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# CYBER SECURITY AT THE NATIONAL LABS

## A Brief Overview with Emphasis on SRNL

*A government contractor's perspective*

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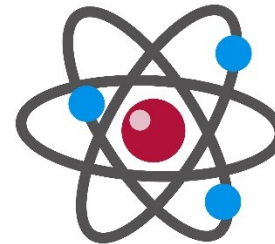
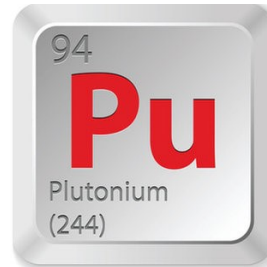
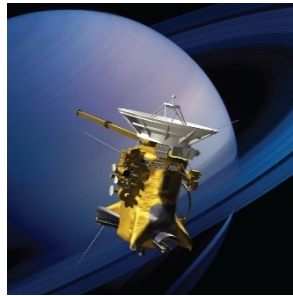
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# The Manhattan Project: Birth of the National Labs



# 75 Years of National Laboratory Breakthroughs

- Decoded DNA
- Powered NASA spacecraft
- Confirmed the Big Bang and discovered dark energy
- Unmasked a dinosaur killer
- Detected the neutrino
- Discovered gamma ray bursts
- Discovered 22 elements
- Pioneered optical digital recording (CDs, DVDs)
- Locked nuclear waste in glass
- Launched the LED lighting revolution
- Harnessed the power of the atom
- Made wind power mainstream



## Office of Science Laboratories

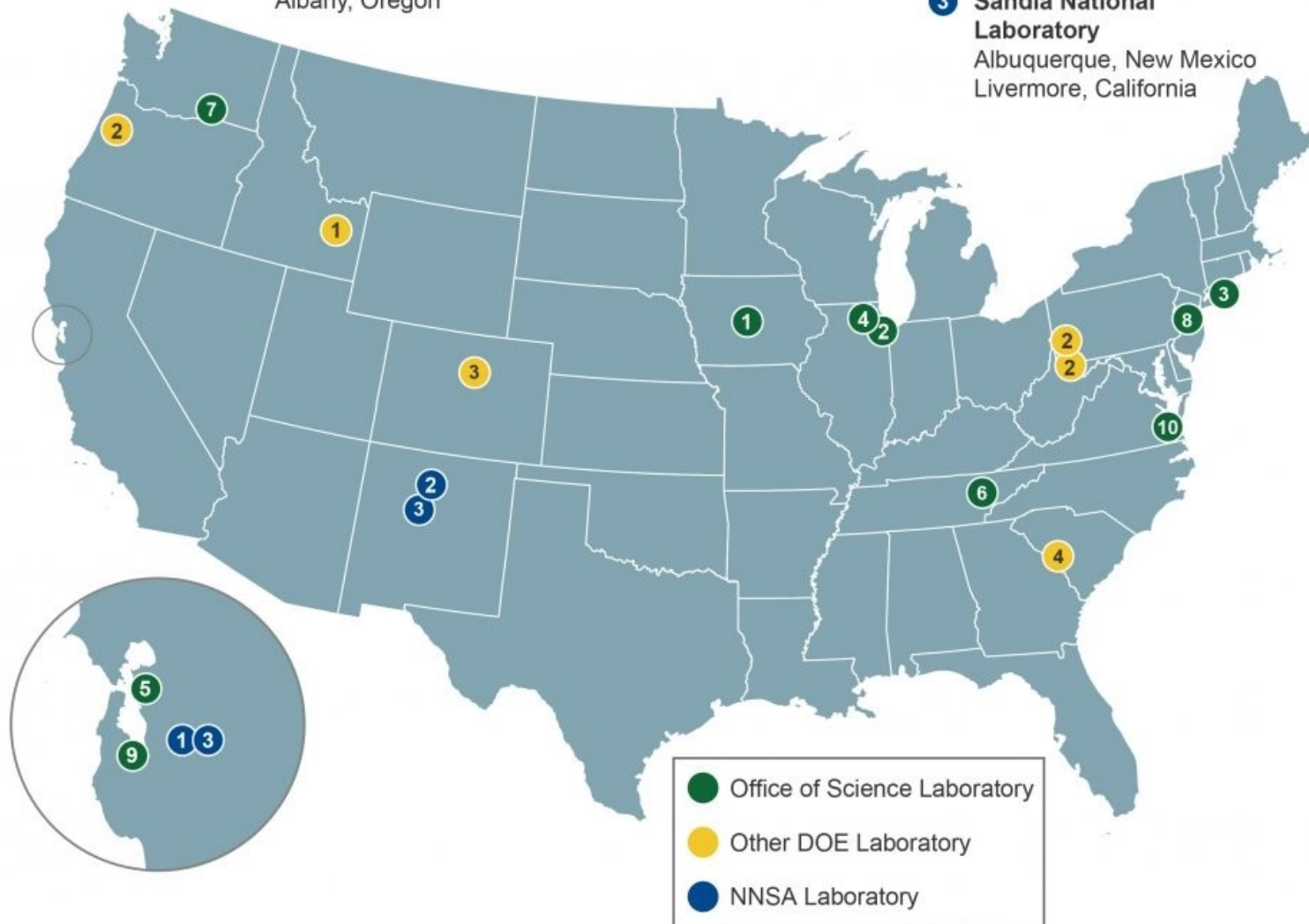
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- 3 Brookhaven National Laboratory**  
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- 4 Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory**  
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- 5 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**  
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- 6 Oak Ridge National Laboratory**  
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- 7 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory**  
Richland, Washington
- 8 Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory**  
Princeton, New Jersey
- 9 SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory**  
Menlo Park, California
- 10 Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility**  
Newport News, Virginia

