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## Three Successful Years, Supporting SRS

AIKEN, S.C. (August 8, 2011) – When Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) became the managing and operating contractor of the Savannah River Site (SRS), its leaders were committed to supporting the Site's community, employees, environment and future. And in the past three years, SRNS has been able to claim success after demonstrating the strength, dedication and creativity to overcome the obstacles and rise to the challenges.

"As our fourth year begins, SRNS is ready to continue, and to further, its commitment to the future of SRS, while upholding our core values of safety, integrity, teamwork and customer satisfaction and working toward our goals," said SRNS President and Chief Executive Officer Garry Flowers.

Since the beginning, working with the community has been a top priority for SRNS and its employees. SRNS has worked with organizations including United Way, Golden Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross and local schools and colleges. "Our employees have shown a real strength of character through giving and raising donations and volunteering their time and effort. I had the privilege of working



*SRNS Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President Fred Dohse breaks ground on SRNS' most recent project with Aiken County Habitat for Humanity with Aiken County Council Chairman Ronnie Young, Habitat Board President Richard Harmon, Habitat Executive Director Richard Church and house recipients, Qiana Johnson and her children Shemar and Braylen.*

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with some of them in the recent Project Care event for United Way, and seeing their earnest concern for the community,” said SRNS Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President Fred Dohse.

“SRNS has a giving mentality, and took on the philanthropic traditions that Site employees have participated in for years. Through company donations and management support, SRNS has shown their strong dedication to their neighbors,” said SRS United Way Coordinator Linda Bridgmon.

In appreciation for those employees and their hard work at the Site, SRNS again gave a Christmas present from company profits to each employee. SRNS also continued communication campaigns to unite employees and promote teamwork across the Site. “We want employees to be kept informed about the issues that affect them and to know that they are a central part of our work here. As the base of all operations on Site, they are our biggest asset,” said SRNS Public Affairs Vice President Clif Webb.

In the past year, however, SRNS had to work through the serious, but necessary, challenge of decreasing its work force. Flowers said, “While this was a difficult time for the Site, we remained dedicated to our employees. We opened two voluntary separation opportunities to let the employees ready to leave open positions for those who weren’t, and we created a Workforce Transition Center to help displaced workers handle the change and find new employment.”

SRNS Workforce Services Vice President Jim Hanna said, “The Transition Center has been a significant help to many of the employees that left the Site. So far, there have been 871 visits to the center and 82 visitors have found new employment. The center operators receive regular thanks and updates from those they have helped – a testament to the sincerity of their efforts and the value of their services.”

When SRNS came to the Site and inherited the environmental cleanup of an era’s-worth of cold-war facilities, it rose to the challenge and made significant progress towards making the unused areas at SRS clean for future use or nature’s repossession. With an additional \$1.6 billion in funding received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and some of the nearly 3,600 employed with it, SRNS was able to accomplish many of the demolition, remediation and area closure projects ahead of schedule. The past year’s accomplishments include celebrating the closure of the M Area Operable Unit, achieving mechanical completion at the Small Arms Training Facility, continuing transuranic waste shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico and working toward



*Site ARRA workers achieved the significant milestone of decommissioning the Heavy Water Components Test Reactor, affectionately known as “Hector,” safely removing its rust-orange, 75-foot-tall, 174,000-pound dome with a 660-ton crane and lifting lugs, after more than 16 months of preparations.*

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*One of its many accomplishments during SRNS' third year, SRNL led the Wildfire Ignition Resistant Home Design program for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. A media demonstration was given during Wildfire Media Day in March at the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety to illustrate that embers, rather than direct flame contact, cause many buildings to burn during wildfires.*

the closure of P and R Reactors, which will be celebrated in late September.

As the cleanup mission at the Site was ending, however, SRNS leaders began to look to the future and ask the big questions on everyone's minds. "What will the fate of SRS be when the missions driving the Site for the past 20 years are finished?" With the arrival of the new DOE SR Manager Dr. Dave Moody and his unwavering confidence in SRS, came support for SRNS' answer to that question – that SRS would not be a closure site.

Dr. Terry Michalske also brought a fresh view of the future of SRS when he took over as the new Savannah River National Labora-

tory (SRNL) director in September 2010. While some areas on Site are completing their work scope, SRNL is constantly expanding its collection of knowledge, abilities and potential. With a thriving Work for Others program, the 'lab' steadily draws funding from a variety of sources, not only serving DOE, but also the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, other laboratories, businesses, colleges and more.

"Terry Michalske is an outstanding leader with extensive experience and a strong commitment to growing our laboratory mission. Since his arrival, I have had the honor of working with him to ensure the successful evolution of SRNL and SRNS. When looking to the Site's future, I need creative minds to find new solutions for transitioning SRS to the future – and I know that he and the rest of my executive team are more than capable," said Flowers.

At the beginning of 2011, Michalske led a team of technical and programmatic experts from DOE and SRNS to put the ideas and goals for the Site's future into a cohesive framework. Moody was a regular participant and strong advocate of the group, showing DOE's shared goal of making a robust, prosperous future for the Site.



*Garry Flowers and Terry Michalske speak to a strategic planning group as they plan SRS' bright future.*

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Developed in the spring of 2011 and set to be released in the fall of 2012, the plan that resulted, known as Enterprise SRS, will refocus Site efforts on developing future missions by broadening its impact in environmental stewardship, clean energy and national security mission areas.

Michalske said, “With our talented and knowledgeable workforce, we have an incredible capacity to provide innovative solutions to the nation’s most challenging problems. My goal is for SRNL to be a central part of the Site’s development and growth of future missions in the coming years.”

The Enterprise SRS core team worked closely with a broader set of DOE and SRNS leadership to determine specific objectives to achieve their goals, and to commit to running SRS like a business – pro-active in seeking new mission opportunities. Flowers said, “Dave Moody’s cooperation and support were instrumental in making Enterprise SRS happen. We said in the plan, ‘Work scope growth doesn’t come through dramatic step change. It must be steady in nature. And it must begin now.’ He and I believe that, and so does the rest of the SRNS leadership team.

“In the past year, we’ve been planning a future for the Site and working to get the pieces in motion to achieve it. And in the coming year, we will make further strides towards our end goal of SRS as a continued valuable U.S. asset and a growing Site.”