

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Timothy Dwyer, Technical Director
FROM: Jonathan Plaue, DNFSB Site Representative
SUBJECT: LLNL Activity Report for Week Ending January 11, 2013

DNFSB Activity: Board Member S. Sullivan, accompanied by Deputy Technical Director R. Tontodonato, visited the laboratory this week for a site orientation. The orientation included briefings from the Livermore Site Office (LSO) and senior management from the Weapons and Complex Integration (WCI) Directorate. The team walked down each of the nuclear facilities and toured the High Explosives Application Facility.

On Wednesday, the Board's staff held a teleconference with LSO and laboratory contractor personnel to discuss the recently approved safety basis update for the Waste Storage Facilities.

Livermore Site Office: Last month, the LSO Manager issued three goals for the site office in 2013. Goal #1 is to strengthen oversight processes through the following initiatives:

- Improve the implementation of the Line Oversight Contractor Assurance System
- Assess and strengthen the safety and security culture
- Redefine the Plutonium Facility safety envelope through the annual update process
- Support preparation for the fiscal year 2016 campaign to ship transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

The other goals are to: (2) Strengthen and maintain the viability of the Laboratory as a national resource, and (3) Strengthen and maintain a vibrant LSO workforce which meets the needs of NNSA and federal government.

Management: This week, WCI management announced that R. Rocha will transition effective immediately to the role of Deputy Program Director/Division Leader for Operations in B Division. The current Deputy Leader of the Nuclear Materials Technology Program, K. Cadwell, will assume the Leader position in an acting capacity while the position is formally competed.