## Other DOE Laboratories

- 1 Idaho National Laboratory**  
Idaho Falls, Idaho
- 2 National Energy Technology Laboratory**  
Morgantown, West Virginia  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Albany, Oregon
- 3 National Renewable Energy Laboratory**  
Golden, Colorado
- 4 Savannah River National Laboratory**  
Aiken, South Carolina

## NNSA Laboratories

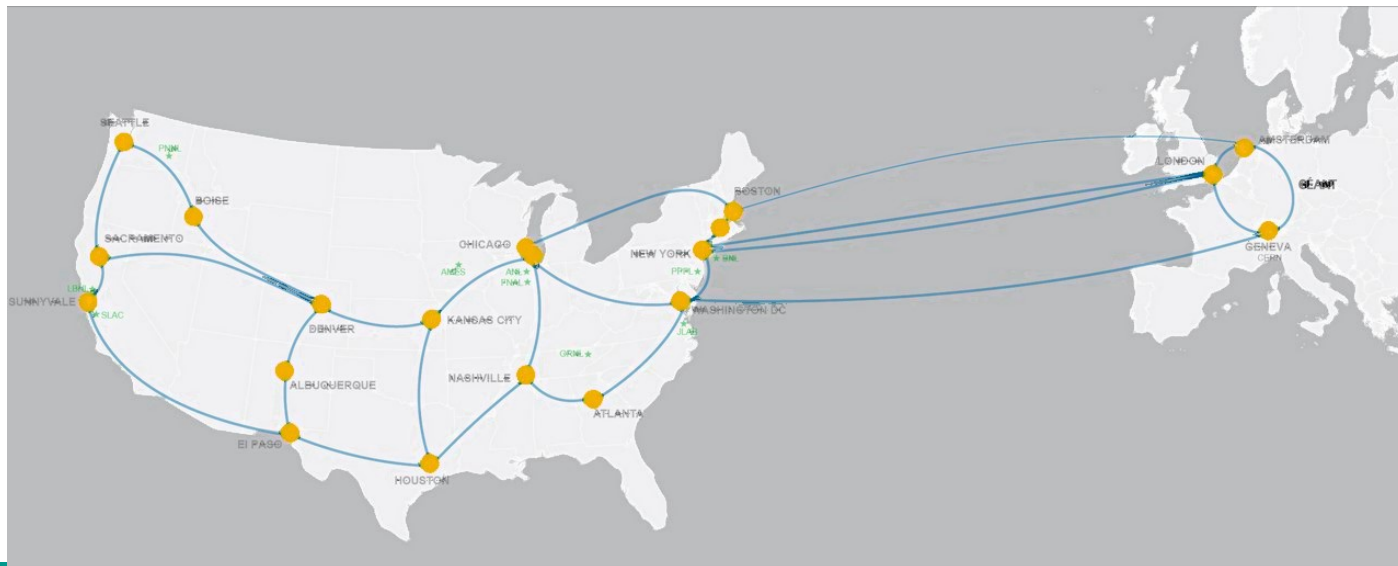
- 1 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**  
Livermore, California
- 2 Los Alamos National Laboratory**  
Los Alamos, New Mexico
- 3 Sandia National Laboratory**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Livermore, California



