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Pit production mission takes center stage at CNTA event

AIKEN, S.C., (September 4, 2024) – The Savannah River Site (SRS) pit production mission was the main topic of conversation during the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) Up & Atom breakfast meeting, held August 21 at Newberry Hall in Aiken and sponsored by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS).

Erika Baeza-Wisdom, Deputy Vice President for National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Pit Production Operations and Programs, presented “Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility (SRPPF): The Future of Production at SRS,” which included an overview of the pit production mission, identified by NNSA as a top priority, and an update on the Program’s latest accomplishments.

“The plutonium pit production mission at SRS is a national security mission of vital importance,” said Baeza-Wisdom. “We are grateful for the opportunity, through organizations like CNTA, to demonstrate the SRNS commitment to keeping our neighbors, families and communities safe.”

CNTA is an Aiken-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate the public by providing objective information on the value of nuclear technology with respect to health, economy, environment and national security. The organization periodically hosts Up & Atom breakfast meetings with speakers on subjects related to nuclear technology and its impacts on society.

“It’s always a pleasure to hear from our colleagues at SRS,” said Dr. Allison Hamilton Molnar, CNTA Executive Director. “We feel it’s important for our community and members of the public to understand the significance of the pit production mission, not only from a national security standpoint, but also focusing on the economic impact this new mission will have on the CSRA.”

Once construction is complete, SRPPF will require approximately 2,000 employees in a variety of areas, including engineering, maintenance, operations, laboratory, information technology and operational technology, training and procedures, and security.

For more information about CNTA, click [here](#).



Erika Baeza-Wisdom, Deputy Vice President for NNSA Pit Production Operations and Programs, provides an update on the SRS pit production mission during the August 21 CNTA Up & Atom breakfast meeting.

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