For Jerome, many of the positions he’s held have heralded safety as a top priority. However, his position at Savannah River Remediation (SRR) has changed the way he looks at safety culture within his own life.

As manager of SRR’s Subcontract Management Program, Jerome helps bridge the gap amongst Subcontract Technical Representatives (STRs), End-Users, Subcontractors, Subcontracted Workers, and Buyers. An essential component of his job involves ensuring workers’ commitment to safety both in and out of the field so that SRR reaches mission milestones.

“Not only do I surveil and monitor subcontractor safety,” Jerome says, “But as a manager, I have to lead by example by being even more safety conscious in my own life. I am now more mindful of simple things that I previously overlooked.”

Jerome said he has come full circle after working in procurement positions throughout his career in the U.S. Air Force until his latest role as Oak Ridge National Laboratory Procurement Director, where he was responsible for the award of goods and service contracts valued at over $500 million annually.

“I’m unique in that my experiences at SRR now allow me to fully understand the perspective of STR, End-User, Subcontractor, and the Buyer, and thus communicate and enforce the safety culture to the benefit all of the parties.”

As a U.S. Air Force veteran, Jerome understands the importance of SRR’s mission in supporting the nation’s effort to clean up nuclear waste to ensure a safer future.