# A Large Complex Enterprise

- **\$14 Billion, 16 Major Contracts**
  - 63,380 internal users
  - 20,000 scientists & engineers
  - 53M gross square feet
  - 4,740 buildings on 1,270 sq. miles (>RI)
- **240,000 assets in 86 FISMA systems**
  - 123,000 desktops & laptops
  - 100,000 other network assets
  - 20,000 government mobile devices

- **Highly Collaborative**
  - 2,000 TB/day on ESnet
  - 50% of users are external
    - 40,000 remote only users
    - 28,000 on-site visitor users
  - 14,000 external co-authors



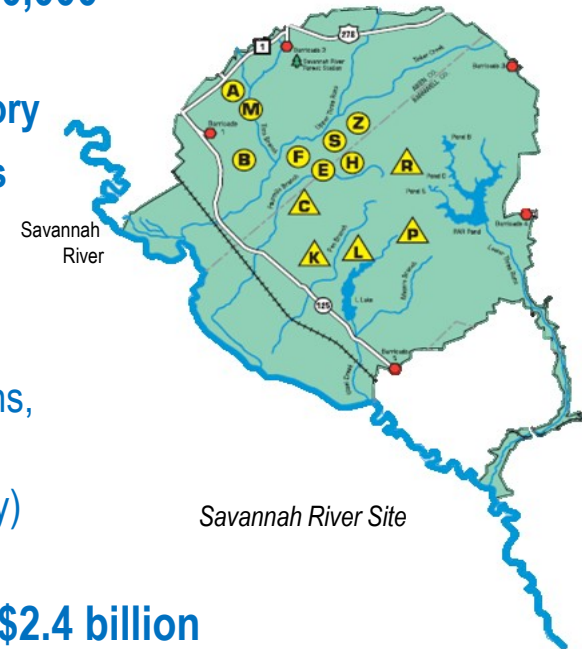
# Savannah River Site at a Glance



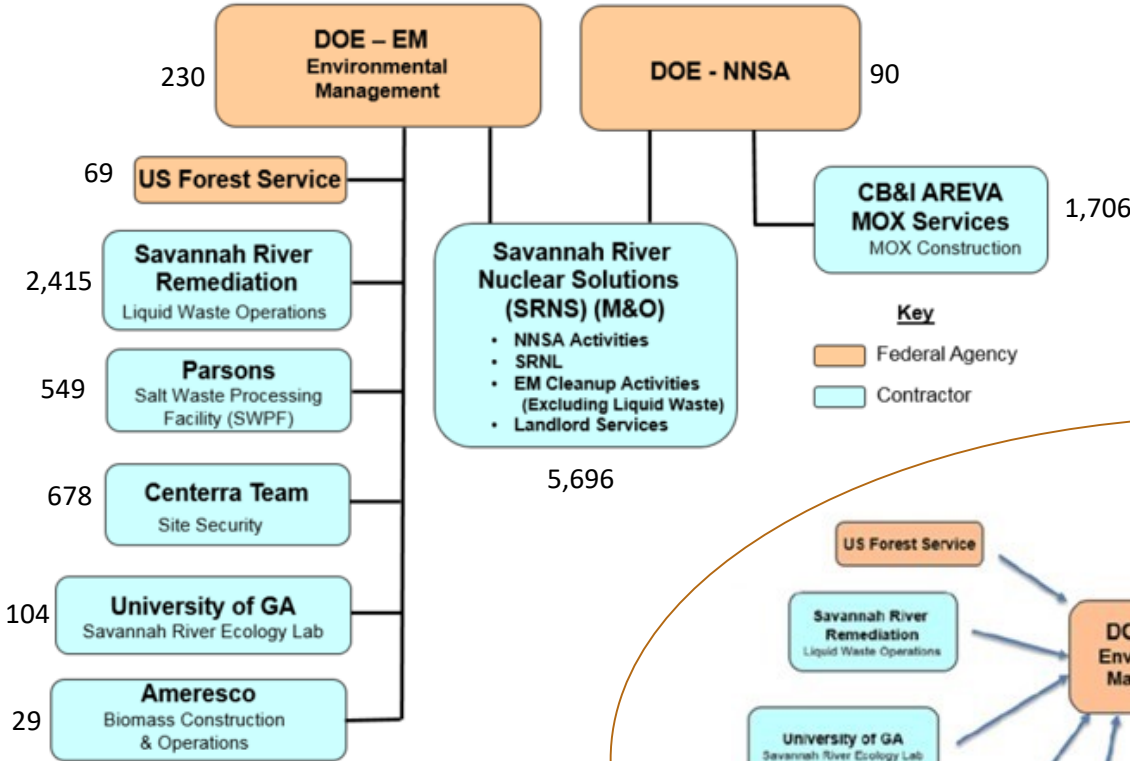
As seen from space, SRS is an island of green in the deforested landscape.

