

SRSRA NEWSLETTER

For SRS Retiree Association Members

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“Another Successful SRSRA Annual Meeting”

(see below for details)

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MINUTES OF SRSRA 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

St. Angela Hall, Aiken, SC
April 13, 2010

A near-capacity crowd filled the St. Angela Hall in Aiken for the Savannah River Site Retirees Association’s annual meeting. It was estimated that approximately 500 people were in attendance.

Charlie Miller got the meeting underway at 1:30 PM by welcoming the largest annual meeting crowd we’ve ever had. He expressed the Association’s appreciation to all who came for this annual meeting. As the first item on our agenda, Charlie introduced SRSRA Chairman, Dave Cowfer, who welcomed our invited speakers—Mr. Jeff Allison of DOE, Mr. Dave Olson of Savannah River Remediation, and Mr. Gary Flowers, President & CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions. Dave, like Charlie, expressed his appreciation for the large crowd turnout.

Dave went on to comment: “our mission to protect our benefits that we earned at retirement is in a state of crisis. We’ve had meetings this past year with DOE Headquarters; but a January 8, 2010, DOE Headquarters memorandum that changed the policy on funding pension funds made it obvious that the benefits we’ve enjoyed over the years could be in jeopardy.

We are dealing with Washington on this matter and we have the support of our Congressional delegates. Congressman Barrett’s Staff has been particularly cooperative. On April 1, we sent a letter to the Energy Secretary requesting he rescind the DOE-Headquarters January 8 letter and return a majority of the funds originally intended for the pension fund. The Congressman’s staff is working diligently to get us a response from DOE; but as yet, we do not have one.

I believe the key to our success in resolving this issue lies with our Delegation. This will probably require some law changes on how budgets are handled and dealt with. We will be working with Congress. In fact, Congressman Barrett’s office contacted me before we had actually attempted any action on this matter. He had

already interceded and talked to the Energy Secretary's Office about the problem and his concerns with the changes announced in that January 8 memorandum." Dave promised to continue discussion of this matter more fully in the business section of our meeting which would follow the break.

Charlie Miller noted that we have a tradition of inviting our Congressional Representatives and Senators to the annual meeting. However, because April 12 was the date Congress returned to Washington from their Easter recess, none of the Congressional or Senatorial members were able to attend.

However, various staff representatives were present with personal letters from their Washington superiors. Ms. Nancy Babbitt read correspondence from both Senator Isakson and Senator Chambliss. Mrs. Kathryn Wade was representing Congressman Barrett; Mr. Beau McLeod represented Congressman Wilson; and Ms. Jessica Morris read Congressman Broun's letter.

The letters all expressed the writers' regrets at not being able to attend the meeting; congratulated the Association on its efforts to represent retirees; expressed gratitude to the retirees for their efforts in the Cold War victory and their present-day support of the Site and its missions; promised to work on our behalf as we strive to maintain our pensions and benefits; and promised to have open doors for us at any time we need their assistance. Copies of these letters will be added to the SRSRA website, <http://srsretirees.org>.

Mr. Jeff Allison from DOE's Savannah River Office was next on the agenda. Mr. Allison started by saying "this is a great crowd. Dave (Cowfer) I don't know what you did today or what you were offering, but you really did a great job bringing people in here today."

Mr. Allison reinforced how important community support is to success of the Site. He continued that he had a very good tenure as the DOE-SR Manager and emphasized how important safety is at the Site so that "workers go home at the end of the day in the same condition they came to the Site."

"If you look at the stats for both of the current large contractors, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and Savannah River Remediation, you'll see they've had some pretty long streaks where they've had an injury-free work place." He said the things the site continues to build upon are outstanding operations and outstanding safety performance. They will continue to bring new missions to the Site and make the Site a very viable place in the future for Department of Energy Missions.

Community support and support of the Congressional Delegation are what continue to drive the success of the Site. Mr. Allison went on to identify some of the specific waste cleanup projects at the Site and express his satisfaction with those efforts. He said that those areas that have been cleaned up can be used as locations for new missions. He noted "we've got an unblemished record of over 2600 regulatory milestones that we've met. That is a tribute to the people at the Site—their commitment to recognizing the importance of meeting milestones."

