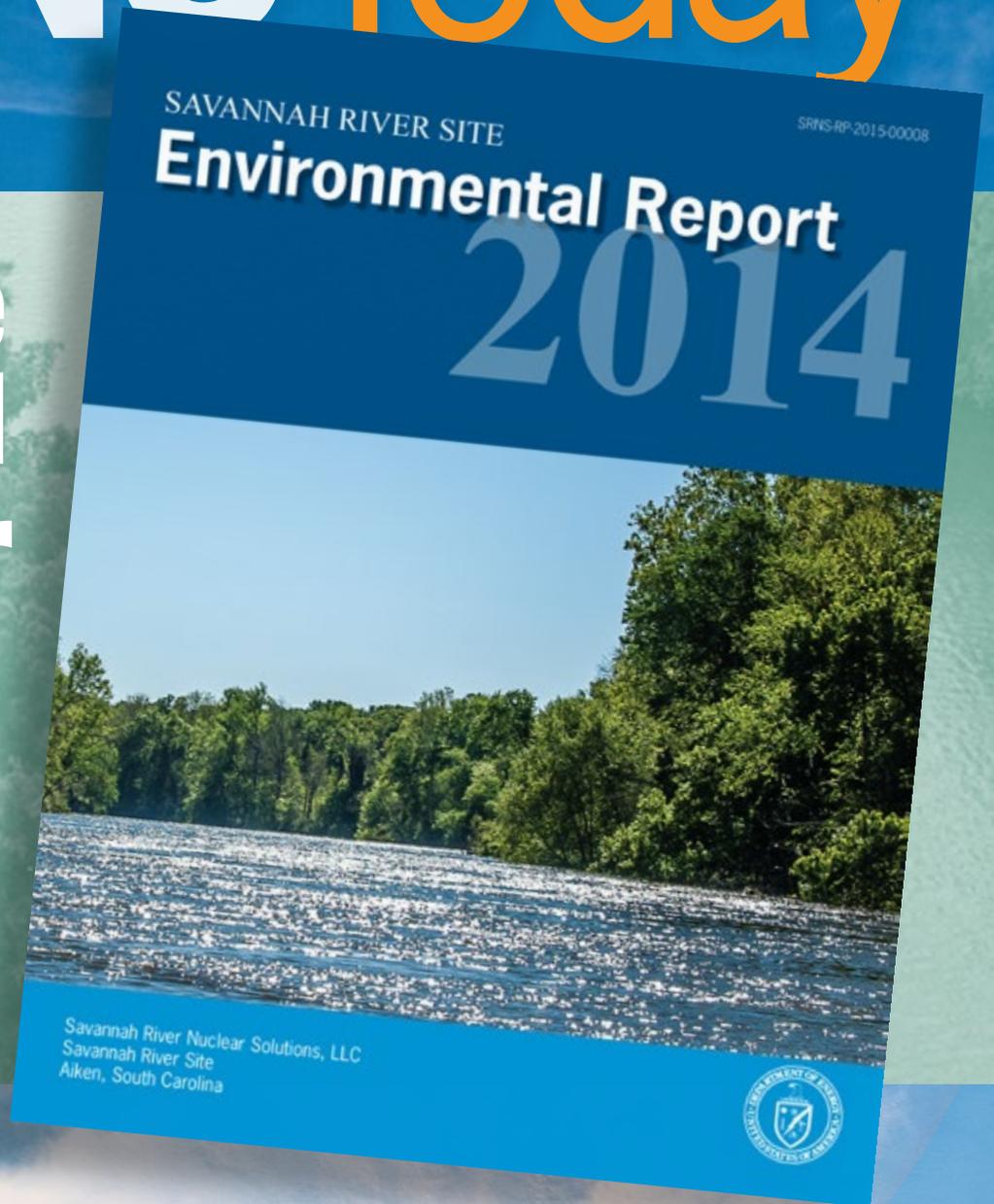
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# SRNS Today



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**Carol Johnson**  
SRNS President and CEO

# Welcome

to the October 2015 edition of

# SRNS Today



## Video: SRNL

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I see the great work our employees do on a daily basis. But it's always gratifying to see their accomplishments recognized on a national level.

