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SRS Deer Hunt Registration Begins

AIKEN, S.C., May 5, 2016 – More than 1,300 hunters are expected to participate in the annual SRS Deer Hunt Program at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS). The program is managed by the SRS management and operations contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS).

For the general public, hunts will be conducted on four Saturdays in November and December. The hunts are dog drives, lasting a half day and beginning in the morning. Hunters are selected by a lottery system for two categories, stand hunters and dog owners. The first step of the application process is to read a mandatory safety briefing, which then links to the application.

To begin the application process, visit this web page: http://www.srs.gov/general/deer_hunt/hunt.htm

According to SRNS deer hunt manager Joe Solesby, safety and security are always a top priorities at SRS. Auditors are placed throughout the hunting area to ensure the safety of the participants and support staff.

Since 1965, SRS has provided optimal deer hunt opportunities for thousands of sportsmen. The site has over 150,000 acres of land on which the annual deer hunts are conducted. Harvesting deer has proven to be the safest and most effective manner to control the SRS deer population and lower the incidence of animal-vehicle collisions on the site.

SRS also conducts a Mobility Impaired and Wounded Warriors Hunt each year. It will be held on Friday, Nov. 4. Information and applications are also available on the website.

"We're pleased to have offered this opportunity to thousands of hunters over the years," Solesby said. "It's especially rewarding for our military veterans, wounded warriors and mobility-impaired hunters. We're honored to offer a way to say 'thank you' for their service in a way that is highly meaningful to our veterans and, at the same time, offer a hunt for those who love the sport, yet cannot participate without physical assistance."

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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