

PUBLIC RISK FROM AGING NUCLEAR WASTE TANKS INCREASING

- Nuclear waste tank cleanup is critical path for Environmental Management cleanup at SRS and poses highest risk to public and workers. During seismic event or tank leak, human health of workforce and public could be affected.
- DOE has lost momentum in cleanup of aging nuclear waste tanks at SRS
- The SCDHEC approved dates for closure of two tanks have now slipped about 3 years. The approved closure dates for 10 other tanks are in serious jeopardy.
- Implementation of Senator Graham's 2004 legislation has been significantly delayed. Savings projected will not be realized and costs are increasing.
- Additional delays of 2-4 years most likely to occur based on recent DOE decisions
 - Upgraded design standards for Salt Waste Processing Facility will cost 2+ years and about \$1 billion in lifecycle costs. SCDHEC and SRS Citizens Advisory Board queries on the benefits of this costly change not addressed.
 - DOE plans to delay execution of a new contract that focuses on the nuclear waste tank cleanup scope- award not until fall 2007.
- New acquisition strategy delays action 2 years into the future and will not encourage competition.

THE WAY TO RECOVERY AND PROGRESS

- Bring competition and new ideas to nuclear tank cleanup immediately.
- Accelerate plans for Liquid Waste (nuclear tank cleanup) contract to have it in place before or at the same time as the new M&O contract.