



New tanks at Saltstone will help expedite SRR tank-closure goals

The Salt Solution Receipt Tank (SSRT) modification supports the necessary infrastructure, facility and process changes required to implement a new operating strategy at the Saltstone Production Facility (SPF) in Z Area.

These modifications are designed to allow Tank 50 to receive waste from various sources while feeding decontaminated salt solution (DSS) to SPF to support and expedite SRR contract tank-closure goals. Additionally, this modification will allow the SPF to handle larger transfers from Tank 50, which will ease coordination of transfers from the various sources to Tank 50.

Ultimately, this modification will also allow SPF to handle the larger volume of DSS feed when the Salt Waste Processing Facility goes online in 2014.

The SSRT modification scope includes installing two new SSRTs, which provide storage capacity to allow larger transfers from Tank 50 to SPF. The SSRTs will be the primary feed tanks to the SPF. The changes will also convert existing Salt Feed Tank from service as the Tank 50 receipt tank to serve as additional bleed water hold capacity for enhanced bleed water management.

These modifications are being funded through Base and ARRA project segments. One ARRA project provides for the two new SSRTs. Each SSRT has a 60,000-gallon operating capacity.

The project was initiated in November 2009 with a scheduled September 2011 completion date. The approved budget for this project is \$1.8 million.

The tanks are being supplied under a fixed-price subcontract awarded to Chicago Bridge and Iron (CBI) in fiscal year 2010. CBI's contract provides for the engineering design, procurement, fabrication and erection of the two tanks.



Workers safely fly tank top on SSRT (tank) in Saltstone Z Area.

Never get complacent when it comes to ladder safety

By Kevin Smith, SRR Safety and Health Programs Manager

In the past several weeks, the Savannah River Site has experienced two significant injuries resulting from falls.

Those events are sober reminders to us that anytime we lift ourselves off the ground we can find ourselves in harm's way. We have well-defined procedures and requirements for fall-protection while working from heights, but often our greatest risk is ascending or descending from such heights.

Here are situations to strongly consider before beginning your climb or descent:

- Are your shoes dry and clean?
- Are you using hand lines to avoid carrying tools/equipment?
- Is the ladder you are using stable, secure, and in good shape?

Thinking through these reminders and maintaining situational awareness while off the ground will help prevent a painful fall or injury.



The SRR ARRA workforce:

412 FULL TIME
EQUIVALENTS
as of August 1, 2011

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By Timothy Cox

The fall of 2009 was a trying time for Dale Johnson.

With more than 35 years of experience as an Instrumentation and Controls System (I&C) engineer, a challenging national job market two years ago caused concern for Johnson during his search for job opportunities.

Fortunately for him he was hired at Savannah River Site in January 2010, and has become an integral part of Savannah River Remediation's (SRR) Design Services department and its role in helping SRR operationally and safely close waste tanks.

Dennis Scheyer, a manager in Johnson's department, is very impressed with Johnson's capabilities. "As an I&C contractor, Dale has provided us with valuable design support for our Liquid Waste Projects design team. His contributions are essential for both ARRA and Base projects. His technical savvy and perseverance are welcomed traits." Johnson has a bachelor's degree in physics from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, and a Master's degree in electrical engineering and engineering management from the University of Missouri - Rolla Engineering School.

Johnson says the Recovery Act is beneficial across the board.

"The Recovery Act is a blessing for the nation and for thousands of people, like myself. They say they don't want the government to spend - but there are consequences for not doing anything at all," he said. "ARRA funds are helping secure high-level waste for many years to come while having secured employment for many workers too. I'm proud to work for SRR and for the DOE," he added.



Dale Johnson

Olson: 'Blackout Day' signifies SRR teamwork and safety support

A recent "Blackout Day" was acknowledged by Savannah River Remediation (SRR) employees to show teamwork and support for safety.

All SRR employees received black golf shirts emblazoned with the SRR logo and a Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) logo. Employees wore the shirts at the encouragement of SRR President and Project Manager Dave Olson.

"Wearing the shirts is just another visible reminder that our employees work safely," Olson said. "When citizens see our employees wearing these shirts in the community, it should remind them that the safe performance of our job is paramount."

SRR was recently awarded a VPP flag during a DOE presentation to denote Star Status, signifying its dedication and implementation of safety and other health programs.

"We have been leaders in the DOE complex in safety, which was evident recently with SRR being awarded the URS Safe Project of the Year Award, on the heels of reaching five million hours of working without a day away from work because of an injury. Achieving VPP Star status recently is another significant achievement," Olson added.

SRR workers Dianne Floyd (left) and Gail Barker



Workforce Transition Center assists all SRS displaced workers

A Workforce Transition Center has been established to assist all SRS displaced workers in finding employment.

The Center will provide assistance in resume writing, financial counseling, interview workshops and electronic job searches. Outside employers will also conduct open houses to present job opportunities at their companies.

The Transition Center, located at the corner of Laurens Street and Park Avenue in Aiken, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trained staff will be on hand at all times to provide assistance.

For details or to make an appointment, call 803-644-0010.