This month's edition of "SRNS Today" is filled with the awards our employees have won for their knowledge, their resourcefulness and their ability to find solutions that make our world safer.

The National Nuclear Security Administration has honored six teams of SRNS employees for outstanding contributions to the nation's defense, with special kudos for one team's "exceptional" achievement. And SRNS employees won 10 awards – including the "Overall Idea of the Year" award – at the "IdeasAmerica Training Summit" in Maryland. The national awards recognize improvement suggestions made by employees.

Savannah River National Laboratory and its employees continue to excel locally, national and internationally. SHINE Medical Technologies, Inc. has been granted an exclusive license on SRNL's patented hydrogen isotope separation process for use in important medical isotope production. SRNL and Japanese scientists are using the contaminated Fukushima area to perform rare real-life research in how radionuclides move in the environment. And the local Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness awarded SRNL's Dr. Natraj Iyer with the 2015 Fred C. Davison Distinguished Scientist Award, given to recognize exceptional lifetime scientific contributions.

At SRNS, our highest goal is the safety of the public, the environment and our employees, and the results in the newly-released 2014 Savannah River Site Annual Environmental Report show that SRS continues to reduce environmental impacts from our operations. Each year, SRNS collects more than 5,000 samples on and off site for analysis. As in years past, the Site's 2014 radioactive and chemical discharges were well below federal, state and Department of Energy regulations and standards. The report is available online; the link is on the next page.

Our company has recently been in an operational "pause" and transition to "Deliberate Operations." SRNS is a stronger company as a result, and we are working for sustained improvement. I've been pleased with the renewed commitment our employees have demonstrated, and look forward to our continued success.

I hope you enjoy this edition of "SRNS Today." As always, thank you for your interest in Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

*Carol*



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# We make the world safer

## Report statistics show continued environmental excellence at SRS

Last year, SRS continued to safely complete goals related to its missions while maintaining its record of environmental excellence. The Site's radioactive and chemical discharges during 2014 were well below federal, state and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regulations and standards, set to protect the public, environment and site workers.

SRS employees prepare an Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER) in accordance with DOE requirements. This report provides detailed information regarding environmental conditions at SRS for the calendar year in review and is available for use by the public and SRS regulators.

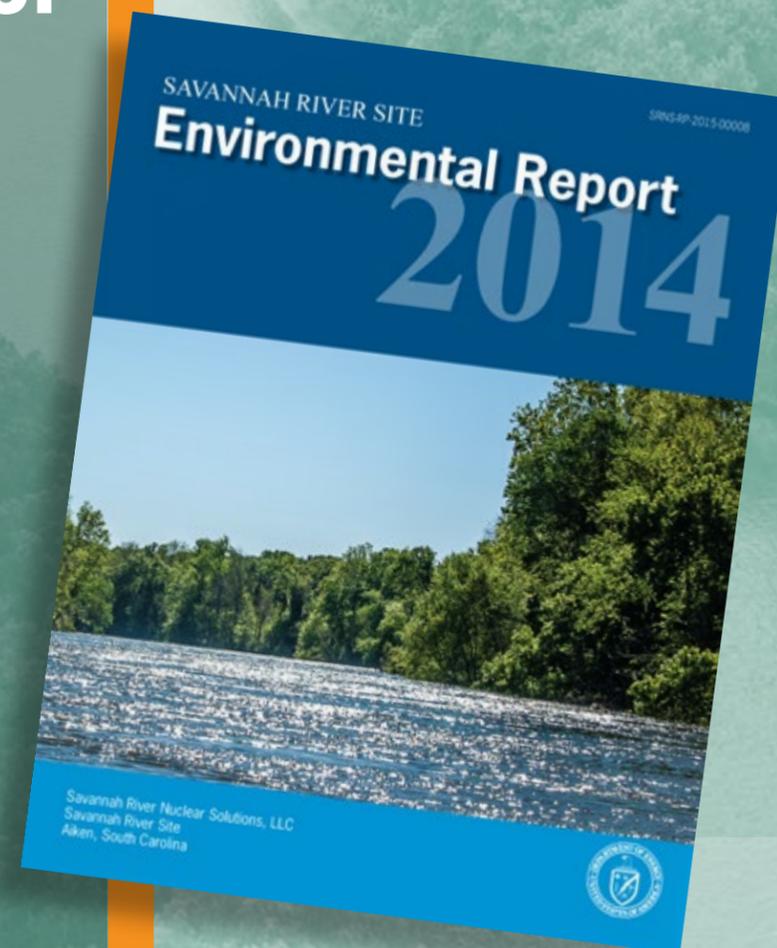
The report summarizes SRS's environmental data; environmental sustainability performance; compliance with applicable DOE, federal and state regulations; and remediation and surveillance monitoring programs.

