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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! : Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family! During this month of December, we have all been busy with the sights and sounds of the season. Nevertheless, I hope that you will take a few moments over the next few days to remember the true meaning for why we celebrate Christmas. Spend time with family and friends and reflect on how blessed that we are to live in the United States. Remember our troops who are abroad and who will not be able to be home with their families for the Holidays. Cherish our children for whom we strive to make a better future in our state and nation. My wife Heather and I hope and pray that the Holiday Season and the New Year bring you much joy, health, and happiness. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the South Carolina Senate.

"Meaning of Christmas" Message from Former President Reagan : Thirty-two years ago this week, former President Reagan addressed the nation on television and delivered his "meaning of Christmas" message. Regardless of your political leanings, I encourage you to take a moment to watch this message and to reflect on that message both this week and next. To see the video, go to this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU0tuah-x7M>

SRS Budget Update

Latest News : Now that Congress has passed a budget agreement this week, work is ongoing within the Appropriations Committees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. By January 15, it is very important to our community and state that Congress pass a full year budget fully funding the Savannah River Site (SRS). Without a full year budget fully funding SRS, significant

operational impacts will occur at SRS as well as possible furloughs and/or layoffs of employees. In addition, legal and regulatory commitments between DOE and the State of South Carolina regarding environmental cleanup will not likely be met.

Meeting with Governor Haley : Yesterday, I met with Governor Haley along with representatives from the Aiken/Edgefield Economic Development Partnership, SRSCRO, Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, and Senator Massey. Governor Haley is committed to helping SRS receive full federal funding and she recognizes the importance of the work at SRS both as to our state and the nation.

Your Help Is Needed? : Our local legislative delegation continues to work on this issue. However, your help is needed now (not in 3 weeks but now) by doing the following:

☎ Telephone the following members of our Congressional delegation and ask them to pass a full year budget fully funding SRS:

Senator Lindsey Graham ☎ (202) 224-5972

Senator Tim Scott ☎ (202) 224-6121

Congressman Mick Mulvaney ☎ (202) 225-5501

Congressman Jim Clyburn ☎ (202) 225-3315

Congressman Joe Wilson ☎ (202) 225-2452

Congressman Jeff Duncan -- (202) 225-5301

Congressman Tom Rice ☎ (202) 225-9895

Congressman Trey Gowdy ☎ (202) 225-6030

Congressman Mark Sanford ☎ (202) 225-3176

SRS and its talented workforce continue to be a leader in providing vital work for our nation and the world in nuclear materials operations and waste management. Together, we must encourage federal policy makers to fully fund the important missions at SRS.

Other Important News

Edisto River : Recently, several articles have appeared in newspapers around our region describing the construction of a large potato farm in eastern Aiken County near Windsor and that farm's application for withdrawing millions of gallons of water from the South Edisto River. Like many of you, I am concerned about the situation and the impact on the South Edisto and Edisto Rivers. I am working with Senators Setzler and Massey, Rep. Bill Taylor, other elected officials, and concerned citizens on the issue.

Edisto River -- Public Meeting : DHEC has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 pm at the Aiken Electric Co-op. At the meeting, DHEC plans to educate the public on the current law and answer questions as to the situation.

Input Needed ☎ Hitchcock Parkway/Bypass -- Aiken : Today is the last day to submit your comments to SCDOT about the current design for Hitchcock Parkway's

proposed expansion. The public information displays can be seen here: http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_hearings.aspx. It is very important that the City and SCDOT receive public input (for and against) on the latest design of this proposed City project. Comments can be sent by email to SCDOT's Kevin Gantt at GanttKL@scdot.org.

Thank you for the opportunity and the honor to represent you. Please let me know if I can help you in any way or if you have questions about these or other issues. Your feedback is meaningful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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