



**JULY MARKS SRR's 2ND ANNIVERSARY!**

## Amid ARRA Closure, 'Let's Finish Strong'

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has been a catalyst for jobs and the completion of work for the Savannah River Site Liquid Waste Program. Through the efforts of the ARRA workforce, 41 work scopes will be completed under the Recovery Act Program. SRR is proud to have accomplished many milestones, including accelerating tank closures, improving the rate of Defense Waste Processing Facility glass canister production, preparing our facilities for the Salt Waste Processing Facility start-up, and performing our work on schedule and within budget. Above all, the work has been done safely. ARRA workers have achieved over 1.35 million hours without a single injury resulting in time away from work.

I am thankful for all that has been accomplished and encourage our Recovery Act team to stay focused as we wrap-up this very important work. Let's "Finish Strong" as we complete our final months of the Recovery Act program.

Sincerely,

Mark Schmitz

SRR – ARRA Program Manager



**Mark Schmitz**

### SAFETY NEWS

#### Construction workers reap delectable reward for safety focus

In the name of safety, several H Area construction and craft workers were recently treated to a steak meal.

"The steaks and side fixings were well-deserved by employees," said H Tank Farm Area Superintendent Randy Underwood, who helped spearhead the kudos luncheon.

Underwood said that their safe work amounted to about 28,000 manhours worked while safely working on Recovery Act-related projects.

SRR Manager of Construction James Delaney commended workers for their safe approach toward work and said, "It's our way of giving back while showing our appreciation for their safe work."

Photo: H Area Grillers - (l-r) Randy Underwood, LaDonna Williams, Beverly Jackson, Ron McKenzie (grill meister), Robin Fields, Kimberly Clifton, Jeannette Ingram and Jimmily Williams.



The SRR ARRA workforce:

**378** FULL TIME  
EQUIVALENTS

as of July 1, 2011

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By Timothy Cox

Lionel Phillips enjoys his daily journey, which involves learning more about his craft.

In his role as an ironworker, Phillips has participated in several major Savannah River Remediation (SRR) projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

As an apprentice, Phillips' skills have been utilized specifically to help SRR in its role as the SRS Liquid Waste contractor. Specifically, he has worked on projects such as Chemical Additions Blend Tank, Tank 13 upgrades and has assisted with waste disposal container boxes known as B12s and B25s.

He also has experience as a rigger and working with (steel) rebar at Z Area vaults and with other ARRA projects.

Phillips, 31, lives in Augusta, Ga., and takes pride in being responsible for rearing his three young children. He said he's very appreciative of his ARRA position.

"It's very timely because it has allowed me a chance to fully support my family," said the Fort Lauderdale native.

His ironworker foreman, Ryan Stebbins, eagerly reports good news about Phillips' work ethic.

"His energy and enthusiasm are contagious. He's very knowledgeable about the entire Site and very informed about our work. And, he's very safety conscious," said Stebbins.



Lionel Phillips

## DAVE OLSON TOURS TNX



Picture from left are Tom Collins, start-up testing manager; Ricky Doniphan, SRR control account manager; and SRR President and Project Manager Dave Olson. Looking on are employees Mark Grayson and Jim Brown.

SRR President and Project Manager Dave Olson recently toured the TNX Test Facility during an employee event celebrating completion of submersible mixing pumps (SMP) testing. The final pump test reflects SRR meeting its recovery act milestones in conjunction with the expenditure of about \$8 million in ARRA funding, according to Ricky Doniphan. Six SMPs were procured from the Curtiss Wright/EMD Corporation.



## 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.

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