SRS has monitored environmental conditions since the Site was built in the early 1950s and has prepared an ASER for more than five decades.

A condensed version of the ASER, referred to as the Summary Report, is also available. The Summary Report, written with a minimum of technical terminology, is used to provide information to the public in support of SRS's educational and community outreach programs. Both the SRS Environmental Report for 2014 and the summary are available online at: [www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum](http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum).

Each year, SRNS collects more than 5,000 samples found both on and off site to include air, water, soil, sediment, food products, freshwater fish, seafood, wildlife, plants and trees. Samples are collected from neighboring cities, towns and counties located in Georgia and South Carolina.

"Our commitment to protect our employees and surrounding communities is unwavering," said Mike Griffith, SRNS manager of Sample Data Management. "The results from the monitoring conducted demonstrate that we continue to reduce environmental impacts from our operations."



The 2014 SRS Environmental Report and summary are available online. Please visit [www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum](http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum)

# SHINE licenses SRNL hydrogen technology for use in medical isotope production

SRNS has granted SHINE Medical Technologies, Inc. (SHINE) an exclusive license on Savannah River National Laboratory's (SRNL) patented hydrogen isotope separation process for use in medical isotope production.



SHINE is a Wisconsin-based company founded to produce medical isotopes using its safe, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly technology. The agreement with SRNS gives SHINE the right to use SRNL's thermal cycling absorption process (TCAP) in its manufacturing facility. The use of TCAP provides the high-purity inputs needed for SHINE's patented technology, which enhances the production of medical isotopes, including molybdenum-99 (moly-99).

Moly-99 decays into the diagnostic imaging agent technetium-99m (tech-99m), which is used in over 40 million medical imaging procedures each year—primarily in stress tests to detect heart disease and in bone scans to determine the stage of cancer progression.

Despite constituting approximately half of the world's demand for moly-99, the U.S. does not produce any moly-99 domestically and currently imports its entire supply from foreign nuclear reactors. Many of these reactors are beyond their original design life and scheduled to be shut down in the coming years.

SHINE will build its first medical isotope manufacturing facility in Janesville, WI. It will be able to produce enough moly-99 every year to supply more than two-thirds of the U.S. patient population.

"We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to solving the global problem of medical isotope shortages. SHINE's isotope manufacturing plant will be a game-changer for U.S. patients and we're proud to be part of making that happen," said Dr. Terry Michalske, SRNL Director and SRNS Executive Vice President.

"Savannah River National Laboratory has put a tremendous amount of effort into developing and refining the TCAP technology and we're excited to take advantage of this proven, state-of-the-art technology in our facility," said Greg Piefer, CEO of SHINE.

Founded in 2010, SHINE is dedicated to being the world leader in safe, clean, affordable production of medical isotopes. The SHINE system uses a patented manufacturing process that offers major advantages over existing and proposed production technologies, as it does not require a nuclear reactor, uses less electricity, generates less waste and is compatible with the nation's existing supply chain for moly-99. Last year, SHINE announced the execution of moly-99 supply agreements with GE Healthcare and Lantheus Medical Imaging. Learn more at <http://shinemed.com>.

