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SRNS Employee Celebrates 45-Years of Service, Still Going Strong

No plans to retire until he hits 70 years of age, maybe more

AIKEN, S.C. – (July 19, 2012) When John McMahan began working at SRS in 1967, the average cost of a house was \$15,000 and a car less than \$3,000.

McMahan, an employee with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) recently reached his 45-year anniversary at the Savannah River Site (SRS). His accomplishment was celebrated at a luncheon, attended by his wife, Jo Ellen, co-workers, long-time friends and SRNS President and CEO Dwayne Wilson.

McMahan began his career at SRS as a radiological engineer in the Health Physics Department after completing a co-op at NASA and graduating from Mississippi State University. He later installed high resolution gamma spectrometers and performed associated programming support, work that safeguarded employees from potential radioactive contamination. His most recent position includes working with the Nuclear Incident Monitor (NIM), a complex device used to detect high levels of radiation and then warn employees of the possible threat. His knowledge of NIMs has earned him the nickname “NIM guy.”

Over the years, McMahan has mentored and shared his wealth of knowledge with many SRS engineers. Systems engineer Marshall Lethco said, “John is more than a colleague. He is a friend and mentor and I have been blessed to



SRNS President and CEO Dwayne Wilson presents Fellow Engineer John McMahan with a 45-years of Service award.

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have worked with him.” McMahan’s coworker Doug Hudock said, “When I first started, John seemed to poke his nose into everything I was doing. He was actually kind of a pest. But then I realized it was because he had a genuine interest in what we were doing and making sure we understood. John knows it all.”

McMahan is not only devoted to his work and SRNL, but he has been very active in the community as well. He is a Past President of the Aiken Community Playhouse, and a member of the Aiken Civic Ballet Company and the Aiken County Public Library and he is the recipient of numerous public service awards. McMahan plans on working at SRS for another year and a half. “I am going to retire when I am 70,” he says. “My wife wouldn’t let me retire before then.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor Partnership comprised of Fluor, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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