

STAKEHOLDER NEWS



SRR Reaches 8 Million Hours without Lost Work Day

SRR routinely handles radioactive liquid waste, but the work is anything but routine, according to SRR President and Project Manager Stuart MacVean.

“This impressive record is a significant milestone,” MacVean said. “Our

employees demonstrate exemplary safety performance on every task.”

Patricia Allen, Director of SRR Environmental, Safety, Health & Quality Assurance, & Contractor Assurance, said SRR works hard to create a safer

environment for employees, but the company also relies on worker involvement.

“This workforce follows safety procedures and they have a questioning attitude as they safely work to meet milestone after milestone. Given our mission, 8 million hours without a lost work day could not be accomplished without their commitment to work safely and to watch out for each other,” Allen said. She added that the 8 million hours equates to about 675 days.

SRR employees achieved the milestone January 20, 2015. This string of safe days represents the largest number of days and hours worked without a lost work day since the SRR contract began on July 1, 2009.

SRR Donates \$7,500 to the CSRA United Way



Discussing ways the SRR donation can impact the community in 2015 are, from left, SRR Administrative Services Director Ted Myers, who also sits on the CSRA United Way Board, Senior Director of Resource Development Rina Powell, and the agency’s CEO La Verne Gold.

SRR, the liquid waste contractor at Savannah River Site (SRS), donated \$5,000 to the CSRA United Way’s current fundraising campaign and \$2,500 to assist them with special campaign events.

La Verne Gold, CEO of the CSRA United Way, said SRR’s donation provided a wonderful jump start to the New Year.

“SRR’s generous donation helps the United Way lend an extra hand and provide greater help to those in the community we seek to serve.” She added that SRR lived up to this year’s campaign theme, “Unleash Your

Super Hero,” and truly answered the call to help raise funds for the needs of the local community.

Ted Myers, SRR Administrative Services Director, said the company is honored to partner with United Way to reach the many needs in the community.

“The CSRA United Way has done important, sustaining work over the years, and their past record is proof that our donation will be used to make even greater strides to meet the many needs of members in our community,” Myers commented.

SRR Earns 95 Percent of Award and Incentive Fee for 2014 Fiscal Year



The Salt Waste Processing Facility is being constructed to streamline waste disposition.

Savannah River Remediation earned 95 percent of its available award and incentive fee for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, according to a fee determination scorecard released by the Department of Energy (DOE). SRR earned \$26.8 million in incentive fee and award fee out of a total of \$28.5 million in available fee. This year's numbers matches SRR's FY2013

achievement, where it also earned 95 percent of the available award fee.

DOE praised SRR for its safety record, support responding to last year's incidents at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, and strides made in improving conduct of engineering. DOE also noted

the contractor's effective management of staff during the October 2013 government shutdown.

SRR is "pleased to be recognized with a score that reflects the progress made in the SRS Liquid Waste Program and the hard work of our employees," contractor spokesman Dean Campbell said in a statement. "We were faced with a number of unusual challenges early in the year – lapse in funds, record cold weather, an ice storm and an earthquake, etc. – and we were able to safely overcome those challenges with outstanding performance. We are confident that our performance and our efforts to find and implement efficiencies in our operations puts us on the right path to support the Salt Waste Processing Facility when it becomes operational and to reduce the single largest environmental risk in South Carolina, the liquid waste in SRS tanks. We will continue to safely and efficiently disposition the tank waste and operationally close waste tanks as we work with DOE, regulators and stakeholders to ensure we are meeting expectations and doing the right things."

Millions of Gallons of High-Level Waste Safely Moved in 2014

While not a record year, it represents more than 1,170 different times the liquid waste was transferred to safely manage the 37 million gallon inventory, treat the waste and to clean waste tanks, which leads to the operational closing of the tanks, said SRR President and Project Manager Stuart MacVean.

"While treating, dispositioning and immobilizing high-level waste receives most of the attention, our employees are doing a tremendous job of continuing to safely keep our waste in the right place at the right time," MacVean said. "Their work may be unheralded at times, but it is the foundation on which we keep the liquid waste mission moving forward."

SRR has to manage waste to keep the Site functioning. Moving waste through the

system positions it for disposition and makes room in waste tanks for Site work while preparing waste tanks for closure.

SRR receives waste from H Canyon operations, the Site's laboratories, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, and from normal waste processing and disposition activities. There are 305 transfer lines, comprising approximately 21 miles, available for waste transfers.

Jim Folk, DOE-Savannah River Acting Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition, said that transferring liquid waste within SRS is fundamental but critical to Site operations.

"Moving this very large amount of waste takes a lot of planning and skill," Folk



said. "The liquid waste system is much like a major freeway with a lot of traffic, on and off ramps, one-way flow and certain destinations. Much of the Site's work related to transferring waste doesn't get the headlines, but we all know it's critical."