## ● CNTA honors Dr. Iyer with Distinguished Scientist award

SRNL's Dr. Natraj Iyer has been named the recipient of the 2015 Fred C. Davison Distinguished Scientist Award, given annually by Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) to recognize exceptional lifetime scientific contributions. The award is presented annually at CNTA's Edward Teller Lecture and Banquet.



Dr. Natraj Iyer

Dr. Iyer has been associated with the laboratory since 1990, and presently serves as Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Materials programs. His most recent work includes technical and strategic leadership to programs for removing vulnerable weapons-usable uranium and plutonium oxide from facilities around the world, and the Research Reactor Convert program focused on converting research reactors worldwide from highly enriched uranium (HEU) to low enriched uranium. The goal of the conversion program is to eliminate use of weapons-usable HEU from commerce.

Prior to joining SRNL, Dr. Iyer spent 11 years at the Westinghouse Science and Technology Center in Pittsburgh. He has received awards from DOE and the U.S. Department of State

for his contributions to global security; he is a Fellow of three technical societies.

In nominating Dr. Iyer, SRNL Director and SRNS Executive Vice President Dr. Terry Michalske called him "a proven leader of important multidisciplinary engineering and development programs in the nuclear industry."

"His strong scientific foundation combined with his innovative leadership has had a significant and enduring impact on SRS missions in nuclear materials and fuel cycle management, and globally in advancing best practices in nuclear materials transport, storage, disposition and nuclear nonproliferation," Dr. Michalske wrote.

"Dr. Iyer continues to develop and mentor the next generation of technical experts in this area and provides exceedingly strong technical leadership in nuclear materials programs to position SRS and the region for future growth in the nuclear industry," Dr. Michalske continued. "He has advanced the lessons learned from many DOE programs to benefit countries worldwide through the International Atomic Energy Agency, including South America, Europe and Asia, bringing significant recognition and visibility to SRNL and SRS."

## ● Researchers at the Savannah River National Laboratory are collaborating with scientists in Japan to help find ways to remediate environmental areas contaminated by the Fukushima disaster.

As part of this effort, they also hope to learn more about how radionuclides migrate through the environment to improve our ability to more accurately predict risk associated by radiological releases. The three-year joint project will focus primarily on the movement of plutonium and radioiodine.

"The Fukushima area provides a rare real-life glimpse of how radionuclides move through the environment. We intend to learn as much as possible from this tragic accident so that the U.S. and the international community are better prepared to deal with such accidents," explained SRNL Senior Fellow Dr. Daniel Kaplan.



Dr. Kaplan

"This research will help predict the risk associated with accidental radionuclide releases and will provide direction for long-term remediation or stewardship of contaminated environments."

The project will involve extensive laboratory testing conducted in the U.S. and Japan and will result in a model that could be used universally to predict the fate and transport of radioiodine and plutonium. Many of the researchers have collaborated on previous projects in both countries. The U.S. team is led by Kaplan and Dr. Peter Santschi from Texas A&M University and is funded through the Department of Energy's Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research. The Japanese team is funded through multiple Japanese sources.

The U.S. team was selected based on research experience dealing with radionuclides at SRS and at the Hanford Site in Washington. The Japanese researchers are world experts on the radiological releases from the Fukushima accident and have extensive access to the study site. "This project scope could not be completed by scientists from either individual country," said Kaplan.

Photo: A Japanese researcher takes a water sample as part of a three-year joint study that includes SRNL.



# rare real-life research

SRNL studies radionuclide migration in environment associated with Fukushima release

## SRNS Leadership Meeting

SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Office Dave Eyler speaks to the quarterly gathering of SRNS managers on Oct. 20, along with Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO. Topics included Conduct of Operations, the SRNS Standard of Excellence areas, the status of several company initiatives and a question-and-answer session.



## NNSA presents DP Awards to SRNS employees

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has honored six teams of SRNS employees for their outstanding contributions to the nation's defense, with special kudos for one team's "exceptional" achievement.

