

Savannah River Site Watch

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Proposed SRS Plutonium Bomb Plant (PBP) Focus of Two Events on Novembers 12 in Augusta, Aiken

News Conference & Forum to Review Lessons Learned from Plutonium "Pit" Production - for Nuclear Weapons - at DOE's Contaminated Rocky Flats Site; Demands to be Issued Concerning the SRS Project

Columbia, SC – Two events on Tuesday, November 12 in Augusta, GA and Aiken, SC on the proposed Plutonium Bomb Plant (PBP) - to produce plutonium "pits" for a new nuclear weapon - at the Savannah River Site (SRS) are designed to inform the public and stimulate discussion about this dangerous and unneeded new mission at SRS. The events will review what happened at the now-closed Rocky Flats site in Colorado, DOE's last large-scale pit-fabrication facility, which is contaminated with plutonium, and give an update of where the unfunded, unauthorized project stands in Congress. A list of things that must be done by DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration before the project proceeds will be issued at the news conference.

<u>News conference in Augusta, by SRS Watch and two expert guests from Colorado:</u> Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 2 p.m. Augusta-Richmond County Public Library - 3rd floor meeting room 823 Telfair Street in downtown Augusta, Georgia 30901.

<u>Public forum in Aiken:</u> "Rocky Flats Disaster: Red Light for SRS Plutonium Bomb Plant" Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7-8:45 p.m. Aiken Country Public Library 314 Chesterfield St S, Aiken, South Carolina 29801

As it means more plutonium, more nuclear waste and more risk of nuclear accident at the sprawling Savannah River Site in South Carolina, a free public forum will be held on November 12, 2019 in Aiken, SC to review the risks of the Plutonium Bomb Plant (PBP) proposed for the site.

At the Tuesday event at 7 p.m. at the public library in Aiken, Dr. LeRoy Moore and Ms. Patricia Mellen, Esq., representing the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center in Colorado, will discuss the plutonium contamination left at the Rocky Flats site due to accidents and plutonium fires and give an update on the on-going efforts by a number of public interest groups to obtain Special Grand Jury documents sealed

after a 1989 raid of the site by the FBI. The speakers contend that what happened at Rocky Flats during operation and the sloppy "clean-up" serves as stark testimony of what must not happen at SRS. Tom Clements, director of SRS Watch, will present an overview of the pit issue and what is now happening in Congress and will go over potential lawsuits on the pit plant issue.

Interviews with the experts from Colorado can be arranged for Tuesday morning or Tuesday midafternoon. Call ASAP to make arrangements.

Link to a Facebook event on the forum is at:

https://www.facebook.com/events/740219543106007/

Ad on the forum published in the Aiken and Augusta papers:

https://srswatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/large-ad-final-pdf-Nov-4-2019.pdf

The evening event in Aiken will be livestreamed:

https://www.facebook.com/elaine.cooper.98