

Meet

Regina

A Work Control Manager Who Has Deep Roots at SRS

Regina has been part of the mission of vitrifying high-level waste since before the construction of the Defense Waste Processing Facility.

Currently a Work Control Manager at the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF), the only operating radioactive waste vitrification—or glassification—plant in the nation, Regina has had the opportunity to see the facility go from construction to operation.

As a Work Control Manager, Regina facilitates overall planning and lockout of equipment in DWPF and the Saltstone facilities. Her department provides work instruction for the scope of work that is required to repair, modify, or install equipment.

Regina said she provides the guidance and the tools to perform their jobs safely and right the first time.

“I have a sense of ownership because I was a part of the start-up groups and now have relationships across the facility – Operations, Engineering, Maintenance, Lab, IH, QA, and Construction. I am proud to be part of the mission,” Regina said.

The Savannah River Remediation (SRR) mission is to safely disposition the legacy Cold War liquid waste currently stored in 43 underground tanks at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The high-level waste is sent to DWPF to be processed into a stable glass form, safe for long-term storage.

Regina’s ties to SRS started even before she took a job here. Her father’s family was one of the approximately 1,500 families who were asked to move their homes in 1950 when President Harry Truman authorized construction of facility to produce materials for nuclear weapons - now known as the Savannah River Site.

Regina’s father was born and raised on the land that is now SRS. He worked at SRS for 42 years before retiring.

AT A GLANCE

- Attended USC Aiken and USC
- Associate Degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology from Aiken Technical College
- Started at SRS in 1988 as a DWPF Process Control Operator
- Supported startup of DWPF in early 1990s
- Promoted to Work Window Coordinator in 2004
- Promoted to DWPF/Saltstone Work Control Manager in 2016

“I want the facilities that I work in to succeed and be productive to the welfare of the SRR mission.”