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U.S. Department of Homeland Security Names Savannah River Nuclear Solutions a Cyber Security Champion

AIKEN, S.C., November 19, 2021 –The Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Enterprise Cyber Security Operations organization has been named a 2021 “Champion” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. SRNS is the management and operations contractor at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Site.

The National Cybersecurity Awareness Month Champion program highlights companies that are dedicated to promoting a safer, more secure and trusted internet. Other notable winners include Allstate, City of Boston, Eli Lilly, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Motorola, Rockwell, Wells Fargo, United States Steel, United Airlines and DOE.

The theme for this year’s campaign is “Do Your Part, #BeCyberSmart.” It highlights the growing importance of cybersecurity and encouraging individuals and organizations to take necessary measures to stay safe and secure in an increasingly interconnected world.

“SRNS is dedicated to providing cyber training for all new employees, as well as an annual refresher,” said Cheryl Hardy, Manager, SRNS Cyber Security Policy. “We also provide on-site and off-site cyber education and awareness activities through monthly safety meetings, teach-ins, pop-ups messages on our intranet site, quarterly phishing exercises with follow-up training and security roadshows. Additionally, employee ‘lunch and learns’ are available throughout the year.”

SRNS participated in October’s Cybersecurity Awareness Month by focusing on the weekly activities:

- Week 1: Be Cyber Smart. We should always do our part by practicing good cyber hygiene no matter where we are.
- Week 2: Fight the Phish! Phishing is a form of social engineering which creates a false sense of urgency to lure you into clicking a link. Recognize the signs or red flags of phishing attempts.
- Week 3: Explore. Experience. Share. Think before you act. If a phishing attempt is successful, it can lead to a serious breach in computer systems and/or network, as well as compromise information. Report suspicious emails.
- Week 4: Cybersecurity First. Is teleworking your new normal for you? Refer to helpful telework tools found on the intranet.

Our interconnected world will be safer and more resilient if everyone does their part by raising cybersecurity awareness, implementing stronger security practices, being vigilant of phishing and social engineering attacks, and educating vulnerable audiences or training employees.

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The Cyber Security Champion distinction is presented each October during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure safety and security online. The National Cyber Security Alliance partners with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to determine winners of the annual competition.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site located near Aiken, South Carolina.



Danny Wylds, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Cyber Security Engineer, monitors the Savannah River Site computer network for suspicious activity.