



Savannah River Archaeological Research Program



March 2005

Safety and Security

March's safety meeting discussed the importance of the Hazard Communication Standard and the availability and location of hazard communication materials. The meeting helped employees to better understand the purpose and application of the Standard.

The meeting also covered the chemical hazards, frequent violations, and Material Safety Data Sheets. Through enhanced understanding of the Hazard Communication Standard, employees can better protect themselves from potential on-the-job dangers.

Archaeological 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 March, the SRARP continued or completed compliance activities for the following projects:

- Site Use Review: In March, the SRARP staff reviewed one new Site Use Application for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Timber Compartment 2 Survey: SRARP staff completed the intensive survey of an 84-acre stand in timber compartment 2. To date, this survey has recorded several archaeological sites consisting primarily of prehistoric and historic period scatters.
- Data Recovery of Archaeological Site 38AK892: In conjunction with the intensive survey of timber compartment 2, staff members from SRARP are currently conducting a subsurface investigation and data recovery of 38AK892. This historic site consists of a stratified midden dating to the antebellum period.

Per regulatory agreements, SRARP staff continued to disseminate information to the general public and to the historic preservation community. March saw staff members from the SRARP participating in a variety of local public events and presenting papers at a national conference.

- We gave standard programs to students at Millbrook Elementary and Mead Hall in March. Fifth grade students at Millbrook participated in the Classroom Dig; and students from Mead Hall visited the Audubon Center at Silver Bluff for the *You be the Archaeologist* program.

- Aside from our regular programs, staff members participated in career day programs at A.L. Corbet Middle School in Wagner, SC; and the Career Quest program at Aiken Tech. The Career Quest program hosted a variety of professionals from all walks of life. Middle school students from throughout the CSRA had an opportunity to meet and talk with people in a variety of careers.
- SRARP archaeologists also visited with a couple of adult groups in March. A presentation on the Confederate Earthworks located partially on the SRS was given at the monthly meeting of the Berry Benson Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Additionally, an archaeologist visited the Hilton Head Archaeological Society and gave a talk on Mississippian Indians in the Southeast.
- In April, the SRARP will participate in Earth Day activities in North Augusta and Augusta. On the 16th of April, SRS Kids Earth Day will be held at Lyons Field in North Augusta, and on the 23rd an Earth Day festival will be held at Phinizy Swamp in Augusta. The SRARP will have a booth at both events to include a display along with activities for kids.
- Finally, two archaeologists from the SRARP attended the Society for American Archaeology meetings and presented papers on our work at the SRS.



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