



# REMOP NEWSLETTER



The REMOP Team has big plans for 2018 that we can't wait to share with you! We sincerely appreciate all who have attended REMOP events in 2017; we hope we've been able to help you better understand the environment that you live in. The first REMOP Community Talk discussed the beginning of this outreach project, through advocacy by the Georgia Women's Actions for New Directions (Georgia WAND) at the Savannah River Site Citizen's Advisory Board (SRS CAB) meetings that lead to funding REMOP.

REMOP's goal is to increase your understanding of radiological data and the environmental monitoring programs in Burke County, so that you can have the skills and knowledge to read the regular data reports. Over the next few months, we will begin to discuss how scientists and policymakers determine how to measure risk and how to protect citizens from those risks. During 2018 we will begin sampling in your county so that we can discuss all the available data with information you helped collect!

In 2018, we'll begin using new technologies as well. Natalie Herrington writes about how we plan to use social media to help get the word out about REMOP Community Talks. Our webpage will host all of our Community Talks content, so if you missed one month, you'll be able to access the lesson and learn on your own! We will also include past newsletters, notes from Community Advisory Council meetings, and other relevant information on the webpage. You can visit us at [www.srel.uga.edu/outreach/REMOP](http://www.srel.uga.edu/outreach/REMOP).

Special thanks to Natalie Herrington for the use of her photos and the article!



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## EVENTS

### What is Tritium?

Monday, January 22nd, 2018 | 6:00 pm  
Monday, January 25nd, 2018 | 10:00 am  
Burke County Public Library

### Savannah River Site Citizen's Advisory Full Board Meetings

Monday and Tuesday, January 22-23, 2018  
Beach House Resort, 1 South Forest Beach Dr, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
Watch online at: <https://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/srs-cab/srs-cab.html>

### What is Risk?

Monday, February 19th, 2018 | 6:00 pm  
Monday, February 22nd, 2018 | 10:00 am  
Burke County Public Library



## COMMUNITY

### Using Technology to Reach Broader Audiences

Times have changed, and there are many things that require you to change with the times. Community Organizing is one of those areas. Shell Bluff Organizers Janie Hill-Scott and Natalie Herrington are always looking for ways to increase the community's involvement with REMOP. During the October Talks, they tested a theory and instantly saw the results.

"Janie and I attend a lot of community meetings, and we notice how an organization can be doing a great thing in the community but attendance is scarce. We also know the impact of social media and technology and want to incorporate those tools as much as possible in REMOP," said Herrington.

For 15 minutes, Herrington "went live" on Facebook during the October Community Talk and 35 people joined the live stream. Commenting on the results, Herrington said, "They started posting comments & questions, and I got excited because this is the community involvement we need in the program." After a discussion of the results, the REMOP team decided to add Facebook Live Community Talk at the Monday Community Talk at the Burke County Library. Residents will be invited to submit questions prior to the live streaming and will have the opportunity to post questions during the talk.

Eventually, the REMOP team will present Community Talks 1-3 on Facebook so that more people can view past talks. The Facebook Live will not replace the other scheduled talks. It's a tool to increase the

community's participation.

Hill-Scott is looking forward to more community members being involved in REMOP. "Adding the Facebook Live gives those who don't have a lot of flexibility a way to attend," stated Hill-Scott. "It also eliminates the barrier of not having transportation," said Herrington.

The next Community Talk is January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. You can watch the Facebook Live Community Talk from the UGA Savannah River Ecology Lab Facebook page. We want to know what you think. Please send your comments, suggestions and concerns to [natalie@georgiawand.org](mailto:natalie@georgiawand.org).



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How can I volunteer sampling information?

Please attend a talk at the Burke County Library to fill out a sample submission form. You can also call 803-725-2649 or email [remop@srel.uga.edu](mailto:remop@srel.uga.edu). Sampling for REMOP will likely begin in early 2018.

If you have a questions, please visit our webpage at [www.srel.uga.edu/outreach/remop](http://www.srel.uga.edu/outreach/remop), call 803-725-2649, or email [remop@srel.uga.edu](mailto:remop@srel.uga.edu).

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