

# SOW THE WIND

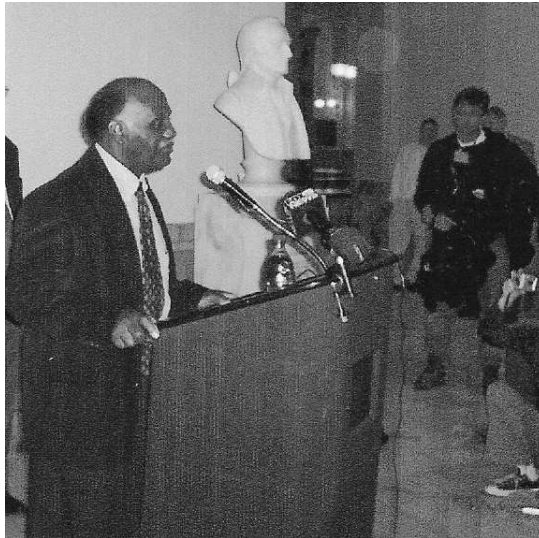
Toxic Air Pollution from the Savannah River Site



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*For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind* [Hosea 8:7]



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The cover shows the Defense Waste Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site. DWPF treats high-level radioactive waste by mixing it with borosilicate glass and heating it to 2,100 degrees-F to form a ceramic which is stored in stainless steel canisters. Photo courtesy of Department of Energy Savannah River Office.