SRS is a key DOE site responsible for environmental stewardship and cleanup, waste management, and disposition of nuclear materials.

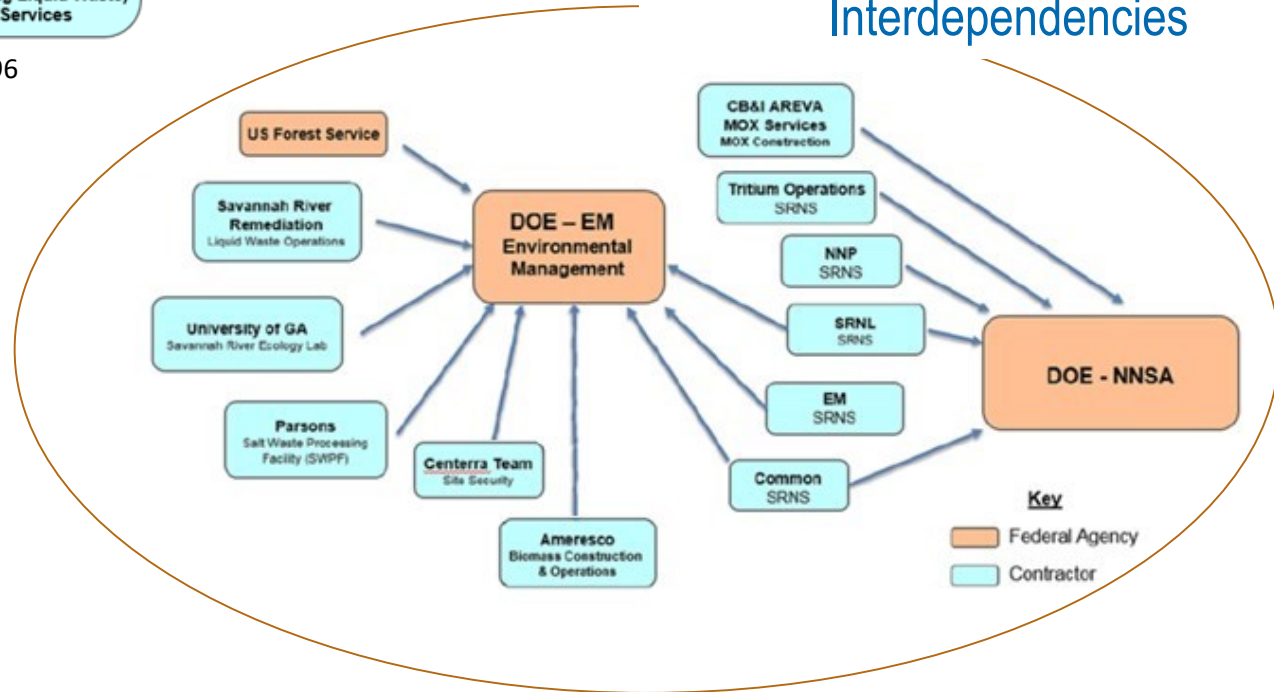
- ~803 square kilometers
- **SRS workforce: Approximately 10,000**
  - DOE-SR and DOE-NNSA
  - Savannah River National Laboratory
  - Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (M&O Contractor)
  - Other contractors include Savannah River Remediation, Centerra SRS, CB&I AREVA MOX Services, Parsons, and the University of Georgia (Savannah River Ecology Laboratory)
- **Total Site budget approximately \$2.4 billion**



# SRS Workforce Structure Today



## SRS Contractor/Department Interdependencies



**SRS Total Workforce**  
 (incl. Permanent, Support Service,  
 Craft, Limited Service)  
**≈ 11,671**  
 (as of 9/30/18)

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# SRNL

at a glance

Savannah River National Laboratory is a multidiscipline research and development center, where accomplished scientists and engineers solve our nation's most challenging environmental and security problems. Working with partners, we protect our nation by applying science to international security, the environment and the energy economy. We apply our unique scientific and engineering expertise to develop and deploy practical solutions with high returns on investment for our nation.

