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Board of Directors Bio-sketches

Patricia M. Allen

Patricia is the Environmental, Safety & Health and Quality Assurance and Contractor Assurance Director for Savannah River Remediation, LLC (SRR). In addition to her SRR position, she is Environmental, Safety and Health Director for the Global Management & Operations Services (GMOS) of URS, the parent company of SRR.

Ms. Allen has more than 25 years of experience in the fields of nuclear operations support, engineering and technical management. She graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.S. and M.S in Chemical Engineering. She is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Bea Crawford

Bea taught school in California and in Aiken, SC for a total of 23 years. She received her BA from San Jose State University in California and a Master of Education from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She came to

Aiken with her late husband, Dr. Todd Crawford, a distinguished fellow scientist at the Savannah River National Laboratory. Bea taught in elementary schools in Aiken. In addition she was a Reading Consultant and a Compensatory/Remedial Coordinator for the School District of Aiken County.

Bea is working with the local school districts to encourage the use of the 30 minute version of the film, "Displaced, The Unexpected Fallout from the Cold War". With a committee of educators a syllabus was created to accompany the CD and has been used in 8th grade classrooms throughout Aiken and nearby districts.

J. Walter Joseph

Walt was employed for 39 years at the Savannah River Site in a variety of technical and management positions for E.I DuPont and the Westinghouse Savannah River Co. He is a graduate Mechanical Engineer with a BE degree from North Carolina State College and a MS from the Pennsylvania State University. He served as an officer in the US Army Ordnance Corps in Korea during the conflict.

Walt's initial assignments at SRS were in the Savannah River Laboratory doing research and development on reactor hydraulics and heat transfer and irradiation effects of structural materials. He transferred to the Savannah River Plant for varied assignments including managing the Traffic and Transportation Department, the L-Reactor restart project, and Site Quality. Walt is an enthusiastic historian, a long-time member of the Aiken County Historical Commission, and a life member of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina.

Anna G. Loadholt

Ann was born in Ellenton, South Carolina, lives in Barnwell, and is very active in church, historical, and civic affairs.

She received a BA in Business Education from the University of South Carolina and taught for 15 years in public schools in Columbia, Barnwell, and Blackville. She was Chairperson of the Barnwell County Council in 1996 and the SRS Citizen's Advisory Board from 1997-2000. She is a life member of the University of South Carolina Alumni Board and a member of Magna Charta Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Bluffton

Historical Association. She was named Woman of the Year by the Barnwell Chamber of Commerce in 1992.

Dr. Deidre M. Martin

Dr. Deidre Martin is the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at the University of South Carolina Aiken. In this role, she oversees the marketing, web development, continuing education, alumni relations, and fundraising efforts of the campus. She joined the staff of USC Aiken in 1988 and also serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Communications and as advisor for the Circle K student organization.

Dr. Martin is actively involved in the community as a member of the American Association of University Women, Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Association of Fundraising Professionals, Media Women of South Carolina and First Baptist Church. She was awarded her bachelor's degree from Berry College, her master's degree from Georgia State University and her doctoral degree from the University of South Carolina.

J. Malvyn McKibben

Mal has 45 years of experience in technical and management positions for DuPont/Westinghouse at SRS. He is very active nationally in the nuclear industry with the American Nuclear Society and in his current positions as Executive Director of the Citizens for Nuclear Technology.

He obtained a BA degree in Chemistry from Emory University in 1955, and while there was the student leader for two years on an ORNL contract to determine fission yields of proton bombarded heavy isotopes. From June 1955 until January 2000, he was employed by E. I. Du Pont, then Westinghouse, at SRP/SRS. Technical assignments included support of SRP's production reactors and the Heavy Water Components Test Reactor, development of analytical chemistry methods, spent nuclear fuel reprocessing, special isotope separations, and research on radionuclide separations. Managerial assignments included technical oversight of the two SRP separations facilities, and Senior Project Manager for design and construction of the \$2 B Defense Waste Processing Facility. His last assignment at SRS was as Senior Advisory Scientist for Advanced Planning.

