

# Setting the Success Standard for our Nation

Service • Safety • Security • Stewardship • Stakeholders • Sustainability

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U.S. DOE Featured Site

Savannah River Site Overview

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Savannah River Site





# Serving our Nation Six Decades Strong



- Six towns and 6,000 patriots relocated in early 1950s
- Established on 198,334 acres, or 310 square miles
- 4th largest DOE site in the U.S.
- Providing over 6 decades of knowledge, technology and integrated solutions for most pressing national needs
- Pioneering development and deployment of nuclear technologies at scales never before imagined
- Standing as core of our Nation's nuclear deterrent, past to present



Defense Waste Processing Facility Startup



Waste Tank Construction



H Canyon in 1952



R Reactor in 1951




# Building the Legacy



**Earth Moved**  
39 million cubic yards  
(a wall 10 feet high and  
6 feet wide from Atlanta  
to Portland)



**Concrete**  
1.5 million cubic yards  
(a highway 6 inches thick  
and 20 feet wide from  
Atlanta to Philadelphia)



**Roads**  
230 miles of new roads  
(including South  
Carolina's first cloverleaf  
intersection)



**Structural Steel**  
27,000 tons  
(a train eight miles long)



**Reinforcing Steel**  
118,000 tons  
(a train 30 miles long)



**Process Steel**  
All the 304L and 316L  
stainless steel available  
in the U.S. from 1951-  
1953



**Railroads**  
63 miles of permanent  
new track



**Blueprints**  
2 million



**Lumber**  
85 million board feet  
(enough for 15,000  
homes)

## SRS FIRSTS

- ✓ Produced radioactive fuel (Pu-238) world's first "atomic battery" used in a space satellite launch (1961)
- ✓ Advanced particle physics with the proof of neutrino (1956)
- ✓ Provided first real quantities of californium for research and medical applications
- ✓ Birthplace of modern science of ecology
- ✓ Designed and built the largest radioactive waste vitrification facility in the world
- ✓ Designated first National Environmental Research Park (1972)
- ✓ Discovered natural habitat of bacterium causing Legionnaires' Disease
- ✓ Pioneered use of microbes in environmental cleanup and expanded use in land mine detection
- ✓ Applied horizontal well technology to environmental cleanup/monitoring



# Early Production Years



## Produce and recover nuclear materials

Tritium

Pu-238

Pu-239

Special  
Isotopes

Uranium  
Recovery

- Early Years
  - Five reactors
    - Two chemical separations plants
    - Heavy water extraction plant
    - Nuclear fuel and target fabrication facility
    - Waste management facilities
    - Laboratory/Analytical facilities
- Produced 36 metric tons of Plutonium (Pu) from 1953-1988

Cold War ending meant a completely different philosophy and approach to the nuclear arsenal.



