

# Nuclear workforce initiative

Local nuclear employers are looking for skilled technicians, engineers, craft professionals, scientists and more. In fact, a recent Regional Workforce Study sponsored by the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) revealed that 86% of local nuclear employers plan to hire people with these skills during the next two years.

Since 2009, leaders of the SRSCRO have been addressing these long-term workforce needs on a regional level through the SRSCRO Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®).

NWI® supports local workforce needs by establishing partnerships to align education and training programs with distinct employer needs. NWI® also serves the region through active involvement in teacher workshops and workforce and education organizations. It also supports science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education programs.

Partnerships established through NWI® are producing significant results for the region. For example, more than 600 students have enrolled in local education and training programs developed through the ANSR partnership. Advancing Nuclear Skills Regionally (ANSR) programs involve five area colleges and universities, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the SRSCRO. Already, 152 students have graduated from the ANSR programs and 85% of the graduates are employed in their chosen fields.

NWI® partnerships have also resulted



Local students learn about STEM jobs at the annual STEM Career Connections event hosted during Nuclear Science Week by the Nuclear Workforce Initiative and area partners. ([www.nwinitiative.org](http://www.nwinitiative.org))

in the annual STEM Career Connections event for area high school students. At the event, hundreds of students interact with current professionals in local industries that include nuclear, advanced manufac-

ture, cyber, information technology and other local high-tech industries. Through STEM Career Connections, students can better understand local careers and the skills that employers are seeking.

Visit [www.srscro.org/nuclear-workforce-initiative/](http://www.srscro.org/nuclear-workforce-initiative/) to learn more about NWI, and read more details about the Regional Workforce Study at [www.srscro.org/community-issues](http://www.srscro.org/community-issues).



Artist rendering of Mox Facility

**2007** – MOX Facility construction begins

**2008** – Waste Solidification Building construction begins

**2008** – Actinide Removal Process & Modular Caustic Side Solvent Extraction Unit operations begin



Artist rendering of Waste Solidification Building

**2008** – Washington Savannah River Company Management & Operations portion of contract ends



**2008** – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) awarded contract for Management & Operations of SRS

**2009** – Washington Savannah River Company Liquid Waste portion of contract ends



**2009** – Savannah River Remediation (SRR) awarded contract for the Liquid Waste Operations of SRS

**2010** – M Area closure complete

**2011** – P and R Areas closure complete

**2012** – Tanks 18/19 closed

**2013** – Tanks 5/6 closed

**2014** – AECOM purchases URS, parent company of SRR

**2015** – Tank 16 closed



M-Area



SRS workers remove large transfer hoses at Tank 18