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SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CONSTRUCTION INCREASES SAFETY RECORD

AIKEN, S.C. (July 31)—Last month, SRS Construction completed eight years without a work-related injury or illness that caused time lost from work. The last lost-time injury was on June 23, 1998.

Construction forces worked more than 18 million safe hours, “an astounding achievement considering that a typical construction site in the U.S. would experience one lost time injury every 83,000 hours,” says Bobby Oliver, safety manager for SRS Construction. “At that rate the average number of lost-time injuries would be about 217. We had zero.”

At the end of June, SRS Construction employed 782 Bechtel construction craft workers and 218 non-manual employees.

In current terminology, a lost-workday case is referred to as a “Days Away” injury, or a case in which a person could not have performed any work because of a work-related injury or illness.

Michael Graham, president of Bechtel Savannah River, Inc., and director of Washington Savannah River Company’s Projects, Design and Construction organization, said, “This is the best safety record for Bechtel in the United States and we believe it is the best construction industry record in the nation. It proves that we in fact do have safety as a core value. We couldn’t be more proud of this world-class performance.”

Mr. Graham added that construction crews at SRS deal not only with normal construction hazards, but also radiological hazards and unusual hazardous material risks. “This takes exceptional focus,” he said.

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“I continue to be amazed at this growing record of safety achievement,” said WSRC President Bob Pedde. “We have the best safety processes that exist in our application of Integrated Safety Management, but for Construction to reach this level of performance takes a terrific amount of skill, attention, and belief in the importance of safety. I hope we can extend this record indefinitely. As good as this performance is, however, we are committed to continuously improving it. We won’t succeed until there are no injuries at all.”

WSRC continues to retain STAR status, the highest award in DOE’s Voluntary Protection Program for safety excellence.

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