NNSA Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs Brigadier General S.L. Davis presented the employees with Defense Programs (DP) Awards of Excellence, which is given for "significant contributions to the Stockpile Stewardship Program." The award recognized their roles in initiatives that increased efficiency, reduced potential for error, developed new approaches for future work, and enabled safe operations following an unprecedented weather event. Gen. Davis also announced that one of the six teams is among a small number of honorees that he personally selected from all DP Award winners nationwide for special recognition.

Operated by SRNS, SRS is a key player in NNSA's Defense Programs. The DP Awards of Excellence program was established in 1982 to recognize individuals and teams from across NNSA's Nuclear Security Enterprise for significant achievements in quality, productivity, cost savings, safety or creativity of work performed in support of the Stockpile Stewardship Program.

**The 3X R&D Assembly Load and Test Team** received special recognition for exceptional achievement for a project supporting NNSA's B61-12 Life Extension Program (LEP). LEPs are NNSA initiatives to refurbish nuclear weapons to ensure continuation of the nation's nuclear deterrent without producing new weapons or conducting underground nuclear tests.

The team was tasked with loading and function-testing a new assembly for the Los Alamos National Laboratory, completing the tests and the resulting report two years ahead of the original schedule and providing information that was used to validate understanding of the assembly's operation. In completing the task,

the team developed a new planning approach for future research and development tasks that will enhance quality while reducing response time and cost.

The other five teams that earned awards were:

**The Pinch Weld Evaluation Team** test-welded and evaluated pinch weld samples to identify and qualify pinch weld parameters that would produce excellent results, regardless of what tubing was used. This prevented the loss of millions of dollars of prefabricated reservoirs that had been placed on hold at the Kansas City National Security Campus.

**The Net Fill Weight Relocation Team** modified and relocated the process for validating the amount of gas loaded into reservoirs, increasing efficiency while reducing potential for error.

**The Life VI Special Container Loading Team** designed and implemented an approach for safely loading and processing an aged reservoir, providing a proven capability that can be expanded on for similar reservoirs, to provide valuable information about the effect of long-term tritium exposure on materials.

**The Polar Vortex Response Plan Team** led the development, implementation, and execution of an unprecedented Response Plan when extremely cold temperatures associated with the 2014 "polar vortex" caused the site powerhouse boilers to fail. This plan enabled tritium operations to continue safely in the absence of the usual fire suppression methods.

**The Tritium Program Enterprise Group** was a team made up of representatives from various NNSA sites and NNSA Headquarters, including four members from SRS. They took a systems look at the enterprise that supports delivering gas transfer systems to the military, including work on a gas transfer system and tritium production strategy document.



SRNS employees took home 10 achievement awards, including the "Overall Idea of the Year" award, at the 73rd annual IdeasAmerica Training Summit in Hanover, Md. Accepting the awards (from left) were Allan Young, SRNL Controller; Dianne Dalenberg, SRNS Accounting Administration Lead; Rosalind Blocker, SRNL Protocol Officer/Conference Management; Brenda Kelly, SRNS IDEAS Program Administrator; Johnny Lott, HB Line Radiological Protection Facility Manager; and Stephen Hall, SRNS firefighter.

## Great IDEAS!

### SRNS improvement teams win big at annual 'IdeasAmerica' Summit

SRNS employees won 10 awards at the 73rd annual "IdeasAmerica Training Summit" in Hanover, Md. The awards, presented by IdeasAmerica (IA), recognized different facets of the SRNS incentive-based employee suggestion program, Individuals Developing Effective Alternative Solutions (IDEAS).

Over the past year, SRNS has implemented a Lean business methodology called Focused Improvement Transformation (FIT) into the company's Continuous Improvement culture. "The IDEAS program is the starting point for many of our highly successful FIT initiatives. All employees have the opportunity to propose how to improve our processes and make our work safer through IDEAS," said Brenda Kelly, IDEAS Program Administrator, SRNS Continuous Improvement.

A team of SRNS and SRNL employees won gold in the "Team Idea of the Year" category and achieved the "Overall Idea of the Year" award out of all of the 2015 IA finalists.

