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**The Department of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology
Laboratory (SREL), Part I**

HEARING

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**Statement of Subcommittee on Energy & Environment Ranking Member Bob Inglis
(SC-4)**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this joint hearing.

For more than 50 years, the Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL) at the University of Georgia has been a helpful resource to the Savannah River Site (SRS). SREL's research projects and educational outreach activities help SRS understand the ecological impacts of the site's operations.

Today, we'll hear from several witnesses who will attest to the usefulness of SREL's research projects to both SRS and the surrounding community, and the need to continue funding these programs. I look forward to hearing their testimony.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back the balance of my time.