The Interim Salt Waste Disposition Process (ISDP) at Savannah River Site surpassed the one-million gallon per year mark in salt waste processing for the second time in its five year history.

The record processing mark, met recently, sets the stage for the ISDP to continue to support salt processing program objectives beyond its first five years of operations, which began in April 2008. The ISDP has processed a record 1.2 million gallons, which exceeds the previous record of 1.07 million gallons set in FY11.

Processing and dispositioning the waste is essential for Savannah River Remediation (SRR) to complete its mission of operationally closing the waste tanks. The waste tanks have been labeled as the single greatest environmental risk in the state by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

SRR Operator, Robert Brown is confirming process valve positioning as part of ISDP pre-operational checks.

A Savannah River Remediation (SRR) safety team won an Award of Excellence from parent company’s URS 2013 Pyramid Awards program for the development and implementation of the unique Slip Simulator mobile classroom.

The URS Pyramid Awards program recognizes employees who demonstrate URS’ commitment to achieving the highest standards of professional excellence, safety and service for customers, coworkers and the communities in which they work.

The winning team, consisting of (from left) Roger Staten, Dean Hayden, Donletta Watts, and Patricia Allen, received the award for the Safety in the Energy and Construction, Global Management and Operations Services Division. Also a member of the team, but not pictured, was Kevin Smith.
Experience gained through the college summer internship program at Savannah River Remediation (SRR) sets students apart from the rest. Intern Janeca Parker (right) saw the puzzle pieces fall into place while working in the radiological engineering and health physics (RE&HP) group.

“I was able to gain real experience,” said Parker. “The projects my RE&HP mentor gave me were things that were not necessarily learned in the classroom. I was able to work on projects that were useful to the company.”

Nikki DeMass, a chemical engineering major at Clemson University, recognizes that combing classroom research with real-world application is very beneficial.

“This internship is giving me work experience that I will be able to use in my future career,” said DeMass. “I think it has helped me gain a better understanding of what I may want to do in the future and is allowing me to learn engineering concepts that will help me with my studies at Clemson.”

Interns Give Back on Project VISION Day

Twenty-one of Savannah River Remediation’s (SRR) college interns recently helped to make the SRR Intern Project VISION Community Day a success.

Three teams of volunteers spent the day improving the lives of people in the Aiken community. The projects included constructing a wheelchair ramp, renovating a deck and landscaping. This work day was planned outside of regular work hours to give interns the opportunity to put others’ needs above their own.

Each intern had something to contribute to the projects, whether it was previous construction experience or a willingness to learn. Several interns who were not able to volunteer also participated by assisting in the planning of the Project VISION Community Day.

Not only did Project VISION allow the interns to participate in community outreach, but they were also able to learn to work as a team.