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SRNL Researcher Named as Embassy Science Fellow

AIKEN, SC (February 7, 2013) -- Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) researcher Dr. Robert Sindelar has begun a two month assignment in Japan as a U.S. Embassy Science Fellow.

Dr. Sindelar will be hosted by the Japan Ministry of Environment as part of the Japan-U.S. cooperation framework for decontamination efforts in the Fukushima region. As an Embassy Science Fellow, he will provide technical expertise and suggestions to Japanese counterparts based on U.S. experience and collective SRS and SRNL expertise, and will interact with other scientists working in the field. He has previously participated in a National Laboratory expert team workshop with Japanese organizations to discuss high priority tasks for cleanup of the damaged Fukushima Daiichi plant, delivering presentations on relevant experience in water decontamination, corrosion control and leak repair technologies.

Dr. Sindelar has 28 years of research and development experience in nuclear science. He is internationally recognized for his work in areas such as spent nuclear fuel management, water decontamination, aging effects and aging management of structures, and materials in nuclear systems. He has a B.S. in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, and both a M.S. and Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.



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