

The Department of Energy remains committed to protecting workers, members of the public and the environment. Minimizing risks to workers, including chemical vapors in the tank farms, is something the Department and its contractors strive for every day. The Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) [independent report](#) provides the Department and its tank farms contractor, Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS), with additional insight and recommendations on how to build on the steps that have already been taken to reduce vapor exposures in the tank farms. The Department supported WRPS's decision to begin implementing many of the key recommendations while the report was still in draft form and we look forward to reviewing WRPS's recommendations on next steps. The report also identifies several areas where additional research is needed to better understand and further reduce vapor exposures. The Department will also use the results of the report to institutionalize improvements to ensure enduring changes are made to the tank farms and ORP industrial hygiene programs that will protect workers in the near term and into the future.