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UCOR Achieves 1 Million Hours Without Injury or Illness

Oak Ridge, Tenn., December 8, 2011 – Employees of URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) and its subcontractors have worked 1 million hours without an injury or illness.

UCOR became the Department of Energy's Environmental Management contractor at the Oak Ridge Reservation on Aug. 1, 2011. Since then, the company has had a zero accident rate.

“We perform complex and varied work, some of which comes with safety challenges, so achieving 1 million hours without an injury takes dedication and commitment,” said Leo Sain, UCOR President and Project Manager. “I’m very proud of our employees for the effort they’ve put into ensuring that not only they, but their coworkers, go home injury-free at the end of the day.”

The achievement is even more remarkable, Sain pointed out, because it took place while UCOR was accelerating work. He credits the cooperation and input of the supporting labor unions as an integral component to achieving this safety milestone. Those unions include the Atomic Trades and Labor Council, the Knoxville Building and Construction Trades Council, and the United Steel Workers International Union Local 9-288.

UCOR is responsible for deactivation and demolition of the K-25 facility at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), as well as other specific scopes of work at ETTP, the Y-12 National Security Site, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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