

SUBJECT: Office of Independent Oversight's Office of Environment, Safety and Health Evaluations Activity Report for Participation in the Savannah River Operations Office, Salt Waste Processing Facility Project Office, Salt Waste Processing Facility Effectiveness Review – September 20-24, 2010

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Independent Oversight, within the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS), participated in the DOE Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR), Salt Waste Processing Facility Project Office (SWPFPO), Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) Effectiveness Review. The HSS participation, through its Site Lead program, provided HSS with an opportunity to maintain operational awareness and evaluate site programs, while supporting DOE line management efforts to safely and securely accomplish their missions. The onsite review was conducted during the period September 20-24, 2010, was led by a DOE-SR Team Leader, was sponsored by DOE-SR, and was conducted by DOE-SR's SWPFPO and HSS personnel.

The ISMS effectiveness team assessed (using criterion review and approach documents) the following areas: 1) Work Scope, Hazard Identification and Control, 2) Construction Operations, and 3) Management. The assessment team identified and documented two noteworthy practices, four deficiencies, seven observations, and five opportunities for improvement, which are documented in a report maintained by DOE-SR. The team concluded that, for the areas reviewed, the ISMS had been effectively implemented and most aspects of corrective actions were effective. The identified deficiencies and opportunities for improvement will be addressed by the SWPF Project Office.