



# Savannah River Archaeological Research Program



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## Safety and Security

SRARP's September safety topic covered hazards that can occur in the office. The types of hazards associated with an office are very similar to those occurring in a factory setting or at home. These include falling objects, slips and trips, fires, electrical shock, hazardous chemicals, and back injuries. Specific hazards to watch for include, poorly balanced stacks of cartons, top-heavy file cabinets, excessive use of extension cords, and blocked emergency exits.

Office hazards can result not just from unsafe conditions but also unsafe acts. Standing on chairs or on boxes instead of a ladder, running in halls or stairways, and throwing objects, can all lead to possible injury.

Finally, one of the best protections against office hazards is safe housekeeping. Keeping offices neat and tidy helps to eliminate many hazards.

## Community, State, and Regulator Relationships

Per regulatory agreements, the SRARP continued conducting preliminary reviews and archaeological surveys for proposed ground-disturbing activities on the SRS. During the month of September, the SRARP continued or completed archaeological surveys for the following projects:

- Site Use Review: SRARP staff reviewed eight new Site Use Applications in September for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Site Use 99-31-0 Amendment 8, Log No. 1727: SRARP management commented on the potential effects to cultural resources in this Site Use request by the Nuclear Non-proliferation Programs (NNP) for an approximately two-acre tract related to the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Facilities. The NNP has proposed the following landscaping activities: the construction of access roads, power feeds, relocation of unnamed tributary, and placement of common fill by PDCE. The SRARP noted that previous survey of the tract disclosed archaeological site 38AK155, a Nationally Eligible site, within the NNP project footprint. The NNP was notified that if the proposed construction projects are conducted, preservation of site 38AK155 must be mitigated through excavation prior to the NNP land-disturbing activities.
- Timber Compartment 33: SRARP staff completed survey for USFS-SR timber harvesting and management activities, 77 acres in three Forest Stands were surveyed. Shovel testing and pedestrian survey located two previously recorded sites and two previously

unrecorded sites in these stands. We are currently documenting these materials so that they may be permanently recorded as sites with the state site file office.

Per regulatory agreements, SRARP staff continued to disseminate information to the general public and to the historic preservation community.

- Staff members from the SRARP presented the *You be the Archaeologist* program at Silver Bluff to students from Greendale Elementary, Millbrook Elementary, Belvedere Elementary, and Hammond Hills Elementary in South Carolina. Students from Grovetown Elementary, and the Episcopal Day School in Georgia also took part in the program.
- During September SRARP staffers visited 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Columbia Middle School in Georgia and Scofield Middle School in South Carolina and presented a program that deals with early migration routes into North America.
- An exhibit was placed at the Aiken County Library for South Carolina Archaeology Month. The theme this year was the American Revolution and the exhibit focused on George Galphin and some of the artifacts recovered in the excavations at the Galphin Site.

#### Corporate Perspective

SRARP began planning a display for DOE Native American Month held in November. The display will be setup in the beginning of November in B-area, building 730. SRARP will also be participating in the combined DOE-Wackenhut Native American Day outside of the Wakenhut building in B-Area. The festival is planned for November 5.

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Be sure and mark your calendars for  
Native American Day Wednesday  
November 5<sup>th</sup>!



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