Mr. Allison ended his remarks by thanking us, the community, for making his time at the Site a very successful tenure. He is also pleased to be able to remain in this community and not get an assignment in another location. Mr. Allison said he will continue to work at the Site and will help the new Manager, whenever that person is named, to be as successful as he was.

Mr. Dave Olson from Savannah River Remediation was the next guest to speak. He remarked how pleasant the past hour and half had been as he renewed acquaintances and shook hands with many old friends. He said “the greatest assets and the greatest allies that exist today for Savannah River Site are those who have worked there before; those of us who are fortunate enough to work there today; and those that will work behind us. I’ve seen a lot of change in my 29 years—technology is different, priorities are different, the politics are different, the budgets are different—but the unchanging things are the things that you left me. I’ll just give you four that I think are the pillars there:

- People are the reason we work
- We will never compromise safety
- Unwavering integrity
- Unashamed of the pride in doing our jobs right

In closing, Dave promised that he and Jim French would continue to maintain communication with the retirees—open, honest, accurate, and complete—in whatever forum whether formal or in Lowe’s on Saturday morning.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. Garry Flowers, President and CEO, of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions was our next invited guest.

Mr. Flowers echoed the comments of our elected officials concerning the retirees’ service to the Site. Mr. Flowers said that, although he has only been at the Site for 7 months, he does understand the role and contribution of the retirees in the safety of our nation. He went on to thank the retirees who—as he said—are real patriots. Mr. Flowers is still finding his way around the Site. He says he goes out to the various work areas, meets with the employees, and holds roundtable meetings. He specifically thanked Jeff Allison for his help and support during this learning period.

Mr. Flowers said he knows that we want to talk about pensions and the recent allocations, but much of these matters are out of his hands and we’ll have to leave it at that. He did say that he understands and supports the DOE decisions regarding the allocation.

He then went on to give the retirees an update of the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions’ activities. He said safety comes first and foremost. Safety is a core value—not just for SRNS, but for all the contractors who work at the Site.

Mr. Flowers has 3 main goals as M&O contractor:

1. We must do the job that is in front of us--that is to meet our current mission and to exceed the expectations of our DOE customer.
2. We have to be good stewards of the \$1.4 billion of the Recovery Act spending. (So far we have put over 3,000 people to work through the Recovery Act.)
3. Work with DOE to clarify the vision for the future and build a roadmap for a sustainable future at SRS.

Mr. Flowers concluded his remarks by giving an update on some of the Site's activities and accomplishments since SRNS has been at the helm.

Charlie Miller thanked Mr. Flowers and all of the guests for their attendance and participation.

BUSINESS MEETING

To begin the second half of our meeting, Charlie Miller reintroduced Dave Cowfer, Chairman of the Savannah River Site Retiree Association.

Dave commented on the letters that were read from the Congressional delegation members. He feels these delegation members are aware of DOE's change in their pension funding approach and the delegation intends to protect our pension and medical benefits. He said the Association has also had meetings with Senator Graham concerning these benefits, and Senator Graham's attitude also is that our pension and medical benefits will be protected. Dave added that Congressman Barrett took up the initiative to protect our benefits before we even asked for his help.

As SRSRA members, we have two missions:

1. to maintain our benefits—pension and health, dental and life insurance — that we earned at retirement, and
2. to promote Site missions

Dave believes we can accomplish these two missions by having good communications. He acknowledged the SRSRA Newsletter as a vital communication tool and recognized our Newsletter Editor, David Zigelman, for his outstanding efforts. He also noted that Ed Somers would take over as Editor when Dave leaves his post.

Dave showed a slide that illustrates the Chain of Communication used by the Association. Our first point of contact is the Site Contractor. Next in the chain is DOE-Savannah River, followed by DOE-Headquarters, and finally our Congressional Delegation.

The SRSRA has had 10 to 12 meetings over the past year with those in that Chain of Communication. They met with Jeff Allison several times. There are open items from those meetings that affect many retirees who are on Medicare and have Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage. Often, when Medicare denies coverage on something, Blue Cross Blue Shield will automatically do the same thing. If this happens to you, you must call Blue Cross Blue Shield and challenge the decision. Our Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance does cover preventive care.

