

## **Dana Hewit**

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Dana Hewit is the deputy laboratory director of operations at Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). Hewit serves as SRNL's chief operations officer, ensuring the laboratory operates safely, securely and efficiently in support of the Department of Energy's mission. She oversees facilities and infrastructure, mission support services, safety and security — providing the operational foundation which enables SRNL's scientists and engineers the resources they need to be innovative and succeed.

Hewit has more than 25 years of experience in laboratory leadership positions, including several roles within the National Laboratory complex. Prior to joining SRNL in October 2025, Hewit led the Office of Integrated Performance Management at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, supporting the development, integration and implementation of the mission support strategy for the laboratory. During her time at Oak Ridge, Hewit also served as the chief operations officer for physical sciences. Before joining ORNL, she spent two years at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories as the chief operations officer supporting the research and development vice president.

Hewit previously served as chief operations officer for the Idaho National Laboratory, supporting the associate laboratory director of nuclear science and technology in research and development. She joined Idaho National Laboratory in 1999 as a mechanical engineer supporting site operations. Her INL experience of 19 years also included being the deputy director of the Nuclear Fuels and Materials Division and program manager for the GTRI Domestic Reactor Conversions. She managed various other projects involving spent fuel removal and research experiments.

Hewit earned her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Central Florida. Prior to moving to Idaho, she worked at the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida where she designed cryogenic and high-pressure gas systems.