

Meet

Valorie

A Rising Star at SRR

With nearly 30 years of service at the Savannah River Site (SRS), Valorie has delivered value to Savannah River Remediation (SRR).

She is a rising leader at SRR, the liquid waste contractor at SRS. Valorie, along with 11 other SRR professionals, was selected by management to participate in Leadership SRR 2016—a program formed by SRR senior staff to identify, develop, and motivate new leadership within the Company.

Lessons the employees learned from Leadership SRR included presentation and communication skills, time management, and emergency preparedness and response experience. The program also allowed opportunities for the participants to interact with senior-level management.

“Leadership SRR took me outside of my comfort zone. It was challenging and rewarding both personally and professionally,” Valorie said. “One of several benefits of the program was obtaining a better understanding of how the many separate entities of the Company contribute to the overall success of SRR’s mission.”

As a Senior Quality Assurance Engineer, Valorie supports the Tank Farms and the Effluent Treatment Facility at SRS. There are two tank farms at SRS, consisting of 35 million gallons of Cold War era radioactive waste stored in 43 underground tanks. SRR’s mission is to treat and solidify the waste then operationally close the tanks in a safe, timely, and cost-effective manner. The Effluent Treatment Facility, located in H Tank Farm, removes chemical and radioactive contaminants from low-level radioactive wastewater from facilities around the site.

“Quality Assurance is an essential part of what we do here on Site,” she said. “It is integrated in all aspects our production and processes because that is the point where events affecting quality are most likely to occur.”

Specifically, her role is to help ensure the Company effectively implements and complies with requirements and standards of the Quality Assurance Program.

“What I enjoy most about the job is interfacing with people from different work groups and facing new challenges,” Valorie said. “I look forward to growth and development that these challenges provide.”

I am committed to accomplishing my goals,
despite all the mistakes I make along the way. I
choose to learn from them.

AT A GLANCE

- 28 Years of Experience at SRS
- Graduate of North Carolina A&T University
- Senior Quality Assurance Engineer, supporting SRR's Tank Farms and Effluent Treatment Facility.
- From Waynesboro, Georgia, the “Bird Dog Capital of the World”