Rosalind Blocker, SRNL Protocol Officer/Conference Management; Dianne Dalenberg, SRNS Accounting Administration Lead; Allan Young, SRNL Controller; and John Longo, Senior Technical Advisor, SRNL Office of Chief Information Officer, received the top honor for developing a new travel expense database, a system to manage business travel requests and forecasting, that has resulted in significant savings for SRNL.

HB Line Radiological Protection Facility Manager Johnny Lott of SRNS received the silver award for "Advocate of the Year" for his continuous support of the IDEAS program.

In addition, SRNS employee Ernie Williams brought home the silver award in the "Safety Idea of the Year" category. Williams, a radiological protection first line manager in H Area, implemented a new method for shielding workers from radiation during the remediation of beryl saddles, small pieces of silver nitrate shaped

like a horse saddle. The new approach would reduce potential worker exposure.

Also winning the silver level in his category was SRNS firefighter Stephen Hall for the "Green Idea of the Year." Hall designed an innovative disposal system for expired fire extinguishers that has eliminated 99 percent of chemical dust vented into the atmosphere by the extinguishers.

Overall, the SRNS IDEAS program received three bronze awards for "Total Dollars Saved," "Savings Per Eligible 100 Employees," and "Savings Per Implemented Suggestion." SRNS IDEAS leads Melody Bell and Laura Barsh also received "KUDO" awards for their exemplary work in processing employee suggestions.

"Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is not only dedicated to delivering results and conducting all aspects of our work safely, but we are also committed to the prudent use of taxpayer dollars. Our company's Focused Improvement Transformation works aggressively at removing non-value added steps in processes and achieving long-term cost savings for the Site," said Dave Eyler, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. "I want to extend my thanks to our award winners who are examples of Continuous Improvement ambassadors, successfully applying their knowledge and experience to identify safer and more efficient ways of performing work."

IDEAS has saved \$75 million in cost savings, efficiencies and productivity gains since SRNS became the SRS management and operating contractor in 2008. The IDEAS employee suggestion program is the longest running of its kind in the United States and has achieved over \$244 million in savings and cost avoidances since its founding in 1998.

This is the third consecutive year that SRNS was recognized on the world stage by IA.



## Students learn of missions, opportunities at SRS Information Pods

The latest in a series of SRS Information Pods was held Oct. 28 at Aiken Technical College (ATC), featuring exhibits and presentations about the missions and activities at SRS. The sessions were sponsored by DOE, managed by SRNS and presented in partnership with ATC and USC Aiken. Both the public and students attended presentations on nuclear materials management; environmental monitoring and restoration; waste management; and the Savannah River National Laboratory.



John Gilmour, SRNS Director of Solid Waste Operations, discusses the management of solid waste at SRS.



Students gathered to hear SRNS Senior Vice President for Workforce Services and Talent Management Carol Barry discuss SRNS career opportunities.



Mike Griffith of SRNS Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects discusses environmental monitoring at SRS.



Bill Bates explains the various SRS organizations prior to his nuclear materials management presentation. Bates is the SRNL Deputy Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Materials Programs.



SRNL Director of Materials Science and Technology Dr. Kristine E. Zeigler presented an overview of the national laboratory.



## Admiral Haney visits SRS

Admiral Cecil Haney, Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, visited SRNL and the SRS Tritium Enterprise on Oct. 19. He was briefed on SRNL national security activities and on the Site's tritium mission for the National Nuclear Security Administration. Shown with Haney are (from left) SRNL Director and SRNS Executive Vice President Dr. Terry Michalske, and Doug Dearolph, Manager of NNSA's Savannah River Field Office. Admiral Haney and his staff visited in conjunction with a visit in support of Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness.

## SRNL's Dr. Korinko named ASM Fellow

Dr. Paul Korinko of SRNL is a member of the newest class of Fellows named by ASM International, the world's largest association of metals-centric materials scientists and engineers.

Fellows are elected to provide recognition to members for distinguished contributions to materials science and engineering. Dr. Korinko was cited for "significant research on the effects of hydrogen isotopes on materials and the development of novel welding processes."



