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SRS AVIATION TEAM EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Aiken, S.C. - Wackenhut Services Incorporated–Savannah River Site (WSI-SRS), the security contractor at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS), is proud to announce that the SRS Aviation Team, comprised of the DOE-Savannah River Operations Office and WSI, has earned the Department of Energy's 2007 Jeff Snow Aviation Program Memorial Award.

The DOE Savannah River Operations Office provides line management oversight and policy direction for the aviation program, and Wackenhut operates and maintains the two DOE-owned helicopters at SRS. This DOE-SR/WSI-SRS accomplishment marks the fifth time in the past seven years the SRS aviation team has received this award. The Department of Energy has maintained an aviation program at SRS since 1984.



"This achievement was made possible by our exceptional partnership with the Department of Energy aviation oversight team at SRS," said James H. Isom, Wackenhut's General Manager at the site. "The SRS Aviation Team plays a critical role in our security mission at SRS, and we're pleased that the program has been validated by the Department of Energy and the Federal Aviation Administration."

The DOE-SR/WSI-SRS team distinguished itself through outstanding performance of the airborne security mission at the SRS. The DOE award is based on the evaluation of excellence and innovation in five key performance areas: Management and Administration, Operations, Maintenance, Training, and Safety. The safety record of the site aviation operations program is a benchmark in the Department of Energy complex.

The DOE-HQ Office of Aviation Management, with assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration, recently conducted an Aviation Field Audit of the SRS Aviation Program. In the audit, DOE-SR and WSI-SRS achieved a 100% audit compliance rating for all 740 items evaluated. This was the first time that a perfect score has been awarded by the auditors to any DOE aviation program across the complex.

"The SRS Aviation Program is one of the strongest, most effective and safest in DOE because of the teamwork between the DOE-SR Aviation Manager and Aviation Safety Officer, and WSI-SRS," said Robert G. Jenkins, Director of the DOE Office of Aviation Management.

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Mr. Jenkins, presented the Jeff Snow Aviation Program Memorial Award to the DOE-SR/WSI-SRS team at the Annual DOE Aviation Operations and Safety Training Workshop, held at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL. Accepting the award for DOE-SR were Robert Moir, DOE-SR Aviation Manager; David Boyll, DOE Aviation Safety Officer; Ernie Tussey, former WSI-SRS Director, Special Operations Division; Bud Coward, WSI-SRS Manager, Aviation Operations Department; Bill Stewart, WSI-SRS Chief Pilot; James Williams, WSISRS Chief of Aircraft Maintenance; and Thomas Chappell, WSI-SRS Aviation Safety Officer.



At a site ceremony this week, the award was officially presented to Jeff Allison, DOE Manager at SRS, and Mr. Isom by Mr. Moir. At the ceremony, WSI-SRS AOD was also recognized for accident-free flying while maintaining an exceptional dispatch reliability rate for the DOE Aviation Program. In addition, AOD Pilots, B. Stewart, F. Stem, L. Nye, B. Hamilton, E. Bohlke, B. Green, W. Richister, J. Dixon, and R. Moore were recognized for safe flying achievements.

Retired DOE-SR Aviation Manager Steve Shelt was presented the U.S. Department of Energy Aviation Management Professional Award. During the evaluation period, Mr. Shelt was the Energy Department's most outstanding managerial contributor to the safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of a Federal Flight Program. Mr. Shelt served as DOE-SR Aviation Program Manager for 14 years.

Savannah River Site

The Savannah River Site is a key DOE industrial complex dedicated to environmental management and cleanup, nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, and nuclear materials disposition in support of the U.S. nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The 310-square-mile site also develops and deploys technologies to support the environmental cleanup and energy independence. The site's center is approximately 23 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 20 miles south of Aiken, South Carolina, the two closest population centers. WSI has provided security services at SRS since 1983.

Wackenhut Services Incorporated

Wackenhut Services Incorporated (www.wsihq.com) is the largest supplier of contract security services to federal facilities connected with nuclear programs and managed by the U. S. Department of Energy. It also provides security and security related services to U.S. Department of Defense agencies and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and facility management services for government installations. WSI is also a leader in the privatization of public services for municipal, state and federal agencies, including supplementary police, fire and emergency services. The Company is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The photos are available in high-resolution format for publication. Pictured in the award photo are (left to right) Bud Coward, WSI-SRS Manager, Aviation Operations Department; Ernie Tussey, former WSI-SRS Director, Special Operations Division; James H. Isom, WSI General Manager at SRS; Jeff Allison, DOE Manager at SRS; Robert Moir, DOE-SR Aviation Manager; Ted Spain, WSI-SRS Director of Special Operations; and David Lopez, DOE Senior Aviation Policy Officer.

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