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DOE, SRR Sign 'Partnering' Agreement

AIKEN, S.C. - The U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River (DOE) and Savannah River Remediation LLC (SRR) have signed DOE-Environmental Management "partnering" agreement, aimed at fostering a more collaborative working relationship between the two entities.

The agreement, signed earlier this month between David Moody, DOE-SR Manager, and Dave Olson, SRR President and Project Manager, is a pilot that will be used as a guide for other DOE sites. DOE owns the Savannah River Site while SRR manages the liquid waste contract for DOE.

"We at DOE view the partnering relationship with SRR as an opportunity to see our work from each other's point of view," Moody said. "While both DOE and SRR continue to work well together, the partnering agreement brings our people and our processes closer together to find win-win solutions."

The DOE-EM policy on Partnering-Based Contract Management was established on June 30, 2010. The DOE-SR/SRR Agreement brings collaborative working relationships that contribute to safe, compliant and cost-effective execution of the SRS liquid waste operations contract objectives.

The Mission of the DOE-SR/SRR Agreement reads: "This Partnering Team will work together in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of this charter to achieve the contract commitments for safely treating and disposing of radioactive waste and closing high level waste tanks at SRS."

In February, key DOE-SR and SRR representatives convened in Augusta and actively participated in a Partnering Workshop, sponsored and attended by Jack Surash, the DOE-EM Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Contract Management. This

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"Maiden Voyage," as Surash called it, served as a first step on the path towards development of a Partnering Agreement in which the parties recognize that their mutual success and, consequently, the success of the EM mission, depends on their ability to work effectively together as a team in the contract performance. The Agreement was signed by Moody and Olson this month in Washington, DC.

"The essence of this agreement was continuing to have open and honest communications, which serves as an underpinning of effective partnering," Olson said. "We are pleased DOE choose us mature this process for the rest of the DOE Complex."

Additional information on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and the Savannah River Site can be found at <http://www.em.doe.gov> or <http://www.srs.gov>.

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DOE, SRR Sign First Partnering Agreement

Dr. David Moody, U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office (left), and Dave Olson, Savannah River Remediation President and Project Manager, sign off on the final Partnering Agreement between DOE-SR and SRR. Under the Office of Environmental Management (EM) policy on Partnering-Based Contract Management, DOE-SR and SRR, in conjunction with DOE-EM, developed and entered into a Partnering Agreement in March. The overall goal of this agreement is to foster collaborative working relationships that contribute to safe, compliant and cost-effective execution of the Savannah River Site liquid waste operations contract objectives.