

R2-E40

**DADAVID AYRES BI-WEEKLY OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT**

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**OPERATIONS SUMMARY**

**NOTE:** Conversion Line 5 restart will begin this weekend, with full production early next week.

**LAST WEEK (7/5-7)**

Conversion = 3 UF<sub>6</sub> lines + Line 1 on nitrate

Pelleting = 4 lines + Line 5 on annulars

**LAST WEEKEND (7/8-9)**

Conversion = 3 UF<sub>6</sub> lines + Line 1 on nitrate (Saturday & Sunday)

Pelleting = 3 lines + Line 5 down (Saturday & Sunday)

**THIS WEEK (7/10-14)**

Conversion = 3 UF<sub>6</sub> lines + Line 1 on nitrate

Pelleting = 4 lines + Line 5 on annulars

**THIS WEEKEND (7/15-16)**

Conversion = 4 UF<sub>6</sub> lines (Saturday & Sunday)

Pelleting = 3 lines + Line 5 down (Saturday & Sunday)

**UNUSUAL INCIDENTS**

UPDATE: We have two uranyl nitrate tanks contaminated with Gadolinium. The source was old archive pellets which were disposed of. Half of one tank was converted to UO<sub>2</sub> before the contamination was detected. The uranyl nitrate and UO<sub>2</sub> powder will be blended off with non-contaminated nitrate and UO<sub>2</sub> powder, respectively.

UPDATE: Three pellet operators were put on restriction due to high airborne at the Pellet Line 3 roll hood. The source of the contamination was the changeout of the granulator screen during that shift. The operators involved were relatively new and were retrained on proper methods for handling this work.

UPDATE: On February 25<sup>th</sup>, a notification was made to the NRC in accordance with 10CFR70.50(b)(1) due to contamination on a concrete pad outside the plant on the south side (behind the UF6 Bay wall). All of the 162 sections were "released". The pad is to be sealed and this effort will be complete.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

On July 10-11, our new license reviewer Don Stout along with Heather Astwood and Paul Lain from NRC HQ and Michelle Johnson from EQE International were in Columbia to discuss the licensing activities needed to integrate the Hematite business into Columbia. We certainly appreciate this proactive response by NRC and feel the meetings were successful.

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