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## **MOX Services Achieves 18 Million Consecutive Safe Work Hours National security project is one of the country's safest construction projects**

AIKEN, S.C., March 13, 2014 –MOX Services achieved another monumental milestone today as the MOX project surpassed 18 million consecutive work hours without a lost workday due to injury and illness during the construction of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility in Aiken, South Carolina.

“This is a remarkable achievement for our project, and it is all due to our employees and staff recognizing the importance of safety on the work site,” said Kelly Trice, president and CEO of Shaw AREVA MOX Service, L.L.C. “Our safety record shows the commitment that our employees and subcontractors have toward our safety culture. Surpassing 18 million consecutive work hours is a milestone we can take a tremendous amount of pride in for the work that is being completing on the project. It's a credit to our employees, whether in the construction or administrative divisions, that their personal safety, and the safety of those around them, is an important aspect of the work we are undertaking every day.”

The MOX project has a comprehensive safety management system that includes management leadership, employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control as well as safety and health training. According to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), a typical construction site in the U. S. experiences one lost workday case for every 125,000 hours worked. In the span of 18 million hours worked, the typical site would have 126 lost workday cases.

Additionally, in the most recent annual data, the MOX project had an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable injury rate of only 0.66 per 200,000 work hours, far below the industry average as measured by the BLS. Recordable injuries are injuries that require reporting to OSHA, such an injury requiring stitches.

Safety on the work site has always been a priority with the MOX Project. In 2011, the MOX project launched a new safety incentive program to increase safety awareness and encourage safety performance. The MOX BUX reward program recognizes and rewards individual and team achievements in safety performance. The tokens awarded can be collected and redeemed for a variety of apparel and merchandise items.

The project has also maintained the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's top safety designation, Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star status, for the past year. The VPP program recognizes excellence in worksite safety and health management.

Shaw AREVA MOX Services, LLC has a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to design, build and operate a facility to convert surplus nuclear weapon-grade plutonium into reactor fuel for use in commercial nuclear power plants. This work supports NNSA's nuclear nonproliferation program to eliminate nuclear weapon-grade plutonium in the U.S. Under a 2000 agreement, the United States and Russia will dispose of 68 metric tons of surplus plutonium, sufficient for approximately 17,000 nuclear weapons. For more information, visit [www.moxproject.com](http://www.moxproject.com).

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