



Savannah River Archaeological Research Program



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Safety and Security

SRARP's February safety meeting discussed home safety. Emphasis was placed on what to do in the event of a break-in and included several examples of what to do in case of home invasion. The topic also discussed precautions that can be taken to help prevent break-ins from occurring.

Also in February, the entire SRARP staff successfully completed the General Employment Training class to renew our GET certification. During the class, we noticed that no mention was made of our program, or what to do if an SRS employee encounters archaeological artifacts or sites. We are currently exploring the possibilities of adding some basic archaeological information to the GET class.

Site Compliance

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

- Site Use Review: SRARP staff reviewed three new Site Use Applications in February for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Timber Compartment 39 (Zone 1 survey): SRARP staff completed a survey of a 14 acre stand, resulting in the relocation of one previously recorded prehistoric site. This completes the survey of timber compartment 39 in which 27 acres were intensively surveyed and another 14 acres were surveyed through the use of a predictive model for a total of 41 acres.
- Site Use 1753: SRARP staff completed the Intensive survey of site use 1753. This resulted in the identification of two previously unrecorded historic period archaeological sites, one isolated prehistoric occurrence, and the relocation of a previously recorded historic period site. This survey covered a total of 31 acres.

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

In February, SRARP staff presented the You be the Archaeologist program for two groups from East Aiken Elementary, and one group from Haynes Elementary.

SRARP staff members also participated in a number of Career Days in February. Career days were held at South Aiken High School and North Augusta Elementary School. Career Quest, a large event for middle school students, was organized by the School-to-Work program at Aiken Tech. The event invited students from five area middle schools and gave the students chance to speak with professionals from a variety of fields. Near 1000 students participated in the all-day event.

Another unique experience for SRARP staff members in February was to participate as a science fair judge at McBean Elementary. SRARP staff members help judge the 4th and 5th grade exhibits. Many of the students did a great job devising, implementing, and presenting their experiments.

SRARP Mission

The Savannah River Archaeological Research Program (SRARP) is a division of the University of South Carolina's South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. We are DOE-SR's on-site cultural resources management program established through a cooperative agreement with the University of South Carolina. The primary mission of the SRARP is to assist DOE-SR in complying with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), DOE policy (DOE P 141.1 Department of Energy Management of Cultural Resources), and other laws, regulations, and executive orders that pertain to cultural resources management.

The SRS Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP), established per the NHPA and DOE P 141.1, requires DOE-SR to identify, assess the significance of, and manage all cultural resources on the SRS. A major part of that compliance process involves locating archaeological sites within areas to be impacted by ground-disturbing projects. Sites that contain important information must be avoided or excavated. Through excavation, important information that would otherwise be lost is saved for current and future generations. The SRARP is the organization tasked with implementing the CRMP and conducting all archaeological surveys on the SRS.



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