Dr. Paul Korinko

At SRNL since 1998, Dr. Korinko has been a task leader for a number of diverse topics including: solid state welding, materials engineering support for the SRS Tritium Extraction Facility, hydrogen effects in zirconium alloys, equilibrium pressure testing for hydrogen getter materials, welding and qualification of a plutonium storage container, and Laser Engineering Net Shaping as a repair technology. Within the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex, Dr. Korinko is the recognized expert on "pinch welding," a specialized weld used to contain hydrogen isotopes.

He has five patents in joining and coating technologies, and is an author or co-author of numerous proceedings, internal reports and peer reviewed journal articles. He received the A.F. Davis Silver Medal Award in Maintenance and Surfacing in 2012, and has received several internal awards within SRNL. He has been active on the board of the local ASM International chapter, including service as a past president of the chapter.



John Olschon and Jennifer Holroyd, both of SRNL, at the CSRA Innovation Summit

## Innovation Summit brings entrepreneurs, businesses together

For the third consecutive year, SRNL has joined with Georgia Regents University to host the CSRA Innovation Summit, an October event that brings entrepreneurs, investors, inventors, service providers and other interested parties together to share information and advice.

The all-day event included presentations from successful regional and national entrepreneurs and even a "Shark Tank" style pitch session (modeled after the successful TV series) where business ideas were bounced off successful venture capitalists.

"If you look at the Central Savannah River Area, we are fortunate to have elements in place that put innovation into action," said Dr. Terry Michalske, SRNL Director and SRNS Executive Vice President. "We have world-class medical technology. We have world-class information technology. We have world-class manufacturing technology. And we have world-class energy technology. Those are the things that are going to drive this economy forward in the decades to come. Moving innovation into the marketplace is also an important element of what we do as a National Lab, an element that makes us a world-class science and technology asset for the area's economy."

Featured presenters included John Bobbitt, Elise Fox, David Hobbs and Davis Shull, all from SRNL. Their topics included virtual reality as a training and environmental remediation tool (Bobbitt); innovative electronic tracking capability (Shull); heat transfer fluids for solar energy (Fox); and, material compounds that can help treat periodontal disease (Hobbs).

"The innovation summit is really an attempt to bring people together and help the community build a network to provide information to people willing to take risks to bring technology out and build new businesses," said Chuck Meyers, SRNL's Director of Business Strategy.



Representatives of the nine United Way agencies, along with SRNS employees, were on hand for the donation celebration on Oct. 22.

# Living United

## SRNS employees, corporate match raise \$1.2 million for United Way

This year, SRNS employees led the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) in community giving for United Way, raising over \$1.2 million, which includes the employee campaign and corporate match. To celebrate the highly successful campaign, SRNS invited the United Way agencies and special guests to a reception at SRS.

During the event, campaign chair Teresa Eddy presented SRNS donation checks to United Way agency representatives. Among them were Sharon Rodgers, President, United Way of Aiken County, and LaVerne Gold, President/CEO, United Way of the CSRA.

"We are always grateful to the employees at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions. You are our biggest contributor every year, and words cannot express how appreciative we are. These dollars go towards programs for the children, the elderly and disabled individuals, as well as those recently affected by the flooding in Aiken County," said Rodgers. "Our United Way partner agencies are available 24-7 for people to call – it's just as easy as picking up the phone and calling 211. This wouldn't be possible without people from the SRNS team pulling together to raise over \$1,200,000 to help this community."

"Today demonstrates the dedication and compassion of SRNS employees. Without SRNS, we would need twice as many volunteers and donors, and we would get nowhere near the results that the site accomplishes by itself," said Gold. "United Way of the CSRA wouldn't be able to make the impact we do without the Savannah River Site. Like United Way of Aiken County and many others, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is the top contributor to our campaign."

SRNS has a culture of year-round giving. Initially known as the "Community Chest," the United Way has been a major focus for Site employees since 1952.



