

Rick Sprague

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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina Master of Business Administration

Clarkson University Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering

EXPERIENCE

Rick Sprague is the Senior Vice President, Environment, Safety, Health and Quality (ESH&Q), for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS). In this capacity, he has site-wide responsibility for Environmental Compliance and Remediation Projects; Occupational Safety and Health; Industrial Hygiene; Radiological Controls; Medical Services; Emergency Services; Safeguards and Security; Quality Assurance; Training; Procedures; and Operational Excellence.

Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President of Technical Services responsible for Site Utilities and Infrastructure, Maintenance, Landlord Services, Project Management and Construction.

Previously, he served as the Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Materials Programs at Savannah River National Laboratory. In this position, he was responsible for integration and management of SRS nuclear materials programs, optimizing use of site nuclear facilities and assets, and developing nonproliferation and disposition options. He was the SRNS primary point of contact on nuclear materials issues and coordinated all nuclear materials management activities with DOE.

Sprague has extensive leadership experience in nuclear facility operations, engineering, integrated safety management, project management, independent oversight and business services. He has managed all aspects of nuclear facility operations and engineering at SRS, including facility manager assignments in multiple nuclear materials and high-level liquid waste facilities. Sprague was in lead operational positions during the successful startups of the Saltstone Facility, Defense Waste Processing Facility, K Area Category 1 Design Basis Threat Project, K Area Material Storage Facility and K Area Interim Surveillance Facility. As Director of Nuclear Materials Storage for SRS, he facilitated plutonium consolidation from across the DOE complex and spent fuel returns from numerous foreign and domestic research reactor facilities. Sprague was Facility Manager during the successful deinventory and deactivation of the K Basin, Receiving Basin for Offsite Fuels, 235-F Plutonium Storage, Heavy Water and Reactor Materials facilities.

Sprague has led multifunctional integrated safety management oversight teams across the DOE complex. He led the transition and bifurcation of the longstanding SRS contract to two contractors, including SRNS as the site's management and operations contractor. More recently, he provided leadership for SRNS Business Services functions including Project Controls, Business Process Modernization, Performance Evaluation, and Supply Chain and Contracts Management.

