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## SRNS Safety Program Earns DOE's STAR Status

*SRNS Safety programs and culture earn continued recognition for excellence in safety performance*

AIKEN, S.C. (Feb. 10, 2014) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) was recently recognized as a Department of Energy (DOE) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) STAR participant for continued excellence in safety programs, performance and culture at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

The re-certification process for DOE's highest safety honor takes place every three years and analyzes DOE contractor safety performance, work activities, employee engagement and overall safety culture.

“To receive recognition as a DOE VPP STAR participant means a great deal to SRNS,” said Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO. “Being certified as a VPP STAR participant demonstrates the Department’s acknowledgment of SRNS’ commitment to the safety of our employees, our community and our critical operations that we execute every day in support of our nation’s nuclear needs.”

Dr. David Moody, Savannah River Operations Office Manager, presented Johnson with a VPP STAR certificate earlier this week at a company meeting held at the University of South Carolina-Aiken where he commended SRNS for their ongoing contributions to the safety legacy established at SRS more than a half-century ago.



SRNS President and CEO, Carol Johnson was presented a certificate by Savannah River Operations Office Manager, Dr. Dave Moody, for SRNS' re-certification as a DOE-VPP STAR participant during a company meeting at USC-Aiken last week. The DOE-VPP serves as external validation of strong safety programs and performance among DOE contractors.

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In 2013 SRNS received its 13th consecutive Star of Excellence Award and just this last year, SRNS received their fourth Legacy of Stars Award at the 2014 VPP National Conference.

The DOE VPP program measures ongoing safety performance of its participants through an annual Star Award program. Star of Excellence Awards are bestowed upon DOE contractors whose safety performance is 75 percent better than the average of businesses in the same industry. Those contractors who earn three consecutive Star of Excellence Awards qualify for a VPP Legacy of Stars Award in their fourth year.

*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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