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**Sharon Rodgers**



"I want to extend my thanks to SRNS employees for working so diligently, volunteering their time through Days of Caring and contributing to the campaign to exceed our 2015 goal of \$1 million by over \$21,000. Our divisional and group leads did an outstanding job organizing breakfasts, bake sales and luncheons," said Eddy. "SRNS has highly successful fundraising events that have become an annual tradition, and employees continue to think of creative ways to raise money for our community. It's inspiring to see our workforce and retirees come together and make it a priority to give back."

The United Way agencies that receive contributions from the SRNS Employee United Way Campaign include: Aiken County; Allendale County; Bamberg, Colleton and Hampton Counties; Barnwell County; Edgefield County; Midlands; McDuffie County; Screven County; and United Way of the CSRA.

## Physically disabled attend 'opportunity of lifetime' at SRS deer hunt

The 15th annual deer hunt for the mobility impaired and sixth annual Wounded Warriors deer hunt held at SRS drew 29 physically disabled hunters for the opportunity of a lifetime, at no charge, during the multi-hunt event.

Nearly all of the hunters participating in this annual hunt continue to live with a serious physical impairment. "There's no doubt that this is the highlight of our entire hunting season at SRS," said Joe Solesby, SRNS employee and program manager for the Site's deer hunts. "A lot of these guys were very active before they were injured and had a passion for the outdoors and this sport. We're glad to be able to offer this service to them all within a safe, highly controlled environment containing a large deer population."

This year saw an increase with the harvest of 13 deer and two hogs. The deer and hogs are prepared for the hunters to take home or deliver to the charitable organization of their choice. "Everyone had a great time," said Solesby. "And, as usual, our escorts and other volunteers went above and beyond in their effort to make this a very special and memorable event for the hunters."

Hunt participants at SRS are escorted by a volunteer who ensures their safety and provides assistance as needed. "Many of our volunteers return year after year," said Solesby. "We greatly appreciate the time and effort donated by each volunteer. The many ways they show their desire to help these wounded warriors and physically impaired hunters is to be admired. We can't thank them enough."

SRS offers over 150,000 acres of pristine, government-owned forest to be hunted each year, benefiting not only the hunter, but drivers travelling the roadways at the DOE site as well. The hunt helps control the site's deer and hog population in an effort to reduce the potential for animal/vehicle collisions.

SRNS manages the hunt and provides sponsorship in conjunction with DOE, the USDA Forest Service-Savannah River and the Wheelin' Sportsmen National Wild Turkey Federation.

## SRNS volunteers lend a hand for Aiken 'Habitat' project

Nine volunteers from SRNS LEAP (Leaders Emerging Among Professionals) and Site Services recently volunteered at Aiken County Habitat for Humanity's 100th house. The group helped install insulation, windows and doors on the home in Warrenville, S.C. In August, SRNS presented a \$10,000 corporate donation to Aiken County Habitat for Humanity for the 100th home. The donation and the SRNS volunteer work day will help future residents Jennifer Pixley and her children Arthur, Josiah, Adriyanna and Aliza move into their new home this December.



### SRNS Boss of the Year

SRNS President and CEO Carol Johnson congratulates Robin Young as SRNS "Boss of the Year" during the SRS Observance of National Boss's Day on Oct. 14.

Young received the top award for his accomplishments as manager of the Nuclear Measurements group in the Analytical Development Section at the Savannah River National Laboratory.

Young, who has worked at SRS for 34 years, never anticipated winning the award. "It's an honor to even be nominated, and I'm flattered that my teammates in the group took the time to put my name in for this award," said Young.

Each "Boss of the Year" nominee is scored based on the following criteria: fair and impartial treatment of all employees; involvement in the community; outstanding accomplishments; and ethics, professionalism, dependability and sensitivity to the concerns of employees.

The "Boss of the Year" program is hosted by the SRS Special Emphasis Program Committee, which has representatives from the Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, SRNS, Savannah River Remediation, LLC, Centerra Group, LLC. and USDA Forest Service Equal Employment Opportunity Offices. Each company recognizes all of their nominees and announces their selection of their "Boss of the Year."

Twenty-five SRNS managers were nominated for the 2015 Boss of the Year Award.

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