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## **PARSONS' SALT WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY PROJECT EARNS DOE VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM MERIT AWARD**

**Aiken, SC** (August 7, 2013) – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) awarded Parsons, the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS), the DOE's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Merit award for its commitment to ensuring employee safety. The VPP recognizes excellence in work-site safety and health management.

This VPP Merit award is based on Parsons' excellent performance in meeting safety and health goals and for its commitment to VPP standards. The Parsons SWPF construction craft recordable injury rate for 2012 was less than one-third of the construction industry average.

"Achieving VPP status exemplifies Parsons' dedication to upholding safety as a priority at SRS," stated Dr. David Moody, DOE-Savannah River operations manager. "They have instilled the mind-set in their employees that performing work safely is always the most important aspect of your job." On August 6, Dr. Moody presented a Merit certificate of achievement and a VPP Merit flag to Parsons employees at the SWPF construction site to signify their accomplishment.

"The Parsons SWPF project team holds safety as a core value," stated Lou Jackson, Parsons senior vice president and project manager. "To that end we are committed to the VPP safety and health principles. I am very proud of the SWPF project team for earning such a significant safety award."

"I'm glad the DOE recognized the safe work being performed by my coworkers at SWPF and am looking forward to the facility achieving VPP STAR status, the highest level of recognition," stated Tammy Skinner, an ironworker and the lead for the SWPF Employee Safety Committee, who attended the presentation.

SWPF is a key component of the DOE's commitment to reduce environmental risk at SRS by removing, treating, and disposing of radioactive waste stored in underground tanks.

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