



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY



SRS Historic Preservation Program

Program Update

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National Historic Preservation Act



President Lyndon B. Johnson signs NHPA, October 1966

Fostered the system by which federal agencies:

- Survey and identify districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture, and use this information to plan projects, where possible, historic places are preserved.
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Programmatic Agreement



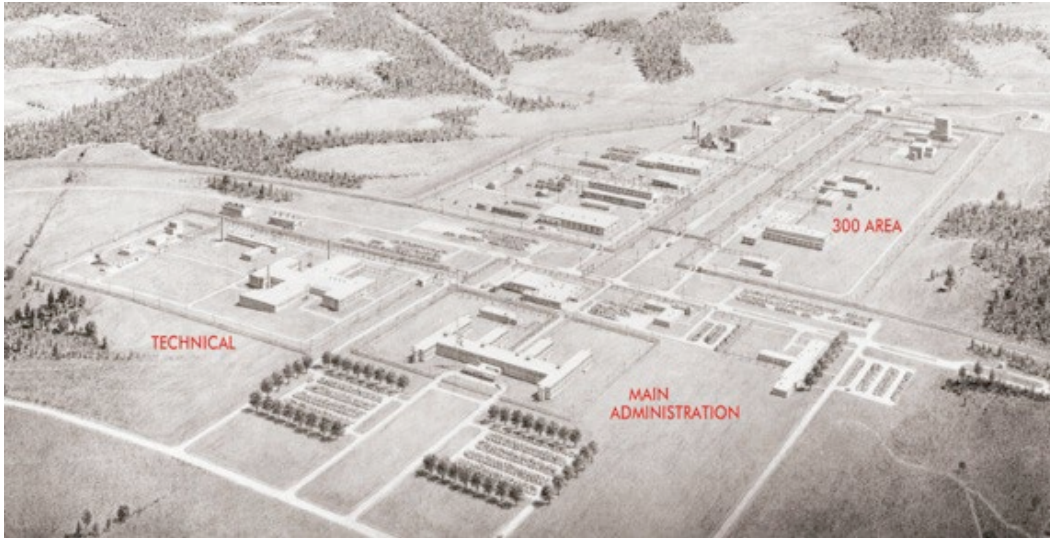
Temporary Construction (TC Area); Heavy Water Components Test Reactor (HWCTR)

Developed with State Historic Preservation Office, Advisory Council, and local stakeholders

For the identification and treatment of resources and artifacts that date from the Site's selection to the end of the Cold War.

- We identify facilities for preservation
- We write histories
- We collect and manage artifacts
- We provide public outreach

Resource Identification



A-Area Conceptual Plan created by Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith, 1952



Savannah River Laboratory, 1954

220 Cold War resources identified as significant and the Site Layout
Considered a National Register-eligible Cold War Historic District



703-A Main Administration Building

The SRS Historic Preservation Team



- New South Associates Vice President/Director of History and SRS Historian Mary Beth Reed
- Josh Blackmon, Historian, New South Associates
- Erin Anderson, Curator, New South Associates
- Kevin Fowler, Historic Photo Digitization, New South Associates
- Melissa Hanson, Curator, New South Associates
- Andy Horcher, NNSA-SR
- Susie Ferrara, SRNS