Mal is a fellow of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), where he currently serves as Chairman of the Fuel Cycle and Waste Management Division and as a member of the ANS Planning Committee. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and past member of the Institute for Nuclear Materials Management, American National Standards Institute, and the American Society of Testing Materials. The South Carolina House and Senate honored Mal in 2000 with a joint resolution commending him for outstanding service to the community and the nation.

Joe Ortaldo

Mr. Ortaldo has a BS and MS in Chemical Engineering and 42 years of experience in chemical and nuclear industries. He spent 24 years at SRS before retiring in 2004. He has been a member of the SRS Citizens Advisory Board and the Health Effects Subcommittee of the Centers for Disease Control.

Karen Patterson

Ms. Patterson worked at SREL for 15 years. Since leaving SREL she has worked as an environmental consultant on projects supporting WSRC, SRNL and DOE. She served on the Citizens Advisory Board for 10 years and is a member of the CNTA Board of Directors and the SC Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council.

Bettis C. Rainsford

Bettis is a well-known businessman and developer in Edgefield with an abiding interest in local and South Carolina history.

He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of South Carolina Law School. He has organized and developed numerous businesses including an 81-bed nursing home, several newspapers, and cotton mills in four states and Costa Rica. Bettis is active in the Edgefield County Historical Society and the Executive Council of the South Carolina Society and has served as President of the South Carolina Historical Society. The University of South Carolina Aiken presented Bettis with an honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration in 1993.

R. Lee Smith

Lee became President/CEO of the Community Foundation for the Central Savannah River Area in 1998 after 37 years in entrepreneurial activities.

He received a BS degree in Marketing from the University of South Carolina and began working at Martin Marietta Aggregates in Savannah. From 1968 to 1993, he was an officer and partner in Southern Roadbuilders, Inc., an Augusta-based paving company which was sold to the APAC Division of Ashland Oil Co. in 1988. Lee retired from APAC and opened and expedited freight business in Memphis which he sold in 1997. He is a life member of the Augusta Museum of History and the Richmond County Historical Society, serves on numerous boards, and is an avid hunter and fisherman.

Kent Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan graduated from Auburn University and was a cooperative education student at SRS prior to full-time employment in 1973. He retired in 2005 and is now a Senior Associate with Longnecker & Associates. He has served as a City Councilman in North Augusta and currently is Membership Chairman of the SRS Retirees Association and Vice Chairman of the SRP Federal Credit Union.

J. Chris Verenes

Chris became President of Security Federal Bank and its subsidiaries after being employed for 15 years with Washington Group International.

He received BS and MS degrees in Marketing from the University of South Carolina. He was employed at the Savannah River Site and was with Washington Group in various capacities, including Chief of Staff to the President and Chief Executive Officer. He has broad experience in the banking industry. Chris has served on the South Carolina and Aiken County Boards of Education and the University of South Carolina Aiken Partnership Board. He is a past Chairman of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce and has been named Aiken County Man of the Year by the Jaycees.

R. Clifton Webb

Clif Webb is Vice President of Public Affairs for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS). In this capacity, he is responsible for all aspects of internal and external communications and community relations for SRNS's 5,500 employees and the neighboring communities. Mr. Webb received his Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, from the University of South Carolina,

Mr. Webb has 35 years of public affairs experience, including positions with DOE and DuPont. Prior to coming to SRNS in 2009 he served as vice president of DuPont's Government Affairs office in Washington, D.C., where he directed and managed state, Federal and global government affairs programs for the DuPont company, engaging government representatives throughout the United States and around the world to promote corporate strategic objectives and growth.

Clif has also served as director of Public Affairs for DuPont in Wilmington, Del., and as government relations manager in DuPont's Government Affairs office, and he served as DuPont's Public Affairs manager for the Mid-Atlantic region, encompassing 28 operating sites. He is a recipient of DuPont's Corporate Marketing Excellence Award and the DOE Silver Medal for Meritorious Service. He is Six Sigma certified.

Webb currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce and the SRS Heritage Foundation. He is a member of Rotary International, the USC-Aiken Partnership Board, and is the Children's Place Corporate Fundraising Chair for 2010/2011.

Bruce Wilson

Mr. Wilson retired as Deputy Manager of the SRS Office of National Security Administration after 35 years of federal service at SRS with the Atomic Energy Commission, Energy Research & Development Administration, the Department of Energy and NNSA.
