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Dear SRS Patriots,

Today on this historic day set aside to honor the dedicated, hard-working men and women of our Nation's nuclear weapons program. For the fourth consecutive year, Congress has enacted a Day of Remembrance on October 30 to recognize the hundreds of thousands of American workers who have served to build America's nuclear defense and its security stronghold from World War II through the Cold War.

On this 2012 National Day of Remembrance, the U.S. Department of Energy is pleased to honor the Cold War Patriots of the Savannah River Site and your legacy of patriotism and contributions in protecting our country.

For six decades, SRS has served as a major cornerstone of America's national defense infrastructure. In the early years, DuPont weapons workers came to Savannah River Plant day after day, toiling long hours in secrecy and often unable to tell family and friends the nature of their work. It was the early service of these innovative pioneers that helped end WWII, win the Cold War, and establish the U.S. as a leader in science, technology, and engineering and the Savannah River Site as a model of national commitment.

Today, **you**, the top-notch men and women of our Site workforce continue that tradition in putting your expertise and nuclear knowledge to work to meet our current challenging missions with stellar safety records. As many have heard me say before, the success of the Site's future is reliant on our past performance and proud heritage — both founded on one-of-a-kind capabilities and infrastructure — and, above all, a capable, knowledgeable workforce.

With a great deal of service remaining to offer this Nation, your continued focus and skilled dedication are paving the path to a bright Enterprise•SRS future. Guided by the E•SRS roadmap, I am confident in our ability to expand business growth opportunities and secure new missions and jobs to sustain the solid, enduring future we all want.

Since the first National Day of Remembrance in 2009, DOE has sought to recognize and memorialize the contributions of SRS nuclear weapons workers annually each October. Tributes have included celebrations and programs for both current SRS employees and retirees and placement of a special commemorative marker prominently displayed on the SRS Badge Office Building in A-Area.

In 2011, we were pleased to participate in legacy projects sponsored by the Cold War Patriots organization, a non-profit advocacy group for nuclear weapons program workers. Historical Site artifacts, along with transcripts of interviews and stories from retirees and current workers, were placed in a commemorative time capsule that has travelled to nuclear weapons sites across the DOE Complex.

Additionally, last October, hundreds of current and former Site employees took part in the CPW Remembrance Quilt Project, personalizing quilt squares in honor or in remembrance of current and former SRS Cold War Patriots serving in our country's nuclear weapons program. Collected from nuclear weapons workers across the country, the quilting squares were sewn together to make a spectacular 17-foot wide by 11-foot tall quilt in the design of an American flag. CWP shared the quilt on display for the 2000-plus attendees of the annual SRS 25-year Employee Receptions in Augusta, GA, earlier this month before taking it on the road to National Day of Remembrance celebrations across the U.S.

Again on this annual historic National Day of Remembrance, the Department of Energy honors the dedicated hard work and contributions of the esteemed Cold War Patriots of the Savannah River Site.

Indeed, your contributions are critically important to keeping the citizens of this country safe. For this, I extend my **deepest gratitude for your sacrifice, service and patriotism**. You are **held in the highest regard**, appreciated and respected by your **community**, your **government** and your **country**.

Manager

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