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SRS CONSTRUCTION FORCES SURPASS 20 MILLION SAFE HOURS

AIKEN, S.C. (May 31) – SRS has established a new national record for its safety performance.

Bechtel Savannah River, Inc. (BSRI) has set a new site record and Bechtel National record for hours worked without losing any time due to a job-related injury or illness. Construction forces have surpassed 20 Million safe hours extending the record they set in May 2004, when they exceeded the previous site record set by DuPont Construction in 1988. BSRI Construction also holds the Bechtel U.S. record for the project logging the most "safe hours." To put this accomplishment in perspective, the average U.S. construction company would incur 241 lost-time injuries in 20 million exposure hours.

Michael Graham, president of BSRI, praised Construction workers and their supervisors for their dedication to protecting themselves and their co-workers. "The men and women of Bechtel Construction are the best. The hazards they face daily involve excavations, hoisting and rigging, confined space entry, chemicals and radiation. I am extremely proud of them and the fantastic job they have done, and continue to do."

As a token of the company's gratitude and in recognition for this world class performance, construction employees will attend a BBQ celebration and receive commemorative golf shirts. "However," Graham said, "the best gift is that our construction employees are able to return home from work every day injury-free."

Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC) President Leo Sain said the Construction achievement is one of several positive signs about the continuing strength of the SRS safety culture.

"Construction continues to set a remarkable pace, and the entire workforce is accepting the challenge of improving on a world-class performance," Sain said. He added that SRS has been recognized for continued safe performance in 2007 by the South Carolina Manufacturers Association, the South Carolina Department of Labor and the Governor of South Carolina.

In addition, WSRC was recognized by the Department of Energy (DOE) last year for earning the DOE Voluntary Protection Program Legacy of Stars Award, culminating six years of "Star Status" achievement. This is the highest level of safety recognition in that program.

WSRC, a Washington Group International company, operates the SRS for DOE. The WSRC team includes BSRI., BNG America Savannah River Company, BWXT Savannah River Company and CH2 Savannah River Company.

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