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2025 CNTA Nuclear Service Award Winner Announced

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2025 Nuclear Service Award is Mindy Mets. This prestigious award will be presented on November 21, 2025, at the 34th Annual Teller Lecture and Banquet in Aiken, SC.

Mets is recognized for her fifteen years as the Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) in which she supported and advocated for missions at the Savannah River Site (SRS). At the SRSCRO, Mets directed the Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®); managed workforce development grants; established the NWI® Staffing Committee; established the Regional Nuclear Science Week Committee; established the annual STEM Career Connections® event; and coordinated the development of Microburst Learning Tools. These initiatives help sustain qualified workers at SRS and counter the challenge of an aging workforce.

Prior to her leadership role at the SRSCRO, Mets was the SRS Citizens Advisory Board Coordinator, a Director at the Southeast Environmental Management Association, and a valued part of the SRS Emergency Services Department. Mets received her B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University in 1985 and is the author of numerous articles and publications related to nuclear workforce development.

Mets is also a member of the Savannah River Site Museum Board of Directors, the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) Education Committee, and has served the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Workforce and Education Committee, the International Steering Committee for Nuclear Science Week, the Augusta Technical College Nuclear Engineering Technology Advisory Committee, and the Aiken Technical College Radiation Protection Technology Advisory Committee.

“Mindy has been a positive influence for many students in the community by encouraging them to pursue meaningful careers in the nuclear field,” said BWXT Business Development Director Ed Wannemacher. “She has worked quietly behind the scenes promoting nuclear energy and the SRS and has been a great ambassador for CNTA and all organizations that promote the benefits of nuclear energy.”

Dr. Thomas Burns Jr., President and Program Manager for Savannah River Mission Completion, noted that, “Mets has demonstrated unwavering support as an advocate for SRS missions, primarily in her roles for the Citizens Advisory Board and the SRS Community Reuse Organization ... I have seen firsthand Mets’ sincere commitment to growing and sustaining the SRS workforce through education, training, and grant programs.”

The Nuclear Service Award is presented annually to recognize accomplishments in applying nuclear technology, advancing education in nuclear technology, increasing public awareness of the benefits of nuclear technology, and in promoting and defending the safe and effective use of nuclear technology.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. For further information, call CNTA at 803-649-3456 or e-mail at cnta@bellsouth.net.

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