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## Historic Tank Marker Donated to Savannah River Site Archives

AIKEN, S.C. (February 6, 2013) – The 1997 marker commemorating the operational closure of the nation’s first Cold War era nuclear waste tank has been donated by Savannah River Remediation (SRR) to the Savannah River Cold War Artifact Collection.

In accepting the marker, Caroline Bradford, curator of the Savannah River Cold War Artifact Collection, called the donation a piece of history.

“The Savannah River Site (SRS) has played a huge role in this nation’s history and closing the first nuclear legacy waste tank is a very important part of that history,” Bradford said. “We accept this marker to commemorate that event.”

The concrete marker was placed in front of Tank 20, the first tank closed, in 1997. It is being replaced by a new marker, which was unveiled during a celebration on October 1, 2012, which commemorated the closing of the most recent tanks to be closed, Tanks 18 and 19, along with Tanks 17 and 20. In total, four radioactive waste tanks have been closed at the Site. The four tanks are located next to each other in the F Tank Farm, with the new marker located next to the area.

Assisting in donation were SRR employees Jim Herbert, who worked on the Tank 20 closure project and was closure project manager for Tanks 18 and 19, and Mike Harrell, who played an instrumental role in last year’s closure of Tanks 18 and 19.

“Being a part of the project team that closed the first Cold War waste tank in the nation is something special,” Herbert said. “It is fitting that this marker be donated to the SRS artifact collection. It truly is a part of history.”

SRS is owned by DOE. The SRS Liquid Waste contract is managed by SRR, a team of companies led by URS Corp. with partners Bechtel National, CH2M Hill and Babcock & Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy Solutions and URS Professional Solutions.

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