



Mark Schmitz

Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Project Manager

Mark Schmitz is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Deputy Project Manager for Savannah River Remediation (SRR) responsible for the safe, reliable performance of the Liquid Waste Program. He ensures operational efficiency through Lean management and continuous improvement initiatives and leads strategic execution plans that deliver the DOE Savannah River project objectives.

Mr. Schmitz has 33 years of experience in U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facilities and 27 years in multi-functional management of complex nuclear operations. He has significant experience in the operation of plutonium, uranium, liquid waste, and tritium facilities with a strong Environment, Safety and Health (ES&H) background.

In his prior assignments within SRR, Mr. Schmitz was the Director, Nuclear and High Hazard Operations, responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Tank Farms, Effluent Treatment Facility, Defense Waste Processing Facility and Saltstone Facility, with an annual budget of \$280 million with 680 operations and maintenance personnel.

Previously, he was the Project Director for the Saltstone Disposal Units, capital asset projects valued at \$336 million under the SRR contract. He also had responsibility for Salt Disposition and Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) integration, an \$84 million portfolio to prepare systems for SWPF feed operations, implementation of Small Column Ion Exchange, and integration of the next Glass Waste Storage Facility.

Previously, as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Program Manager for SRR, Mr. Schmitz was responsible for the management of \$200 million of priority work scope under the SRR contract to accelerate waste tank closure and liquid waste disposition.

Prior to joining SRR, Mr. Schmitz served as the Deputy Associate Director for Nuclear and High Hazard Operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), where he was responsible for the safe performance of plutonium, tritium, accelerator, laboratory, waste management, remediation, and support facility operations. During this time, Mr. Schmitz held an assignment as Operations Director supporting the URS Global Management and Operations Services Office of Performance Assurance.

Before his LANL assignment, Mr. Schmitz served as the Operations Manager for the Management and Operations contract at Savannah River Site (SRS). He directed more than 6,000 personnel responsible for nuclear material storage and disposition, tritium operations, non-nuclear proliferation, soil and groundwater remediation, decommissioning and demolition, waste management, Environmental, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance, contractor assurance, procurement, and information technology.

Mr. Schmitz served in a broad array of significant leadership positions at SRS, including Nuclear Material Disposition Manager, Site ES&H Manager, Safety and Health Operations Manager, Area Manager for the plutonium and uranium chemical processing facilities, and the Tritium Facility Manager.

He also held the position of Nuclear Safety Manager for URS Safety Management Solutions, responsible for safety basis development at SRS and at more than a dozen DOE sites across the nation.

Mr. Schmitz holds the Project Management Institute Project Management Professional certification.

He and his wife, Leigh Ann, have three children. They live in Martinez, Georgia.

Education

- University of Cincinnati
Bachelor of Science Degree,
Chemical Engineering
- University of South Carolina
Masters Degree,
Business Administration
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