The Retiree Association has a great Medical Benefits Committee. If you have a problem you cannot solve on your own, call us. Ellen Miller is our new Benefits Committee Chairperson and does a great job helping with medical benefits problems. If the Medical Benefits Committee does not have an answer for you, they can direct you to the right person to get the answer.

Dave noted that the Association has the records that indicate the incentives which were given for every early retirement package. When we go to DOE-Headquarters or our Congressional Delegation and ask for a commitment to support the benefits they promised us at retirement, we can use these records.

We have learned that our Pension Fund has the largest liability in the DOE Complex. This fact surprised him because we are the youngest organization in the DOE Complex. DOE blames this position on our early retirement packages.

Because the January 8, 2010, DOE-HQ letter eliminated the requirement for contractor employee defined benefit pension plans to be funded at the 80 percent level and instead changed the funding level to at least 60 percent, no additional burdens can be added to the plans. (In our case, the plan level is 67 percent.) That lower level eliminates any chance we might have had to get an ad-hoc pension adjustment.

Dave noted that we have a committee which has been working on a pension adjustment for the last few years. We had talked with DOE and our Congressional Delegation. Senator Graham was supportive of our actions. But, unfortunately, it will now be 2012 before we emerge from the below 80 percent funding level and have any hope of getting a pension adjustment. In addition, because our pension funding level is below 80 percent, our fund is subject to a \$4.3 million penalty payment to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). This amount will need to be paid again in 2011 because we will still be below 80 percent funding. That penalty money comes out of the pension fund. We feel that \$4.3 million could go elsewhere (giving us an adjustment, for example). We feel this is an unacceptable matter and have taken our concern to our Congressional Delegation. We have also told this to the Secretary of Energy in our letter to him. The best thing we can do to protect our pension is to get the Congressional Delegation to work with us to pressure DOE-HQ to rescind their January 8, 2010, memorandum.

At this point, Dave called for a motion from the floor to resolve that the SRSRA Board of Directors take any action necessary to protect our benefits. (The motion was made and seconded. It was approved by a voice vote.)

If members would like to help the Board as we go forward to protect our benefits, they were encouraged to sign up at the meeting. We expect that this group of volunteers will be organized and an action plan developed. We will need to contact others and obtain broader support from all participants in the SRS pension plan. There are about 18,000 SRS Pension Plan participants. The Board needs help in locating these individuals.

We are considering employing an ERISA consultant who would develop a set of options for SRSRA. And, if the case should develop that in the late 1990's DOE was out of order in spending pension funds, there are Federal agencies (IG, GAO, IRS) who could step in and help us get this straightened out.

We'll assess our position and then get Congressional sponsorship. Ultimately, we would push for a change in the law so there is not a big debate every year on funding our pension and health benefits. Hopefully, the law would separate those pension and health benefits onto their own line item rather than being "taken off the top" of each year's budget.

In closing, Dave encouraged everyone to go out and get one or two more retirees to join the Association. We need greater numbers.

We are urged to continue our support for the site by participating in Stakeholder Meetings, interacting with community leaders and supporting the United Way. (The Site has been delighted by our participation in the United Way.)

We have retirees all over the country. We will be asking these retirees to write letters to their Congressmen asking for support for our efforts.

We will take whatever action is necessary to protect our benefits.

Stan Smith gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance (March 1, 2009)	\$47,381
Income	10,096
Expenses	8,050
Annual Meeting	\$2,737
Postage (Newsletter)	1,182
Printing (Newsletter)	1,159
Web Site	963
Insurance	750
Supplies	640
Miscellaneous	619
Ending Balance (February 28, 2010)	\$49,427

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation.

