

HSS Independent Activity Report - Rev. 0**Report Number:** HIAR-SRS-2013-03-25**Site:** Savannah River Site**Subject:** Office of Enforcement and Oversight's Office of Safety and Emergency Management Evaluations Activity Report on Oversight Scheduling and Operational Awareness at the Savannah River Site**Dates of Activity :** 03/25/2013 – 03/28/2013**Report Preparer:** Phillip D. Aiken**Activity Description/Purpose:**

1. The Independent Oversight Site Lead for the Savannah River Site traveled to the site to work with functional area managers to schedule nuclear safety oversight activities.
2. The Site Lead reviewed the differing professional opinion (DPO) program at the Savannah River Operations Office (Department of Energy (DOE)-SR).

Result:

1. The Site Lead scheduled a radiological program review at the National Nuclear Security Administration Savannah River Field Office, with emphasis on work planning and control. This small-team review will be conducted in July 2013.
2. The Site Lead worked with the Waste Solidification Building (WSB) project management office staff to coordinate a limited-scope construction quality review for later this year. The scope of this review will be to verify the adequacy of closure of findings resulting from last year's construction quality review.
3. The Site Lead is having continuing discussions with Waste Disposition Engineering Division (WDED) personnel on additional opportunities for nuclear safety oversight at WDED facilities between now and the end of the year.
4. The Salt Waste Processing Facility Project Office (SWPFPO) requested that discussions on oversight be postponed until contract negotiations with Parsons are completed.
5. As an operational awareness activity, the Site Lead performed a limited-scope review of the DOE-SR DPO process. The Site Implementing Procedure (SRIP 442.2, "Differing Professional Opinions for Technical Issues Involving ES&H") was found to need revision to accurately reflect roles, responsibilities, and authorities. Additionally, the SRIP does not reflect the requirements of DOE Order 442.2. At least one DPO has been handled in the last 2 years for which the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) lacks the records required by the implementing procedure and the order. OCR subsequently located information on the one DPO at the site and now has a file on that DPO. The DPO Program Manager was advised of these results.

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References

DOE Order 442.2, "Differing Professional Opinions for Technical Issues Involving ES&H"

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Were there any items for HSS follow up? Yes No**HSS Follow Up Items**

1. Schedule the WSB limited-scope construction quality review with the WSB Project Office staff.
2. Continue working with WDED staff to schedule nuclear safety oversight at WDED facilities.
3. Work with SWPFPO staff to schedule oversight after contract negotiations with Parsons are completed.
4. Work with DOE-SR OCR to understand the path forward for identified deficiencies in DPO program implementation at DOE-SR.