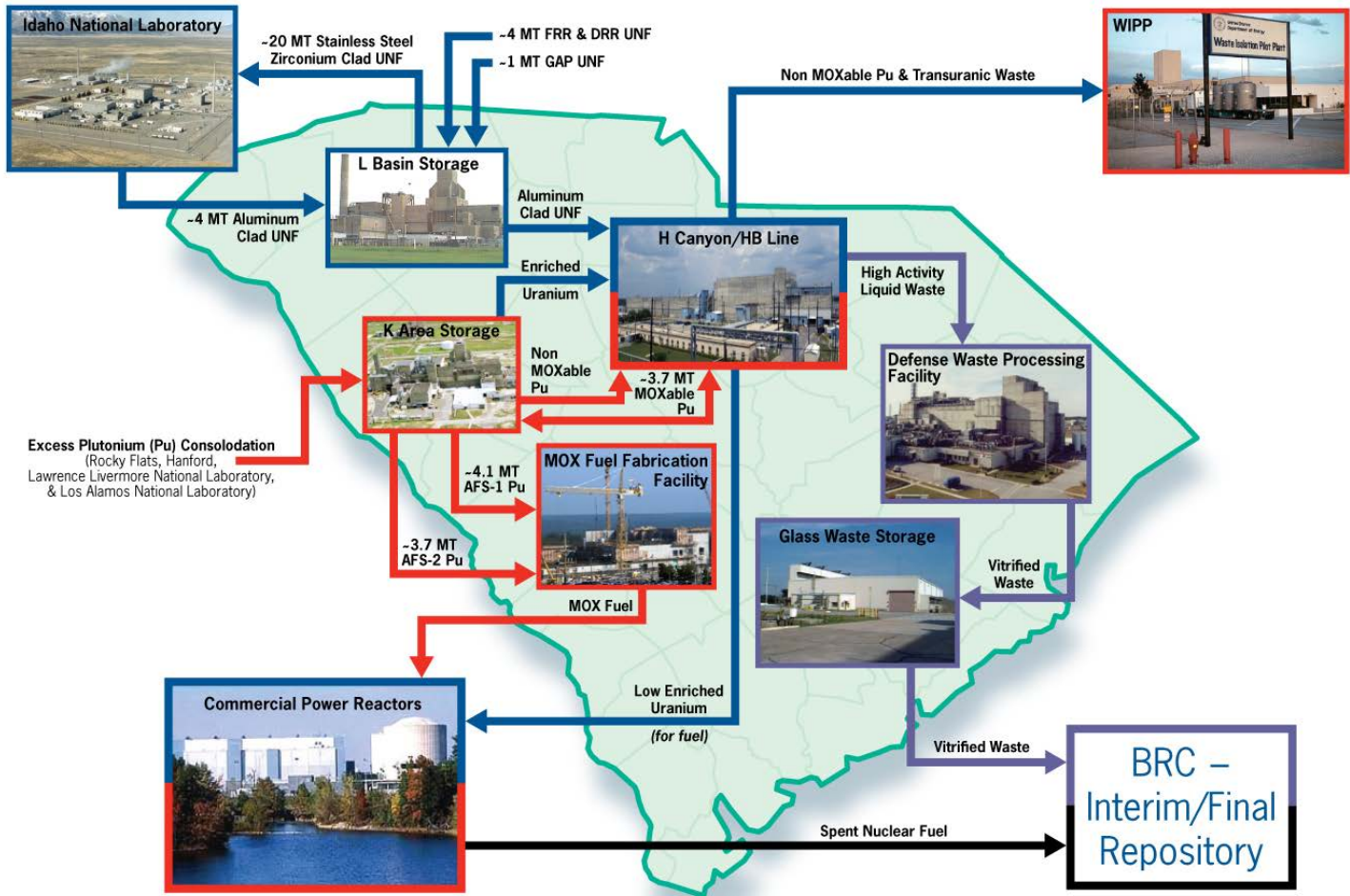
# Stellar Safety and Security Record

- ✓ Protection of workers, public and environment is core objective
- ✓ World-premier nuclear safety experts
- ✓ Savannah River National Laboratory is industry leader for safety (National Safety Council)
- ✓ One of safest industrial complexes in the world (top 5 percent)
- ✓ One of the safest sites in the DOE Complex