Next the membership elected, by voice acclamation, the following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors:

Dr. John Church*	Stan Smith*
Dave Cowfer*	Ed Somers*
Sid Curry*	Bob Stokes*
Andy Cwalina*	Dave Zigelman*
Mike French*	Bob Hottel (New)
Dr. Sam Goforth*	Neal Smith (New)
Charlie Miller*	Jack Roberts (New)**
Joe Ortaldo*	* Incumbent
Dr. Charles Sessions*	** One-Year Term

The awarding of \$1,000 in door prizes was the final item on the agenda. The lucky winners were:

John L. Jones - \$50
Bill Pidcoe - \$50
Judith Hanzik - \$50
Ann Boyd - \$50
Francis Taylor - \$100

Fred Holt - \$100
Eric Randall - \$100
Willys H. Brotherton - \$100
Peggy Ann Garvin - \$100
Joe Begic - \$300

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.

SRSRA MEETING WITH SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM

On April 19, 2010, members of the SRSRA Board of Directors met with US Senator Lindsey Graham in Columbia, SC. We explained our concerns about the new DOE policy for allowing pension plan funding to fall below 80% (January 8, 2010 DOE-HQ memorandum), its affect on our efforts for an ad hoc pension adjustment, its potential impact on the long term viability of the plan and the concerns that this new pension policy could portend changes to the retiree medical benefits. Sen. Graham was given a letter describing these issues and requesting that he intercede with DOE to reverse this new policy, fund the pension plan above 80% and take action to protect all retiree benefits. Sen. Graham agreed to meet with DOE Secretary Chu in the next few weeks and provide feedback to us. He commented: "The Government made a commitment to the SRS retirees and should now be keeping that commitment." He also wholeheartedly endorsed our idea about funding SRS retiree pension and health benefits as a line item rather than as a tax on the site annual operating budget. At Sen. Graham's request, we sent a similar letter to Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia; we expect that the two senior senators will work together on these issues.

SRS PENSION PLAN FUNDING NOTICE

All retirees should have received a "SRNS Multiple Employer Pension Plan Funding Notices" report, dated April 30, 2010 by US Mail. If you did not, please contact the People Support Service Center at 803-725-7772 or 800-368-7333.

The document reports on the status of the pension fund in a format specified by the IRS. You should ignore the table on page 1 of the 2009 Annual Funding Notice; the data is valid as of 1/1/2009. The more current data is found in the paragraph entitled "Fair Market Value of Assets" shown on page 2. By dividing the fair market value of the Plan's assets by the Plan's liabilities, you will see that the Plan is funded at 67.2% as of 12/31/09.

The SRSRA has subsequently received a copy of the Certification of Adjusted Funding Target Attainment Percentage (AFTAP) for the Pension Fund dated March 31, 2010. Buck Consultants (SRNS' actuary) certified the AFTAP for the 2010 plan as 67.57%. This is based on values dated 1/1/2010.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership in the SRS Retiree Association is critical to our success in protecting your benefits. Please renew now for 2010 and/or 2011, or join for the first time, using the form attached to this newsletter. The cost is only \$15.00 annually for a retiree (and no additional charge for a retired spouse), and \$5.00 for a surviving spouse. Encourage your retired SRS friends to join as well. Our membership for 2010 is currently at 923 retirees and survivors, which provides strength when discussing your issues with elected officials and the Savannah River Site. Although our membership is strong, there are still many retirees who have not joined. For 2010 we want to strengthen the effectiveness of the SRSRA even more through the continued commitment of current members, as well as adding new members. Please join now to help us look out for your interests!

To join SRSRA, please send your membership payment, along with an application form to SRS Retiree Association, PO Box 5686, Aiken, SC 29804. You can use the application provided at the end of this newsletter or access the form from our website at www.srsretirees.org and click on "Membership". You can also contact Kent Sullivan, Membership Chairman, at 803-279-9570 for assistance or questions.

With your support we can really have an impact in protecting our future pension and benefits!

NEWSLETTER MAILING

Questions and comments related to the Newsletter may be addressed to David Zigelman, Newsletter Editor, at zigelman@gforcecable.com.

