

STAKEHOLDER NEWS

SRR Reaches 6.5 Million Hours without Lost Work Day



On September 24, Savannah River Remediation (SRR) surpassed 6.5 million hours of work without a lost day.

To put this accomplishment in perspective, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data indicates the average company in SRR's industry would have experienced 29 injuries requiring a worker to miss a day of work during the span of 6.5 million hours.

This streak of safe working by SRR employees is still currently active as safety remains a point of emphasis at SRR.

Savannah River Site Notches Waste Transfer First

SRR made history in September by safely transferring radioactive liquid waste from F Tank Farm (FTF) to H Tank Farm (HTF) utilizing a central control room.

SRS has two tank "farms," where 37 million gallons of waste is stored in 45 large waste tanks. This 60,000-gallon waste transfer, used to help create space in tanks and prepare the waste for disposition, is the first inter-area transfer since September 2012. In addition, this is the first inter-area transfer controlled from H Areas since the implementation of SRR's Control Room Consolidation (CRC) Project.

The inter-area transfer line, which is about two miles long, has been out of service since 2012 for refurbishment and replacement of antiquated equipment. The transfer line will continue to be used to execute the processing strategy for sludge waste and salt solution.

Nearly a decade of work to consolidate most F and H Area Control Rooms into one facility was completed in April 2013 with the closure of two FTF Control Rooms.



An aerial view of H Tank Farm, the destination of September's historic, 60,000-gallon inter-area waste transfer.

Past Student Intern Credits SRR for Nuclear Interest in U.S. Navy

Newly commissioned United States Naval Officer and former SRR intern Ensign Whitney Tharp credits her experience with SRR for sparking her nuclear career interest.

Tharp spent three summers as an SRR intern prior to receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and Minor in nuclear engineering from the University of South Carolina in December 2013. In June 2013, Tharp was sworn into the Navy and aspired to be assigned to a submarine.

Since no positions were available to females on a nuclear submarine at the time, Tharp would begin as a surface nuclear officer on an aircraft carrier. Then she received a phone call that would make a dream become reality.

“A month after I was sworn in, I received an interview in Washington, D.C., with Admiral John M. Richardson for a position on a submarine,” said Tharp. “After I told him about my internship with SRR and my desire to be on a submarine, he replied, ‘We’ll give you a shot.’ That was one of the happiest moments of my life.”

During Tharp’s Internship in H Tank Farm, a co-worker gave her an interest in the Navy. It was not until her time in Saltstone that she discovered the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC) program.

Tharp is now attending Nuclear Naval Power School in Charleston, S.C. After graduation, she will attend Nuclear Power Training Unit, Submarine Officer Basic Course and then will report to her first submarine.



Ensign Whitney Tharp

Big Night for SRR at VPPPA Annual Conference; Wins Three Awards



Brad Davy (right), Director, DOE Office of Worker Safety and Health Assistance, and Patricia Worthington (left) Director, DOE Office of Health and Safety, stand with SRR employees (left to right) Arlene Williams, Denise Long and Patricia Allen.

SRR won three awards at the 30th Annual National Voluntary Protection Program Participants’ Association (VPPPA) annual conference held recently in Baltimore, Md.

The VPPPA is a nonprofit organization working to drive safety, health and environmental excellence through cooperative efforts among labor, management and government. Several qualified DOE project sites across the nation are members. SRR has been recognized as a VPP Star Site since 2009, the highest level of recognition, when it became the SRS liquid waste contractor.

At the conference, SRR was awarded the 2014 VPP Innovation Award, the 2014 Safety & Health Achievement and was recognized as a VPP Legacy of Stars recipient for the fourth time.

Only two contractors in the DOE complex have received four Legacy of Stars Awards.

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