# Nuclear Materials (NM) Integration: National and International Reach





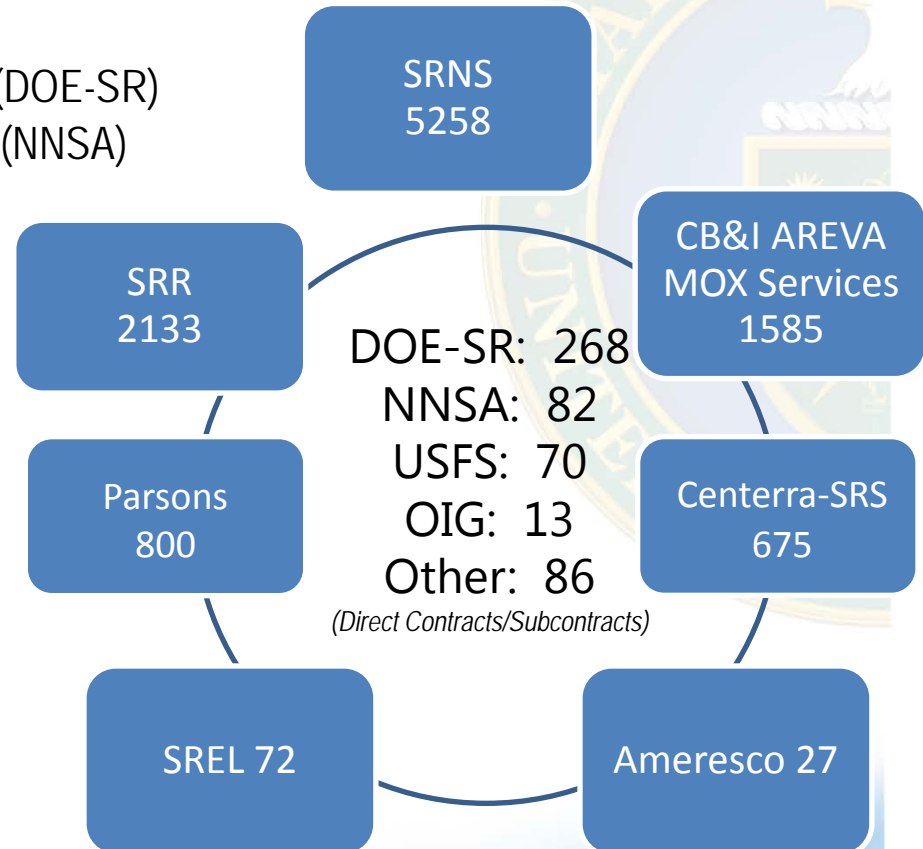
# SRS Team: Partners in Progress

## Federal Agencies

- DOE Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR)
- National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- Office of Inspector General (OIG)

## Contractors

- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS)
  - Management & Operations
  - Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL)
- Savannah River Remediation (SRR)
  - Liquid Waste Operations
- Parsons (Salt Waste Processing Facility)
- Ameresco (Biomass Cogeneration Plant)
- Centerra-SRS (Security)
- CB&I AREVA MOX Services:
  - Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX)
- University of Georgia
  - Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL)



**SRS Workforce = 11,068**  
**4th Quarter FY14**



# Today's Work for Neighbors and Nation



## Environmental Management

Management, stabilization and disposition of nuclear materials

Management and disposition of solid, liquid and transuranic wastes

Spent fuel management

Excess facility demolition

Environmental remediation



## National Nuclear Security Administration

Tritium operations and extraction

Recovering Helium-3

Nonproliferation support

Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility

Uranium blending and shipping

Foreign fuel receipts





# Stewardship: Continuing Cleanup Progress



5.1 million gallons through ARP/MCU



Mega Vault  
Saltstone Disposal Unit 6 construction



17.2 million gallons from Saltstone



3931 canisters (total to date)



6 tanks total closed  
Nations first



enterprise  
CLOSING WASTE TANKS  
REDUCING THE RISK FOR ALL OF US  
SRR



# SWPF: Stepping Up Risk Reduction at SRS



83%  
Salt Waste  
Processing Facility  
construction  
completion



- ✓ Construction Completion Target Date: May 2016
- ✓ Commissioning Completion: 14%



# Nuclear Materials Management: Applying Best Assets



*HB Line*

*H Canyon* Nation's only  
hardened chemical separations facility





# Meeting National Security and Nonproliferation Goals



*K Area*



*L Basin*



*Tritium*



# Tackling National Nuclear Materials Challenges

## Challenges of Nuclear Materials Management

Reliable nuclear deterrent

Tritium gas, used in nuclear weapons, must be periodically replenished due to decay

Legacy nuclear materials

Cold War production left behind nuclear materials and waste products at SRS and across the country

Global Nonproliferation

Proliferant nuclear materials exist worldwide under varying safety and security conditions

Commercial applications

Increasing dependence on foreign sources of radioactive isotopes

## SRS Role in Nuclear Materials Management

SRS prepares the nation's only tritium supply for the U.S. nuclear weapons program

SRS processes nuclear materials into valuable assets and stable waste forms

SRS secures nuclear materials to prevent international terrorism and proliferation

SRS produces valuable isotopes and material for commerce

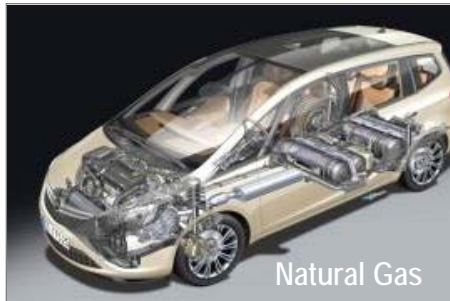
At SRS, SRNL develops and deploys highly innovative approaches to address nuclear materials challenges