A number of emails continue to be returned for incorrect addresses, recipient mailbox over quota, recipient not accepting mail from SRSRA, and several others indicating that our database needs some "tuning up". These "error messages" result in the newsletter being sent by hard copy at additional cost to the SRSRA. If you have an active email address, or have changed your address recently and are not receiving SRSRA communications by email, please contact membership@srsretirees.org. Our email program allows us to reach the vast majority of members more quickly with news. Other pluses are quicker distribution of the Newsletter and less cost of copying and mailing hard copies. Thanks to all of you who are receiving your Newsletter by e-mail.

SRSRA WEB SITE

The SRSRA web site includes a wealth of information of value and use to our retiree members. Most importantly, it includes the most recent contact information for benefits administrators at SRS and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. A new search engine feature makes finding documents much easier. Any suggestions on

changes/additions to the web site should be sent via e-mail to: webmaster@srsretirees.org. An SRSRA Membership Form is also available on the web site.

BOARD MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION

The SRSRA Board of Directors meets at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room at Harbor Chase Assisted Living (formerly Eden Gardens) off Silver Bluff Road near Woodside Executive Park. Association members may attend Board meetings and participate, but may not vote on Board issues. If you ever plan to attend a meeting, be sure to contact a BOD member to confirm that the meeting date and time has not changed. **BOD meeting dates are listed on the website but are generally on the first Tuesday each month unless impacted by a holiday or special event.**

TREASURER'S REPORT - Stan Smith, Treasurer

This report covers the February 2010 through April 2010 period.

Opening Balance	\$48,693
Income	\$5,092
Expenses	\$4,808
Closing Balance	\$48,977

The income shown above includes receipts and \$894 interest from a matured CD. The major expenses include rental, prizes, refreshments and other costs associated with the annual meeting and printings cost for the last newsletter.

The closing balance includes \$31,394 in CDs.

SRSRA MEDICAL INTERFACE COMMITTEE

Ellen Miller has recently replaced Dale Friar as chairperson of this committee. We all thank Dale for her many years of important service to the SRSRA.

Initial headaches and changes in health benefits policy

We encountered some bumps in the road as SRNS transitioned into their 2010 changed health benefits policy. Listed below are a few of the issues which needed some clarification and coordination through the assistance of our Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) representatives and the health benefits coordinators at SRNS. Through

the persistence of our membership and the research performed by our benefits support team, most initial issues have been resolved.

1. A listing of pharmaceuticals was distributed displaying three categories of medicines: generics, preferred drugs, and non-preferred drugs. The drug list is continually updated and the most accurate listing can be found on www.southcarolinablues.com/members/prescriptiondruginformation/druglists. If you do not have internet access or have not received this listing, please do not hesitate to contact the Medical Interface Committee (address listed on header of each page of newsletter).

- For generic drugs - the retiree pays 10% of the cost. The retiree can obtain a 30-90 day supply of a generic drug at their local pharmacy or a 90 day supply by mail order through Caremark. After the first of the year there was some confusion by local druggists' as to the amount they could distribute from this category.
- For Preferred drugs – the retiree pays 20% of the cost. The retiree can only obtain a 30 day supply of a preferred drug at their local pharmacy or a 90 day mail order supply through Caremark.
- For Non-preferred drugs – the retiree pays 30% of the cost. The retiree can only obtain a 30 day supply of a non-preferred drug from their local pharmacy or a 90 day mail order supply through Caremark.

2. Reduction in the number of Explanation of Benefits (EOB's) distributed.

- EOB's will be distributed for procedure or physician services only. They will no longer be sent related to prescriptions filled. The EOBs will not be sent per event and they may come summarized for a period of time. If the participant needs an EOB quickly, they may phone and request one through BCBS support (1-800-325-6596). Otherwise, the participant will need to reference the online system at www.southcarolinablues.com.

3. Out-of-Pocket vs. Deductible

- An issue arose related to the total dollar amount a participant was responsible for before the out-of-pocket per person limit was reached. This has not only been a problem in 2010, but has occurred in prior years. This issue occurs when physician and medical expenses reach the out-of-pocket limit before deductible (pharmaceutical) limits are reached. The out-of-pocket limit should include the individuals deductible (pharmacy expenses) plus out-of-pocket (medical expenses) totaling \$2000. Our policy support groups researched the issue and have made adjustments correcting the situation. In the future, you should be recognized for reaching the out-of-pocket per person limit when the combination of pharmacy expenses and medical expenses reaches \$2000.

