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ExxonMobil team to visit SRS after invite from Inglis
Lawmaker hopes trip to national lab will spur research investment from oil industry

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WASHINGTON -- ExxonMobil Corp. officials will visit the Savannah River National Lab today in what Rep. Bob Inglis hopes will lead to the oil industry giant investing in research into new sources of energy at the facility .

Inglis, R-Travelers Rest, invited the Texas-based company to tour the applied research and development lab at the Energy Department's Savannah River Site.

"ExxonMobil knows they need to be investing in the future, and we hope to demonstrate to them that South Carolina has the capabilities to help move toward energy security," Inglis said.

ExxonMobil earned record profits for a U.S. company last year when it announced that it had made \$36.1 billion.

Advertisement Inglis said the lab is working with other federal laboratories, universities and private industry on energy security, environmental cleanup and homeland security projects. The facility recently began shifting its unclassified research on hydrogen as a fuel source to the new Center on Hydrogen Research. There, lab personnel will share space with universities and corporations engaged in similar research.

Kenneth P. Cohen, a spokesman for ExxonMobil, called the visit "preliminary information sharing."

"We work with congressmen and senators. A number of them have projects (in their states). We're interested in hearing them out," Cohen said.
