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Public Tour Program Continues at SRS

AIKEN, S.C. – June 29, 2015 – The popular public tour of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site (SRS) has approximately 200 openings left for the 2015 calendar year.

Recent tour participant Chuck Yahres, Beaufort, S.C., knew very little about SRS prior to his visit, though his mother’s small hometown of Dunbarton was closed to help create the 300 square mile federal nuclear reservation in the early 1950s.

“While grasping the entire operation of SRS can be challenging, especially to visitors unfamiliar with the SRS mission and history, the tour guides clear explanation of each area in relation to the overall mission enhanced my understanding and appreciation of the site and the work accomplished there,” said Yahres.

“The attention to safety was most impressive and visible throughout the entire tour. I was encouraged not only by the excellent security, but SRS’ research efforts to improve waste disposal and removal while protecting our environment,” added Yahres. “A wonderful tour that I would highly recommend to anyone especially interested in knowing more about the development, processing, storage and monitoring of nuclear materials in support of our national defense.”

Note that tour program seats are limited to two individuals per reservation and are filled on a first come, first served basis.



Carol Eldridge, Research Professional, Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, gives members of a recent public tour at SRS a close look at one of many animals presented during a program given within the ecology laboratory.

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Visit the “SRS Tour Program” web site to obtain more information or to make an on-line reservation:

<http://www.srs.gov/general/tour/index.htm>

If you experience difficulty registering online, call (803) 952-9472.

Each tour begins at 12:30 p.m. and typically ends at 4:30 p.m., accommodating about 50 people. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and citizens of the United States.

Available 2015 SRS Public Tour Dates

August	11, 25
November	10
December	10

The tour program at SRS is managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions as the site’s management and operating contractor.

Background

During the early 1950s, SRS began to produce materials used in nuclear weapons, primarily tritium and plutonium-239. Five reactors (now closed) were built to produce nuclear materials. Support facilities, including two chemical separations plants, a heavy water extraction plant, a nuclear fuel and target fabrication facility, a tritium extraction facility and waste management facilities were also built. Irradiated materials were moved from the reactors to one of the two chemical separations plants. In these facilities, known as “canyons,” the irradiated fuel and target assemblies were chemically processed to separate useful products from waste. After refinement, nuclear materials were shipped to other DOE sites for final application. SRS produced about 36 metric tons of plutonium from 1953 to 1988.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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