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## **Savannah River Site welcomes new NNSA Field Office Manager**

AIKEN, S.C. (April 2, 2024) – The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) welcomed Michael Mikolanis as manager of the NNSA Savannah River Field Office today, where he leads a team of approximately 50 federal employees and a contract workforce of over 5,000 people in managing and operating contracts with an annual budget of \$2.9 billion. NNSA activities at the Savannah River Site serve two primary missions: managing the nuclear stockpile and nonproliferation. Mr. Mikolanis is responsible for executing these missions by providing oversight of site programs, nuclear operations, security, quality assurance, environment, safety and health, and the overall execution of key mission deliverables. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Mr. Mikolanis previously served as Manager of the Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office where he was responsible to oversee the safe, efficient legacy waste cleanup from the Manhattan Project and Cold War-era operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). This included the shipment of transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, NM, and soil and groundwater remediation programs. Stakeholder, community and pueblo engagement was a top priority for Mr. Mikolanis, and under his leadership, EM-LA enhanced and increased outreach and public participation opportunities.

He is returning to the area as he previously served in leadership positions at SRS, including as Assistant Manager for Nuclear Material Stabilization at the Savannah River Site (SRS) for four years. Prior to SRS, Michael served as a Departmental Representative Issue Lead in the Office of the Undersecretary of Energy. He also held leadership positions with Bechtel Power Corporation and the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Mikolanis received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. In addition, he is a professional engineer, licensed in the state of Maryland.

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