If you have any questions or issues, the Medical Interface Committee can be reached at medicalinterface@srsretirees.org or by mail at the SRSRA address shown on the top of each page of this newsletter.

SRS ACTIVITIES (INCLUDES DOE, SRNS AND SRR)

Safety Highlights SRR's First Quarter Of 2010

Safety statistics continue to be impressive on the SRS liquid waste project. Savannah River Remediation (SRR) employees have worked over 2.6 million hours without a lost day due to an injury since beginning the contract on July 1, 2009. Working two million hours is equivalent to one person working safely for 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year, for a thousand years. Over the years, liquid waste employees have accumulated nearly 14 million hours of work without missing a day of work due to a job-related injury or illness.

“These numbers are staggering and a testament to our employees’ willingness to work safely. But more than the raw number, these numbers mean all of us are going home every day in a safe condition.” said Jim French, SRR President and Project Manager.

Recently, the National Safety Council recognized the two million safe hours by awarding the project a plaque.

SRR Issues 2009 Annual Report

The SRR 2009 Annual Report has been published and can be reviewed at the Savannah River Site web site at www.srs.gov. Click on the “SRS-External” link, then on “Documents and Publications” and on “Annual Reports.” The annual report reflects project accomplishments during the first six months of the liquid waste project.

SRR Vitrification Project Continues Ahead of Schedule

The Savannah River Site’s Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) is getting an extreme makeover. Not only is the world’s largest operating vitrification plant ahead of schedule in converting liquid nuclear waste into a stable glass form, but the facility is gearing up for improvements this year that will increase production.

The DWPF annual production rate of stainless steel canisters over the last 10 years has averaged 215 glass-filled stainless steel canisters. In order to reach its tank closure commitment, Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste contractor at the SRS must average 400 canisters per year beginning in 2012.

A two-step glass production rate improvement program has begun.

The first step, which is targeted for completion later this year, includes retrofitting the facility’s giant melter, a 65-ton melting pot, with a bubbler mixing system to increase throughput. This step alone will increase canister production to 325 canisters per year. The second step involves upgrading the melter feed preparation capacity, which will take place in the 2011 – 2012 timeframe. Together, the two-steps will enable DWPF to attain 400 canisters a year. The key is to keep the melter running and maximizing the efficiency of outages while minimizing the situations that result in unplanned shutdowns.

Recovery Act Enables F Canyon Drum Remediation to Restart

With American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, the remediation of 800 to 1,000 drums of transuranic (TRU) waste restarted at the Department of Energy's F Canyon.

The process calls for hand sorting of the contents of 55-gallon drums that X-ray technology has identified as containing items, such as aerosol cans or liquids, which are not allowed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M.

With this project, 55-gallon drums, which had been stored in E Area, are opened in an enclosure similar to a glovebox, and their contents removed and examined. If prohibited items are found, they are treated and repackaged into a new drum. Once repackaged, WIPP-certified personnel use X-ray technology, called real time radiography, to survey drum contents and confirm they now meet the criteria for disposal. Once the drums are remediated, they are transferred back to the Site's E Area, where they go through a certification process to meet the WIPP WAC and are staged for shipping to WIPP.

SRS Tackles Challenge to Support International Fuel Receipt

With the recent receipt of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from Chile, L Area personnel have once again risen to the challenge to make the world a safer place. In March, two casks containing 69 SNF assemblies were received and unloaded for safe storage in L basin. Containing approximately 18 Kg of uranium, the SNF was originally used to fuel Chilean research reactors. Previously identified as Gap material by the National Nuclear Security Administration, this SNF was considered vulnerable, high security risk nuclear material prior to its storage in L basin. L Area personnel were able to expedite the preparations for the Chilean fuel without any compromise to safety. Criticality evaluations, procedure development and a host of other activities are required to prepare for a foreign SNF receipt. Normally such a process is 12 to 18 months long. To meet the request for the Chilean fuel, personnel worked long hours to complete all authorization activities in only six months.