Since We Last Met: Compliance Accomplishments

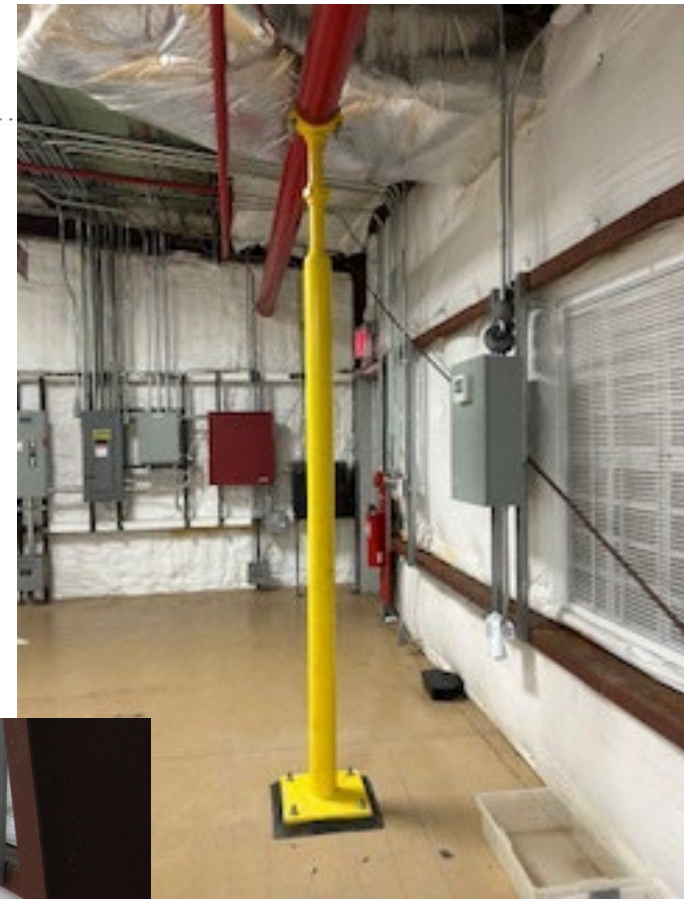
- Dr. Eric Boyle, DOE-HQ historian, visit 315-M Curation Facility
- CY25 Program Annual Report approved by SC Historic Preservation Office.
- Final draft 2026 Cultural Resources Management Plan submitted to NNSA-SR.
- Digitized 7,392 historic photo negatives (Q1 CY26).
- Historic Preservation assessment completed for 717-A Central Maintenance Shop for NNSA-SR reuse
- SRNL laboratory renovations historic preservation planning meeting
- Historic Preservation Advisory Team meetings
- Inventory, Documentation, and Video, F-Area Laydown Yard
- Survey and Evaluation, Fire Towers, 627-2G, 627-2G, and 627-3G
- Ongoing Artifact collection and cataloging



Cassini Mission artifacts



315-M Curation Facility Infrastructure Improvements



- Warehouse constructed in 1982
- 2011 modified to house artifacts
- Sheet metal building
- 27,000 square feet of space
- New retrofit roof install summer 2025
- Fire suppression system support stand installation summer 2025



315-M Curation Facility Infrastructure – Current Challenge

- HVAC and dehumidification system designed to provide a climate within the U.S. Secretary of the Interiors standards for artifact storage guidelines.
- 315-M HVAC units are 2010 models need replacement.
- Heating Contract Association recommended standardized life span is 12-16 years.
- Maintenance HVAC costs significant
- 6 units: McQuay and Trane (1)
- Working path forward on replacements



Heritage Tourism and Outreach

- 93 visitors visited 315-M Curation Facility as part of SRS Historic Public Tours program (with SR Archeology).
 - 4 tours scheduled in October.
- SRS Historic Overview presentation given to 325 new-hire employees (1Q FY26).
- Presented to the Aiken Sertoma Club
- Conducted 10 employee facility tours
- Provided Historic Photos for SRS Social Media
- SRS Safety Expo
- 766-H Site Training Facility exhibits



Heritage Tourism and Outreach: SRS Museum



- Designed, built, and installed new NNSA SRS 75th Anniversary Exhibit
- Savannah River Life Magazine
- 2025 Visitation: 3396, Education Outreach: 26,765
- 2026 Visitation: 1794, Education Outreach: 9,094
- 226 Nuclear Science Merit Badges since 2023
- SRS Retiree Legacy Keepers
- CY25 Fall Fission Festival with 1000 attendees
- New Traveling Exhibit

