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SRS layoffs total 184 as SRNS president resigns

More cuts are expected

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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions completed a series of layoffs this week affecting 184 more workers.

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In a letter summarizing the actions to the remaining employees, CEO and President Garry Flowers also acknowledged that he is leaving Savannah River Site for an unspecified executive position in Texas with Fluor, one of the contractor's three parent companies.

"Regrettably, I am still not at liberty to discuss the details or introduce my successor until all formal notifications and approvals are complete," he wrote, saying his pending departure had been reported in the *Weapons Complex Monitor*, a trade journal.

The 184 layoffs, Flowers said, nearly completed the most recent phase of a workforce restructuring that began in December, when the Department of Energy authorized the company to eliminate as many as 1,400 positions.

Earlier this year, reductions included voluntary separations by 513 workers and 342 layoffs in March.

The remaining cuts, expected to affect 545 workers, were reduced through job reorganizations and attrition.

Company officials have forecast an additional round of cuts later this fall that could involve about 75 more positions.

The company's total workforce, before this week's reductions, was about 5,500.

"Although today was the final day for notifications, there are still a few to be completed due to site absences," Flowers wrote. "I recognize this is a difficult period. I urge you to remain focused on safe work performance."

Two other contractors, Savannah River Remediation and Wackenhut Services, also

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have reduced their workforces by 100 positions each.

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wlightnin42 | Thursday, Sep. 1 4:08 PM

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Very bad for the Economy, where is the help to keep and save jobs when you need it?



burninater | Thursday, Sep. 1 4:31 PM

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Changing times, changing military priorities.

Unfortunately, the type of spending needed to keep something like this going is exactly the type of spending that has to be reduced to decrease the debt.

Pundits would have you believe that tax dollars just get dumped in a hole somewhere, but a significant percentage go to places -- and jobs -- like these.



FalseHopeLooseChange | Thursday, Sep. 1 4:58 PM

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Or did the stimulus money simply run out?



Vito45 | Thursday, Sep. 1 5:05 PM

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The "stimulus" layoffs already occurred. I agree that unless there is a viable mission, SRS should continue downsizing until the place is cleaned up/mothballed. That is why it is so critical for those goofballs in the Marble Palace to gets their collective heads out of their _____, quit this asinine racial tit for tat, and do something serious about creating an attractive environment for new industry.



Craig Spinks | Friday, Sep. 2 1:05 AM

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When's the last time that a legitimate news organization commissioned a reputable auditor to scrutinize the workings of each of the many components of SRP, SRS or whatever they're calling it this week? If the DOD has wasted \$60B in "the graveyard of empires," how much as the AEC and its successor, the DOE, squandered at SRP, SRS et al , since the beginnings of its operations in the early-/mid-50s?



Weed | Friday, Sep. 2 8:16 AM

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I was one of those that lost my job at SRS. We got stimulus money and had no projects that were shovel ready. We throw money into a black hole to bail out pensions and other things. We did accomplish a few things but all in all no real jobs that would be around for extended time.



SCEagle Eye | Friday, Sep. 2 8:46 AM

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The big money at SRS, all from the tax payer, is in clean-up of the site and that's where the focus must stay if jobs are to be protected. Everyone can rally around the clean-up. But the site manager wants to shift the focus from clean-up and

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has presented a laundry list of speculative, costly missions in the SRS draft strategic plan, with no private backers and no "customers" and which would bring more nuclear waste to SRS. This is a dead end doomed to bring more unemployment and which would leave the clean-up job unfinished.



LemonJello | Friday, Sep. 2 11:30 AM

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Bye, Bye Hatchet Man. Go enjoy your big mansion in Texas while the people hired with propped-Obama money search for a new income. You never even lived here. (Eyes rolling)



H1 | Monday, Sep. 5 6:16 PM

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Lets hope the DOE is paying attention to the losing track record for both SRNS and SRR. Please DOE, find better management teams.



OBF27 | Monday, Nov. 21 12:13 PM

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So much you know "Lemon Jello" Garry Flowers lived in Aiken for 2 years, and as far as lay offs, those were not under his decision, he was told the number of jobs that had to be laid off to move further in this project...
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