Part of the NNSA's Global Threat Reduction Initiative, this SNF will remain in safe storage until disposition. The recent shipment from Chile made it the fifth country where all significant amounts of HEU have been removed since President Obama outlined his commitment to secure all vulnerable material around the world within four years.

BC/BS SERVICE CONCERNS

We receive letters from retirees trying to get proper Blue Cross/Blue Shield reimbursement for their medical bills. Most of the problems occur when the retiree/patient lives out-of-state (i.e., no longer in SC). If you have records of BC/BS service problems to share with SRSRA members, please **send a letter outlining your case to both:**

Ellen Miller, Medical Benefits Committee
SRS Retiree Association
P.O. Box 5686
Aiken, SC 29804

Kaye Bozeman, Major Service Representative
I-20 at Alpine Road AV-100
Columbia, SC 29219

or e-mail your information to: KAYE.BOZEMAN@bcbsc.com, or Fax: 1-803-264-9353. You can also call Gari Howard, your BC/BS service representative, toll-free at (800) 868-2500, ext. 45805. As a last resort, you can call Kaye Bozeman at 800-288-2227, extension 44452 or 803-264-4452.

BENEFITS CONTACTS

People Support Service Center (a one-stop service for most HR and payroll activities and questions).

- ◆ **803-725-7772 (local area SC and GA)**
- ◆ **800-368-7333 (long distance)**
- ◆ service-center@srs.gov (e-mail contact for this new service)

◇ **Life, Health, Dental**

Becky Proveaux 803-725-3759
Rosalee Bennett 803-725-3757
Wanda McGee 803-725-0531
Cindy McClintock 803-725-7004

◇ **Pension**

Pat Smith 803-725-7722
Katherine Hutto 803-725-4775

◇ **Internal Medicine Partners** 706-792-5075
(Annual Physical Examinations)

◇ **SRNS Savings Plan** 800-360-2747

<http://resources.hewitt.com/srns>

◇ **Westinghouse Corp. Pension** 800-581-222

◇ **Westinghouse Corp. SIP** 800-581-3366

<http://westinghouse.csplans.com>

◇ **Safety Eyeglass Office**

Tom Cuny 803-557-5586

◇ **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC** 800-325-596

www.southcarolinablues.com

Option 1 for Medical

Option 2 for Dental

Option 3 for Pre-Cert/Med Authorization

◇ **Medicare Helpline** 800-633-4227

◇ **Medicare Web Site**

www.medicare.gov

◇ **Value Options** (mental health & substance
abuse assistance) 800-333-6557

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Savannah River Site Retiree Association Membership Application

I want to RENEW my membership in the SRSRA
(...and I am willing to serve on the Board of Directors) Yes No

I want to JOIN the SRSRA
(...and I am willing to serve on the Board of Directors) Yes No

My spouse is also retired from SRS and wants to JOIN the SRSRA
(...and my retired SRS spouse is willing to serve on the Board of Directors) Yes No

I am the surviving spouse of an SRS retiree and wish to join/renew my membership in the SRSRA
(...and I am willing to serve on the Board of Directors) Yes No

Annual Dues:

Current Year

\$15 for Retiree
 \$0 for Retiree's Spouse (also retired from SRS)
 \$5 for Retiree's Surviving Spouse

Next Year

\$15 for Retiree
 \$0 for Retiree's Spouse (also retired from SRS)
 \$5 for Retiree's Surviving Spouse

SRS RETIREE NAME _____

SRS Retired or Surviving SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

SRS RETIREE RETIRED FROM:SRNS _____ WSRC/SRR _____ BSRI _____ BWXT-SRC _____ BNFL-SRC _____ OTHER _____

SPOUSE RETIRED FROM SRS:SRNS _____ WSRC/SRR _____ BSRI _____ BWXT-SRC _____ BNFL-SRC _____ OTHER _____

SRS RETIREE DATE OF RETIREMENT _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SRS RETIRED OR SURVIVOR SPOUSE DATE OF RETIREMENT _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Return to: **SRS Retiree Association**
P. O. Box 5686
Aiken, SC 29804
Attn: Kent Sullivan, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN