

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD)

RESOLUTION NO: 17-18-887

Resolution Supporting and Encouraging the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration 's Consideration of the Savannah River Site to Locate the Plutonium Pit Production Mission.

WHEREAS, the County of Edgefield has long supported the missions of the Savannah River Site (SRS) and the role SRS has played, and continues to play, in our nation 's national security; and

WHEREAS, SRS is perfectly positioned to support many long-term missions such as the Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MFFF) and the Plutonium Pit Production mission while safely treating and disposing of the site 's legacy waste, a mission that must continue; and

WHEREAS, SRS has a long record of safety and environmental protection, a skilled workforce with hands-on experience in dealing with large-scale plutonium operations, an excellent security posture and a large land mass to serve as a buffer; and

WHEREAS, SRS is home to the Savannah River National Laboratory that has a successful history of directly supporting large-scale plutonium operations and working with design laboratories on tritium research and development, a model that can be used as the new Pit Production mission becomes responsible for plutonium research and development activities; and

WHEREAS, the Edgefield County Council believes the Pit Production mission should be brought to SRS, not as a replacement for the MFFF, but in a complementary role to that facility, and believes SRS is uniquely capable of handling both of those important national defense missions; and,

WHEREAS, the Edgefield County Council recognizes that the location of the Pit Production mission at SRS would increase shipments of plutonium to our community, while potentially providing a disposition pathway for material already stored at SRS; and,

WHEREAS, if selected for this mission, the Edgefield County Council requests assurances from the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration that the facility will be built and that any waste generated by the operation, or from other missions at SRS, will be safely removed and disposed of at an appropriate facility outside of South Carolina .

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL in session duly assembled this 6th day of February, 2018, that:

1. Edgefield County Council hereby supports and encourages the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration's consideration of the Savannah River Site as the location for the Plutonium Pit Production mission.
2. Edgefield County Council, because of the unique capabilities of SRS , continues its support for this and other long-term , sustainable missions for the Site and requests that the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration move forward with a decision and a funding request to Congress to locate the Plutonium Pit Production mission at SRS.

Edgefield County Council

ATTEST

Dean Campbell, Chair

Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council