

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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SUBJECT: RFETS Activity Report for the Week Ending August 6, 1999

Dave Grover was on site this week. Dave Grover and Don Owen spent much of the week conducting turnover activities with Mark Sautman including walkdowns of buildings 707, 371 and 776/777. This was Mark Sautman's last week at RFETS pending his move to Hanford later this month.

Building 771 Deactivation. Resolution of findings from the Management Review of glove box size reduction activities in the new hard-sided containment (or "Inner Tent Chamber, Phase 1") continued this week. Size reduction operations could begin early in the week of August 9, 1999. The engineering design package for the next generation hard-sided containment (now termed "Inner Tent Chamber, Phase 2") is being reviewed by Kaiser-Hill and is now expected to be made available for staff review late next week. (III-B.1.a)

Public Interaction. The Site Reps presented an update on Board activities at the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board August meeting. The new Site Reps were introduced and topics discussed included the recent Board visit to RFETS, progress on materials stabilization under Recommendation 94-1, Building 771 deactivation activities and RFETS Y2K preparations. The Site Reps answered questions concerning planned removal of Raschig rings in a number of tanks that have been drained in Building 371.

Correction. Last week's report incorrectly identified that 6 actinide piping systems had been fully drained in Building 771. The sixth system is 85% drained and is expected to be fully drained in the near future, completing a Recommendation 94-1 milestone.

cc: Board Members