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DOE to Host Public Education Forum on Use of Performance Assessments

Aiken, SC -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host a public education forum on the development and use of Performance Assessments (PAs) for making waste management decisions at DOE sites across the complex.

The educational forum, planned in coordination with the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizen's Advisory Board Waste Management Committee, will facilitate public involvement in waste disposition decisions being made at SRS.

PAs inform decision makers on the relative protection of proposed DOE actions such as disposal of radioactive waste, closure of radioactive liquid waste tanks, and reactor decommissioning. During the forum, working exercises will illustrate how a PA is used to help make decisions.

The topics will include:

- Regulatory Perspectives
- History of PAs at SRS
- Overview of PAs
- Composite Analysis
- Saltstone Processing Facility and F-Area Tank Farm PA Revisions

WHAT: Public Education Forum

WHEN: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

WHERE: Aiken Technical College Amphitheatre

WHO: Representatives from DOE, SRS, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the Environmental Protection Agency

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