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Attached is the action item listing, station A/B/PAS data, PAS analytical results and filter status graphs for today's call.

Below is a summary of the discussion points for today: (Please note, activities and dates are subject to change. Please verify the most current dates of any information provided).

- Work has been paused on installation of the vacuum break in the duct; questions are being addressed dealing with design specifications. (No change) NMED – please elaborate... “Back in redesign” Project lead is working with engineering. We will see something in next few days. Answer was pretty opaque...
- Plans are underway to begin cleaning the soot from the fire out of the waste shaft tower. This could begin as early as next week and may take several months. Work docs are going through review. Could take several months. Uncontaminated areas above ground.
- Station A and B Sampling: A CAM was installed at Station B and is operating. The CAM will be operated until 4/7 in a test mode prior to allowing a phased repopulation of the site. The set point for the CAM is under discussion. When a proposed level is agreed on, it will be shared.
- SS and AIS Shaft/Rope Inspections: The SS is being inspected today.



- Initial Manned Re-entry of U/G: Two teams performed the work yesterday. The teams surveyed conditions from the salt shaft to the air intake shaft. Regulator 308 was placed in automatic control. Three continuous air monitors were installed underground at the salt shaft, near S550 and near S700. One PAS was also located in the mine. An operating base was established for future mine entries. Number of broken bolts was less than critical. "Nothing at 308" - which is good news. .
- Establishment of Work Area in the Underground (Phase 2b, Activity 2): Follow-on manned entries will be made in the underground down to S1600 to establish staging areas, decontamination areas, set-up CAMs, test communication and safety equipment. These entries will occur beginning on Friday. Going down again tomorrow. Will be quick. From S700 to S1600 and reset rad instruments, check ground for contamination and back out. Should take about 3 hours
- Contamination survey to the waste face (Phase 3): After the area between the shafts is surveyed, a team will enter the mine, perform initial characterization and attempt to identify the contamination source and location. The review of site Safety Management Plans and the implementation of compensatory measures to address critical weaknesses identified in the AIB reports is ongoing. NWP will submit the nuclear safety documentation to DOE Saturday evening. Internal meeting will be held tomorrow to discuss entry requirements and approvals required prior to entry. Sunday will be down day for site. Still thinking the 11th is the earliest date for Phase 3.
- Replacement HEPA filters are due to arrive starting this week. (No change)
- Shipments of TRU waste from LANL to WCS are continuing. 2 arrived this morning, 2 tomorrow. Target is 10/wk.
- Dose calculations and letters are expected will be issued to 20 employees beginning tomorrow. 26 employees have been identified through bioassay analysis as potentially being exposed (it dropped from 27 after sample recounting). Data evaluation is continuing. Letters will be going out to these individuals soon. All have high likelihood of less than 10 millirem which means no assigned dose. Press release will addresses anticipated questions.
- NWP has provided a recommendation to DOE regarding the salt sales, which is being reviewed. (No change)
- Weekly town hall meeting will occur tonight. Ricardo Maestas will be there for NMED.
- An evaluation of the PAS data on-site (particularly around Salt Shaft) was conducted to verify that there was no measurable release during salt shaft up-casting (pulled 8-10). All analytical results were negative.
- Action Item Updates

As a reminder, the call-in number is (866) 723-6758, code 8040901#

Thanks

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