

## DOE-SR UPDATE ... SRNS Operational Pause Status

November 23, 2015

### Current Status:

All Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) facilities and organizations have exited the Operational Pause and entered Deliberate Operations. HB Line entered Deliberate Operations today (Monday, Nov. 23).

DOE-SR confirmed the following actions were satisfactorily completed by SRNS with respect to transitioning the HB-Line facility from Operational Pause to Deliberate Operations:

- - SRNS completed Operational Pause observations using Management Field Observations and all associated issues have been appropriately dispositioned.
  - HB-Line personnel have attended All Hands briefings on performance expectations and Small Group discussion sessions to validate understanding of technical work document performance.
  - All Technical Safety Requirements have been satisfactorily met.
  - The Deliberate Operations Assessment Plan was approved by the SRNS Executive Vice President.
  - HB-Line Root Cause Analysis was completed and all corrective actions evaluated for inclusion in the Management Control Plan.
  - The HB-Line Management Control Plan is approved.
  - SRNS and DOE-SR have observed positive performance in conducting work through operators and engineers proactively stopping work which could not be performed in accordance with work documents.
  - SRNS and DOE-SR have observed management engagement at all levels of the organization.

In addition, the following facilities and organizations have now exited Deliberate Operations: Savannah River National Laboratory, National Nuclear Security Agency Operations including Tritium Operations, Engineering, D Area Ash Project and Site Services.

H Canyon and HB Line are projected to exit Deliberate Operations in late January. All other Environmental Management Operations facilities, including K Area, L Area, Solid Waste and F Area, are projected to exit Deliberate Operations by the end of the year.

### Definitions

1. **Operational Pause:** Work that is essential to safe and secure operations of the site, which

requires the execution of technical work documents and work execution observed by SRNS Management.

2. **Deliberate Operations:** A timeframe where processes being conducted require specific, intentional, and well-thought-out actions in the identification of critical activities. During this period, only work approved by the Facility Manager may be performed. All work is expected to be performed in a slow, very deliberate manner with more attention given to the critical steps. Management engagement in the field is also greater during this time.

During deliberate operations, additional reviews are completed of the work (similar to a Job Hazard Analysis) and a hazard category is assigned. Depending on the complexity, additional assessors (observers) are assigned to witness the activity and the assessors document the performance. This is in addition to the already additional management presence observing work activity.

**NOTE:** Release from deliberate operations requires approval of the SRNS President or Executive Vice President and the decision reviewed with DOE-SR senior management.

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