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## Core Competencies

Environmental Remediation & Risk Reduction  
 Tritium Processing, Storage and Gas Transfer Systems  
 Nuclear Materials Processing & Disposition  
 Nuclear Materials Detection, Characterization & Assessment

**Location** | Aiken, South Carolina

**Type** | Multidiscipline

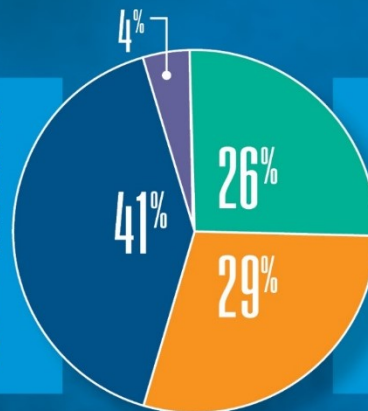
**Founded** | 1951

**Director** | Dr. Vahid Majidi

**Contractor** | Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

**923** Workforce    **502** Engineers and Scientists    **201** Ph.Ds  
**6** Postdoctoral Researchers    **60** Graduate/Undergraduate Interns

**\$ 261** MILLION  
 FY 2019 Overall  
 Program Budget

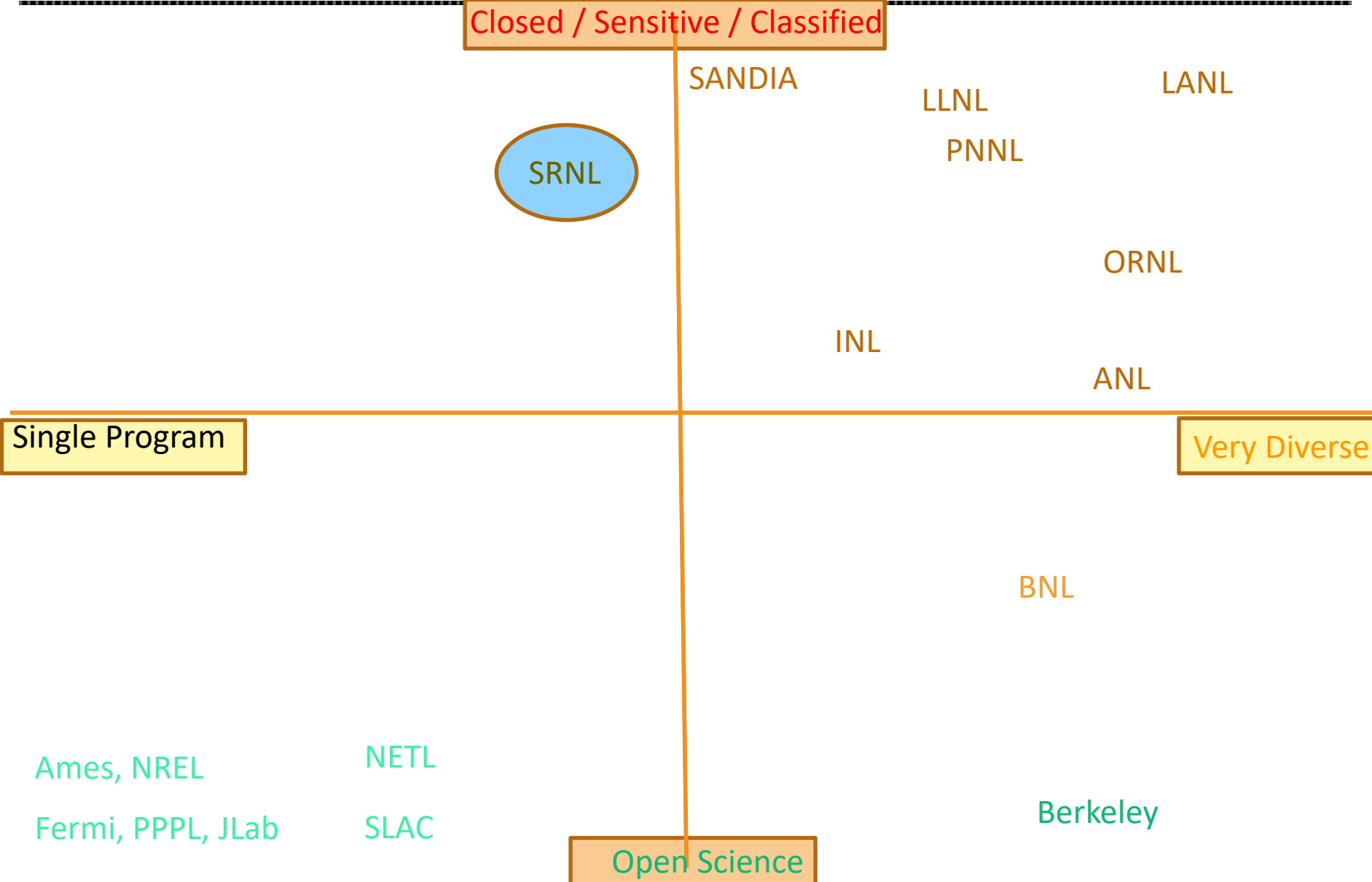


### Program Areas

-  Environmental Stewardship
-  National Security
-  Nuclear Materials Management
-  Secure Energy Manufacturing



