

## RESOLUTION 18-013

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA SUPPORTING THE PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION PROJECT AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE

This Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia (the “Board”).

WHEREAS the Board desires to evidence its support of the plutonium pit project at Savannah River Site;

WHEREAS, the Savannah River Site (SRS) is a critical part of the U. S. Government’s national security infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production and research facility for nuclear materials utilized in the country’s nuclear security program;

WHEREAS, SRS is home to the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) that has a successful history of directly supporting large-scale plutonium operations and working with design laboratories on tritium research and development;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, through the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), is currently evaluating whether it can manufacture plutonium pits at SRS and if Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) can continue as the Pit Production research and technology development hub. They should also consider if a strategic collaboration between South Carolina and New Mexico could exist for the benefit of our national nuclear deterrent;

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;

WHEREAS, the citizens who reside in a two-state region surrounding the Savannah River Site (SRS) have over the years expressed strong support and appreciation for the mission and contributions to national security made by SRS;

WHEREAS, the citizens of this region, believe 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 believe SRS is uniquely capable of handling both of those important national security missions;

WHEREAS, the citizens of this region, recognize 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;

WHEREAS, the citizens of this region, request assurances from the DOE/NNSA that if selected for this Pit Production mission, facilities will be built at SRS 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 the SRS Community Reuse Organization calls upon the DOE/NNSA, the Congress and the Administration to continue consideration of SRS as the location for the Plutonium Pit Production mission and applicable plutonium research and development activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbia County Board of Commissioners supports the actions of the SRS Community Reuse Organization Board.

Adopted: March 29, 2018

Board of Commissioners of  
Columbia County, Georgia

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Clerk