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**SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION CHIEF ENGINEER, INTERNS
PRESENT AT CNTA UP AND ATOM BREAKFAST**

Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Chief Engineer Phil Breidenbach and two SRR summer college interns were keynote speakers at the most recent Up & Atom Breakfast hosted by Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA).

SRR is the liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS). As Chief Engineer, Breidenbach manages, plans, and integrates all engineering services required to support the liquid waste work scope. He implements and manages programs for a broad range of subjects, including systems engineering and nuclear safety, alongside providing engineering oversight for operations support.

During his presentation, Breidenbach spoke about how SRR recruiting young engineers is important to the company and the community because of insights and talents valuable to both. In addition, to retain new engineers, Breidenbach discussed putting engineers into the company's Reaching Engineers at the Development Years (READY) program. The mission of the READY program is to foster personal and professional growth of early career professionals using the program's six pillars: job rotation, training and development, mentoring and coaching, professional development, site visibility, and social networking.

All 45 SRR summer college interns attended the breakfast, and two of them gave presentations on their experiences for the group. Interns Brittany Brush and Noah Garabedian discussed their summer projects at SRR.

Brush hails from Savannah, Georgia, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in civil engineering Florida State University with an emphasis in geo-environmental engineering. She is working with the SRR Waste Disposal Authority to do a performance assessment of engineered cover systems for the site's Saltstone Disposal Units.

Garabedian is a native of Frederick, Maryland. A student at the University of Maryland, Garabedian studies fire protection engineering. At SRR, he performs code review analyses to ensure that buildings onsite are maintained to National Fire Protection Association Codes and

Standards. He inspects, tests and maintains fire protection systems in the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF).

The breakfast was held at Newberry Hall in Aiken.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. The Up & Atom breakfasts are one of many educational projects sponsored by CNTA. Other projects include an essay/video contest, the annual Edward Teller Lecture and Banquet, an interactive nucleus exhibit at the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, a speaker's bureau, and periodic teachers workshops that assist middle and high school teachers in bringing nuclear science topics into the classroom.

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