# Diversity of National Lab Programs



# Good Buys and Bad Guys

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## Threats:

- National Governments
- Terrorists (and Cyber Terrorists)
- Industrial Spies
- Organized Crime
- Activists / Hacktivists
- Personally Motivated Hackers
- Unethical Commercial Advertisers
- Disgruntled Employees
- Procedure-Breaking Employees
- Curious Employees



## Partners:

- Ethics Officer
- Human Resources
- General Counsel
- Security Incident Program Manager
- Classification Office
- Information Security
- Technical Security
- Authorizing Official Designated Rep
- Management
- DOE Joint Cyber Command Center (JC3)
- US Computer Emergency Response Team
- DOE Inspector General
- Law Enforcement
- Counterintelligence
- Other “Federal Agencies”



# Requirements Flow Down – Unclassified Environment



**NIST 800-53**  
*Security and Privacy Controls  
 for Federal Information Systems  
 and Organizations*

**NIST 800-37**  
*Guide for Applying the  
 Risk Management Framework  
 to Federal Information Systems*

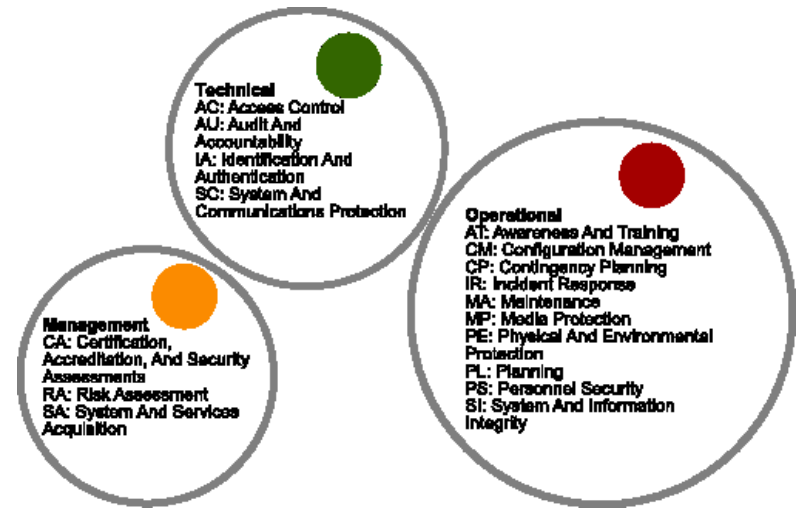
**DOE O 205.1B**  
*Cyber Security Program*

**DOE-EM RMAIP**  
*Risk Management Approach  
 Implementation Plan*

**SRSnet SSP**  
*System Security Plan*

**SSP Exceptions**

## NIST Control Families



# Example Cyber Security Program Elements

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- **Access Controls**

- Managing Computer Accounts – Revalidation, Cancellation
- Identity Management / Authentication
- Separation of Duties
- Least Privilege Principle
- Unsuccessful Login Attempts, Session Time Out, etc.

- **Media Management**

- **Network Segmentation**

- Data Types
- Classification Levels
- Use Cases
- Need to Know

## Example Cyber Security Program Elements (cont'd)

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- **Employee Awareness, Training, Drills**
- **Configuration Management, Change Control, Maintenance, Procurement, Test and Validation.**
- **Audits**
- **Vulnerability Scanning**
- **Penetration Testing**
- **Contingency Planning / Disaster Recovery**
- **Incident Response**
- **Investigations / Forensics**
- **Physical Access Controls**
- **Cryptography**
- **Risk Management**