# Savannah River National Laboratory: Nuclear Knowledge for the Nation



Hydrogen Research



Natural Gas



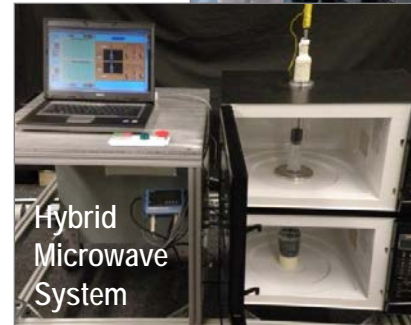
Mobile Plutonium Facility



Law Enforcement Training/Tools



SoundAnchor™



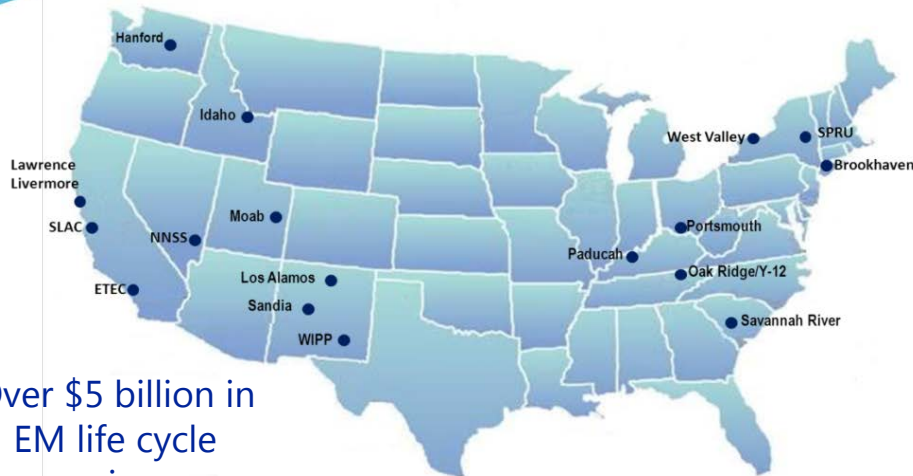
Hybrid Microwave System



FBI Forensics Lab



# SRNL: Critical to DOE Success with Worldwide Reputation



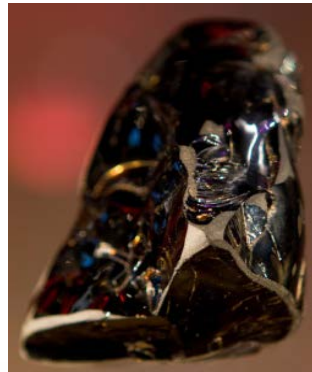
Over \$5 billion in EM life cycle savings



Strategic partner at other DOE sites



Fukushima support



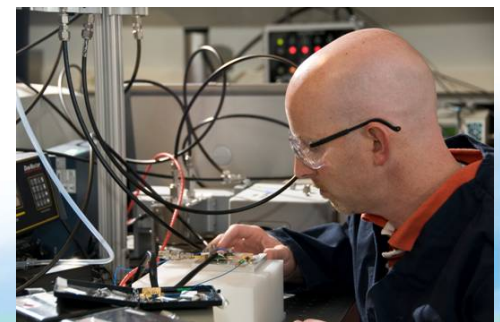
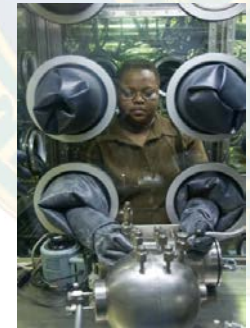
Technical underpinning for SRS missions





# Sustaining Missions Vital to our Nation and our Future

- Continuing to leverage strategic investments to successfully fulfill and grow missions of national importance
  - Leading **Environmental Management** priorities to safely and efficiently clean up the environmental legacy, reduce risk and protect our people, neighbors and environment
  - Teaming with **National Nuclear Security Administration** to enable national defense capabilities (MOX, H Canyon, Tritium)
  - Partnering with **Office of Nuclear Energy** goals to provide clean, reliable energy sources, reduce greenhouse gases, and enhance national security
  - Applying **SRNL science and technology** expertise for business and mission growth







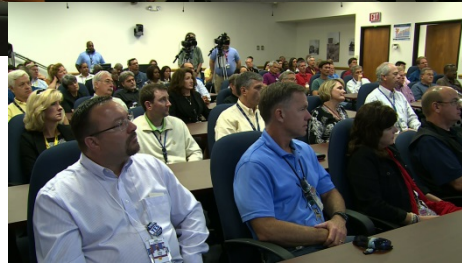
# Community and Collaborations



Information Pods connect community and SRS



DOE-SR and SRR Partner for Joint All Hands



Secretary Moniz and SC Congressional Delegation SRS Visit 2014



20 Years of Service for SRS CAB



# SRS Sustainability: Priorities • Partners • Proven Progress

## *Delivering for our Nation* and our neighbors

- Maintain safety/security culture
- Assure solid funding for mission growth
- Recruit/train next generation nuclear
- Continue liquid waste and nuclear materials risk reduction
- Revitalize SRNL and advance 3<sup>rd</sup>-party financing opportunities
- Reduce deferred maintenance backlog and make critical infrastructure upgrades
- Continue Federal/Contractor partnering efforts
- Build on community, congressional, regulatory collaborations

