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NNSA Administrator visits SRS to recognize workforce dedication

AIKEN, S.C. (July 13, 2020) – U.S. Department of Energy Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty visited the Savannah River Site (SRS). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of the workforce at SRS and across the NNSA transitioned to telework, but there were many who continued to work on-site each day to fulfill missions critical to national security. During the July 10 visit, Administrator Gordon-Hagerty recognized the SRS workforce for their dedication in these challenging times.

COVID-19, as well as the response necessary to mitigate its potential impact, created significant disruptions to daily professional and personal routines. Despite this, the SRS workforce adapted and remained productive.

“In a time of so much change and uncertainty, the talented men and women at SRS have displayed steadfastness and resiliency,” said Administrator Gordon-Hagerty. “As I toured areas on the Site that support NNSA missions, I was proud to see that so much continued to be accomplished during these challenging times.”

At SRS, Administrator Gordon-Hagerty shared remarks at a ceremony recognizing members of the workforce. Additionally, she toured the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, which is key to efforts to remove plutonium from South Carolina;



NNSA Administrator Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty visited SRS to meet the workforce supporting NNSA missions, tour project areas, and hear about the SRS COVID-19 response. She was joined by U.S. Reps. Joe Wilson and Rick Allen. (From left) Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO; U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson; U.S. Rep. Rick Allen; Nicole Nelson-Jean, NNSA Savannah River Field Office Manager; Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, U.S. Department of Energy Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and NNSA Administrator; and Mark Davis, SRNS Acting Senior Vice President of NNSA Operations and Programs.

was briefed on updates to vital tritium capabilities in support of the Nation's nuclear deterrent; and visited the proposed Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility Training and Operations Center. She was joined by U.S. Reps. Joe Wilson and Rick Allen.

After leaving SRS, Administrator Gordon-Hagerty and the congressmen commemorated the Site's 70th Anniversary and NNSA's 20th Anniversary, two significant milestones in our Nation's nuclear security, during a visit to the Savannah River Site Museum.



NNSA Administrator Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty shared remarks at a recognition ceremony thanking the SRS workforce for their commitment to fulfilling critical national security missions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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