# Targets / Assets / Activity – (SRS Example Data)



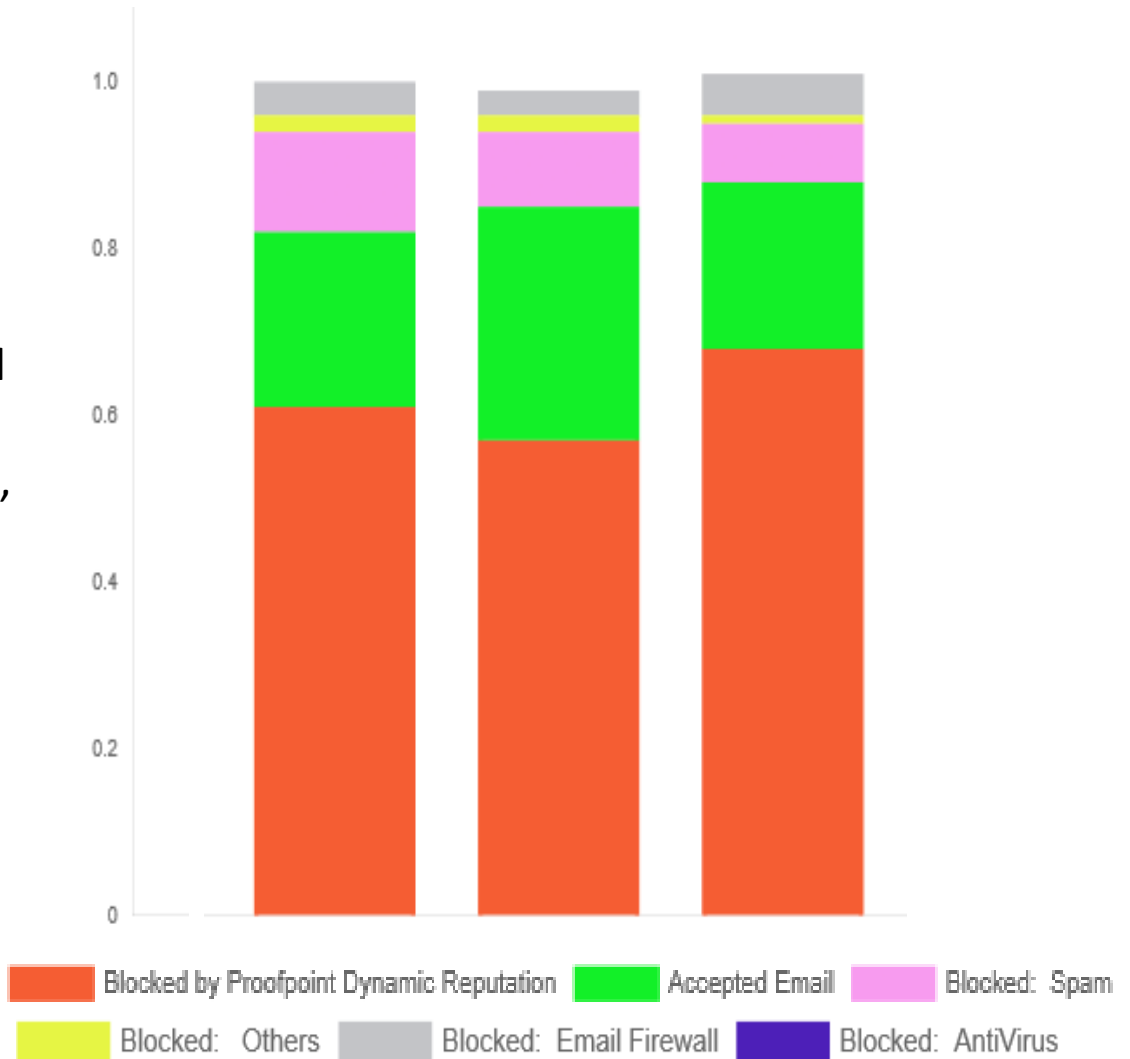
<b>Servers</b> 891	<b>Storage Area Network</b> >1200 TB
<b>Networked Desktops</b> 8370	<b>Incoming E-mails/month</b> 3,900,000
<b>iPhones &amp; iPads</b> 3342	<b>Land Line Phones</b> 13,020
<b>E-Mail Accounts</b> 9228	<b>Remote Access Users</b> >3300
<b>Network Switches</b> 691	<b>Cell Phones</b> 1064

## Typical Monthly Statistics

<b>Total Log Entries / Events Processed</b> > <b>31 Billion</b>	<b>Protective Action Reports Analyzed</b> > <b>200</b>	<b>Average Time to Patch Vulnerabilities</b> < <b>2 weeks</b>
<b>Incoming Internet Connections Blocked</b> > <b>7 Million</b>	<b>Outgoing Internet Connections Blocked</b> > <b>80 Million</b>	<b>Inbound Emails Blocked</b> > <b>500,000</b>

# SRS Global Incoming Message Summary

Typical monthly statistics related to blocked mail (dynamic reputation, spam, other, firewall, and antivirus)



# Security Products in Use

- **Product set is large and growing**

- Significant learning curve for new employees
- On-going product maintenance / operation efforts in addition to tool use
- Devices:

- 11 Firewalls devices
- 3 Web Application Firewalls
- 8 Proxy servers
- 12 IDS systems
- 24 Security Event (SIEM) Servers





# Cyber Security Elements

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- Policy / Procedures
- Risk Assessments
- System Security Plans
- Procurement Reviews
- Cyber Exception Reviews
- Secure Configuration Baselines
- Self Assessments
- Forensics
- Anti-Phishing
- Cyber Awareness Presentations
- Media Sanitization / Disposal
- Security Incident Management
- Security Architecture
- Encryption Products
- Vulnerability Scanning
- Malware Analysis
- Log and Event Monitoring
- Perimeter Firewalls and Proxies
- Internal Firewalls
- Intrusion Detection
- Audits and Data Calls
- E-mail Scan and Filter
- DNS Security
- Anti-Virus
- Network Access Controls
- Multi-Factor Authentication
- Data Exfiltration
- Penetration Testing



# What are the...

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- **... biggest challenges?**
  - Complexity
    - *New technologies (Mobile, Cloud, IoT)*
    - *Sophisticated attacks evolving faster than detection technologies*
    - *Huge volume of indicators to watch*
  - Resources
    - *Recruiting, training and retraining the right people*
    - *Balance between evaluating and deploying new technologies and monitoring existing systems*
    - *Funding to stay current with growth and sophistication of the threat*
- **... biggest threats?**
  - Foreign or criminal penetration of the network
  - Attacks against infrastructure
  - Insiders
    - *Careless Insiders*
    - *Balance functionality with security*
    - *Lack of user appreciation of threat / consequences*

# Skillsets Needed for Cyber Defense

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## Softer Skills

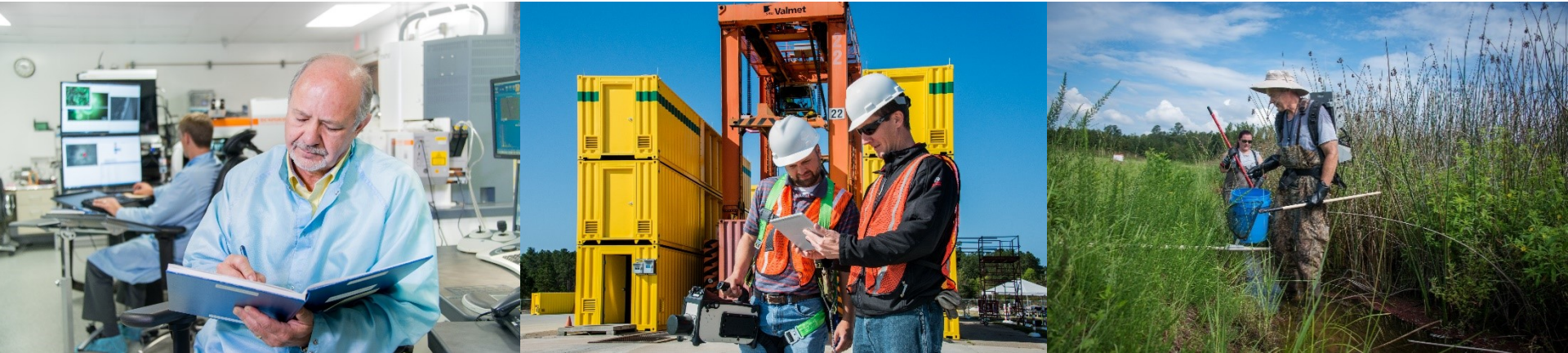
- **Analysis**
  - Risk, impact, alternatives
- **Reasonableness**
  - Security is never perfect
- **Initiative; Passion for Security**
- **Inquisitiveness; Awareness; Attention to detail**
  - Able to drill down and follow the clues
  - What does normal look like?
  - What has changed?
- **Confidentiality and Integrity**
  - Ability to hold security clearances
  - Keep “secrets” - “need to know”

## Base Technical Skills

- **Networks**
- **Operating Systems**
  - Windows, Unix, Vmware
- **Firewalls**
- **Writing**
  - Precise language
  - Technical documentation
  - Targeting the right audience
- **Project Management**
- **Coding / Scripting**
  - Especially web applications
  - Regular Expressions



We protect our nation by applying science to discover practical solutions to environmental, national security, nuclear material management, and energy security challenges.



# Conclusion

IT cyber protection is **COMPLEX**

ICS cyber is **CRITICAL**

Attackers are upping their game

A highly educated workforce is a **MUST**

Continual Learning is **REQUIRED!**



