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2015 Environmental Report States SRS Environmentally Safe

AIKEN, S.C. (Sept. 30, 2016) – Last year, the Savannah River Site (SRS) continued to safely complete its missions while maintaining a record of environmental excellence. The site continued to meet federal and state standards, designed to protect the public, environment and site workers.

The Savannah River Site prepares an Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER) in accordance with U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requirements. This report provides detailed information regarding environmental conditions at SRS for the calendar year and is available for use by the public and SRS regulators.

The report also summarizes SRS's environmental data; environmental sustainability performance; compliance with applicable DOE, federal and state regulations; and remediation and surveillance monitoring programs.

SRS has monitored environmental conditions since the site was built in the early 1950s and has prepared an ASER for more than five decades.

“SRS has a longstanding commitment to the environmental quality, safety, and health of our community,” said DOE Savannah River Manager Jack Craig. “Our comprehensive environmental monitoring program demonstrates our operations have minimal impacts to the environment and public.”

Each year, management and operations contractor SRNS collects more than 5,000 samples found both on and off site to include air, water, soil, sediment, food products, freshwater fish, seafood, wildlife, plants and trees. Samples are collected from neighboring cities, towns and counties located in Georgia and South Carolina.

A condensed version of the ASER, referred to as the Summary Report, is also available. The Summary Report, written in plain terminology, is used to provide information to the public in support of SRS's educational and community outreach programs. Both the ASER for 2015 and the summary are available online at: <http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum/index.html>.

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Environmental technician, Jesse Pierce, uses the Environmental Compliance Sampling Collection Tool to record data from air monitoring equipment at the Savannah River Site.

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