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Dave, an update.

On 10/13 while excavating MDA B in Enclosure 1, using our revised procedures and detection equipment, we filled a waste bin with MAR above our radiological levels. The enclosure was put in a safe condition and all excavations were stopped. There was no release outside of the enclosure and no contamination of personnel. All safety systems performed as expected. Since this is the second safety pause due to MAR exceedance, we reevaluated our procedures and safety basis, retrained our employees and conducted pre-start mockups. All affected procedures have been updated and we will resume excavation on 10/23.

Any questions, give me a call.

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