

# STAKEHOLDER NEWS

## DWPF Melter 2 Celebrates 10th Anniversary

What has been called the “heart” of the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) at SRS celebrated its 10th anniversary last month, a full eight years beyond its design life expectancy. Melter 2, the 65-ton, teapot-shaped vessel treats high-level radioactive waste stored in SRS waste tanks by blending it with a borosilicate frit to form a molten glass mixture. The mixture is poured into stainless steel canisters, which are decontaminated and stored on-site until a permanent storage facility is identified.

The melter, only the second in the 17-year history of DWPF, is celebrating 10 years of service this month and much success.

Melter 2 has poured over 2,200 canisters during its life, nearly double what Melter 1 produced in its life span. Melter 1 was placed into operations in March 1996. Together, Melters 1 and 2 have poured 3,603 canisters through March 31, 2013. The predicted number of canisters needed to dispose of SRS's hazardous waste is 7,580.

SRR keeps one melter in storage in case the working melter needs to be replaced. Currently, Melter 3 is waiting and is ready, if needed. Melter 3 is projected to replace Melter 2 in late 2014 or early 2015. Melter 4, which arrived on site recently, will become the melter in waiting.



DWPF Melter 4 arrives at SRS

## SRR Presents Employee the First Safety, Health Achievement Award

SRR awarded Russell Overton, an operator in Saltstone, the first SRR Safety and Health Achievement Award for modeling exemplary safety leadership.

The SRR Safety and Health Achievement Award is intended to recognize a nominated hourly employee in the company who most actively supports the safety process on both the facility and company levels.

Overton was chosen for this award for his exceptional involvement in many areas of Environmental, Safety and Health in his facility. Nominated by a co-worker, Overton's input is believed to be especially valuable when overseeing tasks being performed safely.



# SRR Heroes Recognized By Local American Red Cross



The morning silence inside an office trailer in the H Tank Farm complex at the Savannah River Site (SRS) was broken recently. An SRR employee was having a heart attack.

In a nearby office, Mike Davis, an SRR Tank Farm Engineering Senior Technical Support Specialist, did not hesitate and responded to the cry. He saw his co-worker not breathing, his eyes were rolled back in his head and his face was flushed white.

Trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Davis began chest compressions on the lifeless body. Seconds later, a shallow breath was noticed and breathing was restored, albeit very slightly.

Davis was joined within minutes by Gary Cauthen, an SRR Tank Farm Plant Engineering Manager, also in a nearby office, who assisted with CPR.

For their efforts, Cauthen and Davis were recognized recently by the Aiken County American Red Cross at its annual "Heroes Breakfast." They also were honored by URS Corporate Executives recently, who were visiting Aiken.



SRR President and Project Manager Dave Olson (right) and Red Cross Executive Director Lindsay Findley congratulate SRR employees (from left) Gary Cauthen, Mike Davis and Randy Hicks on being recognized as "Heroes."

When not at the Savannah River Site (SRS), Randy Hicks, a senior design specialist for SRR, volunteers. It was his volunteerism that distinguished him recently as a "hero" by the Aiken County American Red Cross. He was honored by the Red Cross at its annual "Heroes Breakfast" held March 28, 2013, in Aiken, SC.

He happens to volunteer in the home healthcare profession, and has been doing so for 20 years. It is this volunteering that caught the attention of the Red Cross.

As patients' diseases progress, everything they do becomes more difficult, which leads Hicks to be more than a person providing conversation and companionship. He helps with the person's safety, such as installing smoke detectors.

Hicks also enjoys the conversation he has with the hospice patients. This one-on-one time allows family members to perform errands or just take a much needed break from their home care responsibilities. For Hicks, this time is special.

## Employees Emphasize Volunteerism on United Way 'Work Day'

It was another day of work for about 50 SRR employees, but instead of heading to the Savannah River Site (SRS) on March 22, 2013, they headed to various locations in Aiken County to participate in the annual United Way of Aiken County Project Vision.

Armed with hammers, nails, various tools, rakes and paint brushes, SRR employees tackled landscaping activities, plumbing and electrical repairs, and even ventured under a residence to replace a floor joist.

Sharon Rodgers, President of the United Way of Aiken County, welcomed the volunteerism exemplified by SRR.

"We have a lot of people in our area that have homes in need of repair and they, for whatever reason, cannot afford the repairs," Rodgers said. "The United Way is grateful for groups like the SRR employees who recognize the need and give back."



Savannah River Remediation (SRR) LLC is the Savannah River Site's (SRS) Liquid Waste contractor. SRS is owned by DOE. SRR is composed of personnel from a team of companies led by URS with partners Bechtel National, CH2M Hill and Babcock & Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy Solutions and URS Professional Solutions. For more information, contact the SRR Public Affairs Department: Dean Campbell at 803.208-8270, or log on to [www.SRRremediation.com](http://www.SRRremediation.com)

