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Savannah River Site Watch is the main non-profit organization in South Carolina working on nuclear issues from a public-interest perspective and is a leader nationally on U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear waste and nuclear weapons issues. SRS Watch staff, working in conjunction with Friends of the Earth, were instrumental in termination in 2017 of construction of two proposed nuclear power reactors in South Carolina, on which $11 billion was wasted, and in defeat in 2018 of the construction of DOE’s proposed plutonium fuel (MOX) project at DOE’s sprawling Savannah River Site, a project on which $8 billion was wasted. In 2018, SRS Watch joined with sister organizations near other DOE sites in working to defeat DOE’s plan for expanded production of new nuclear weapons facilities to manufacture plutonium pits, the core of all nuclear weapons. In June 2021, the organization became a party to a federal lawsuit challenging the scheme to expand pit production due to the failure of DOE’s National Nuclear Security Administration to meet environmental-review requirements. In 2022, SRS Watch will keep a focus on termination of plans for the proposed $11 billion SRS Plutonium Bomb Plant. Given its role in supplying all nuclear weapons with radioactive tritium gas (which boosts the explosive power of all weapons), SRS Watch is soon releasing a report entitled Crossing the Line: South Carolina Nuclear Weapons Secrets Exposed, about the “dual use” civilian-military role of the Westinghouse commercial fuel plant located near Columbia, SC.