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**CALEA TO EVALUATE WACKENHUT'S PROGRAMS AT SRS**

Aiken, S.C. – Wackenhut Services Incorporated, the security contractor at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, announces that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., will arrive October 26, 2008, to examine all aspects of the WSI-SRS policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that WSI-SRS meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team by telephone. The public may call (803) 952-7625 between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the CALEA standards is available by contacting Mary Martin, (803) 952-7778.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the WSI-SRS Training Division's ability to meet the standards for Public Safety Training Academy Reaccreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030.

"The WSI-SRS Training Division must comply with 182 standards in order to maintain its accredited status," said David Cook, Director of Training for WSI-SRS. "There are only a small number of outstanding organizations throughout the United States that have achieved the Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation. The process has helped us formalize many of our operational aspects as well as review training practices."

The Accreditation Program Manager for WSI-SRS Training Division is Mary Martin, a Senior Training and Academic Support Officer in the Training Division. She said the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Captain Alfred E. Miller, team leader and Lieutenant (Ret) Geoffrey Ice.

"Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted re-accreditation status," Martin stated.

Re-accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225.

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