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**CNTA Teaches Lifelong Learning Class at UofSC Aiken**

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) recently taught a class at the University of South Carolina Aiken Center for Lifelong Learning to give insight to participants about the Savannah River Site (SRS) and its economic impacts to the region.

Titled “Savannah River Site: Supporter of the Nation and Regional Economic Engine” and led by CNTA Executive Director Dr. Jim Marra, this course featured speakers from across the Site, including both Federal and contract employees. Approximately 30 people attended this three-day course for an hour each day.

The first session featured an overview of SRS by Manager of the Savannah River Operations Office for the Department of Energy Michael Budney and a summary of results from a recent economic impact study from President/CEO of the SRS Community Reuse Organization Rick McLeod.

Other speakers included Dennis Carr, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for SRS managing and operating contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS); Dave Olson, President and Program Manager for SRS liquid waste contractor Savannah River Mission Completion; Sharon Marra, Deputy Director of Operations for the Savannah River National Laboratory; Joyce Hopperton, Director of Environment, Safety, Health and Quality for SRS protective force contractor Centerra; and Charles Munns, past SRNS President /CEO and President of Munns Advisement.

One attendee said “The knowledge of the speakers was excellent. The presentation on national security by Admiral Munns was especially pertinent due to the current worldwide tensions.”

CNTA is proud to support the Center for Lifelong Learning and its mission to provide continuing education opportunities for adults in the CSRA. CNTA teaches one class each spring.

Presentations and other resources from the class can be found here: <https://cntaware.org/lifelong-learning-resources/>

You can find more information on the Center for Lifelong Learning here: [CLL Home \(aikenlearning.org\)](http://CLLHome(aikenlearning.org))

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