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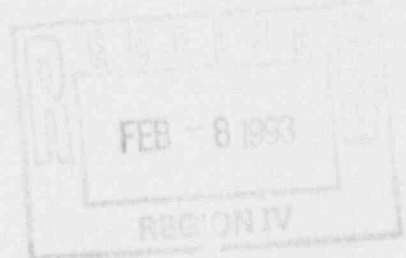
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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT PROGRAM (IOP) REPORT  
FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 24, 1993

*Att. 40-8027  
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Enclosed is one copy of the IOP weekly report for the week ending January 24, 1993. This report and the daily reports attached to it were prepared by members of the Sequoyah Oversight Team (SOT) identified on the daily reports. The weekly report summarizes observations, concerns, and resolutions of prior concerns for the last 7 days. It has been reviewed with you as indicated by your signature or the signature of your designee on the weekly report.

This week's reports indicate that SFC is continuing to maintain readiness for contingencies and emergencies, including provision of adequate means of emergency medical response. Several TOP's have been prepared and implemented to reflect these changes. SFC is encouraged to have an active drill program to ensure all personnel are familiar with their responsibilities. Further, these drills should be conducted at random times to test the effectiveness of the plan, regardless of personnel manning.

There was some evidence that communications between levels of management needs improvement. This could be a result of the ongoing reductions in the workforce. SFC is encouraged to reinforce the communications between all levels of management to ensure all procedures are carried out in a safe manner as workforce reductions continue.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed reports.

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Very truly yours,

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SEQUOYAH OVERSIGHT TEAM WEEKLY REPORT  
INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT PROGRAMWEEK STARTING: JAN. 18, 1993 ENDING: JAN. 24, 1993  
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SOT MEMBER: R.A. Dykes &amp; J.A. Buckham

## KEY OBSERVATIONS:

- ① The DUF<sub>4</sub> <sup>facility</sup> continued to operate smoothly, impeded only by delayed delivery of DUF<sub>6</sub> feedstock.
- ② Cleanout of UF<sub>6</sub> plant continued. additional UF<sub>6</sub> drained; final production of UF<sub>6</sub> occurred Friday.
- ③ Plant cleanliness improved steadily during the week.
- ④ The first shipments of yellowcake to Metropolis, IL were made in accordance with a newly approved Temporary Operating Procedure and no problems were encountered.
- ⑤ Staff reductions and new shut down operations are requiring issuance of Temporary Operating Procedures (TOPs) at an unusually high frequency (29 so far in January). Some of these are being issued in haste and contain errors; 3 such TOPs were discussed with SFC management this week.

New Concerns: None

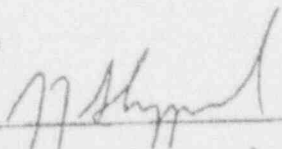
## RESOLUTION OF PRIOR CONCERNS:

NO.

None

## REVIEW COMPLETED:

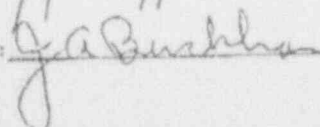
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SEQUOYAH OVERSIGHT TEAM DAILY REPORT  
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Date: January 18, 1993

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SOT MEMBER: R A DYKES

SOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V-224-225

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD START TIME: 0730 COMPLETION TIME: 1645

ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

1. Observed Shift Turnover Briefing
2. Toured selected areas of the facility. Observed on-going operations and maintenance activities
3. Attended morning plant status meeting
4. Attended the Plan-of-the-Day meeting
5. Discussed plant activities with various SFC personnel

OBSERVATIONS:

1. During tour, observed some unsafe practices by the forklift driver in the DUF<sub>4</sub> plant. Advised appropriate supervisors of the particulars.
2. Communications to the shift supervisors appears to be deficient. Although the daily plan is published in the POD and updated through the Shift Supervisor Briefings, the supervisors are not getting the word on what is expected from them by management. The long-range plan is not well known at the worker level.
3. Plant cleanliness remains the same as previously reported.
4. First shipment of yellowcake almost ready to go and the TOP is yet to be signed off as approved.

CONCERNS:

None new

ACTION ITEMS:

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ACTION DATE

None

SEQUOYAH OVERSIGHT TEAM DAILY REPORT  
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Date: January 19, 1993

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SOT MEMBER: R A DYKES

SOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V-225-226

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD START TIME: 0735 COMPLETION TIME: 1715

ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

1. Observed Shift Turnover Briefing
2. Toured selected areas of the facility. Observed on-going operations and maintenance activities
3. Attended morning plant status meeting
4. Reviewed Yellowcake shipping TOP
5. Attended the Plan-of-the-Day meeting
6. Discussed plant activities with various SFC personnel

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Review of TOP 93-21, Yellowcake Shipping, revealed a few minor discrepancies which were passed to management. Operator is knowledgeable of the procedure and is performing it properly. Still awaiting first shipment.
2. Plant cleanliness continues as noted previously.
3. CPIP and Emergency training is progressing satisfactorily. Once all personnel have received their training and read applicable procedures, drills are planned to further familiarize personnel in their duties. Realistic scenarios should be used for this training. Some training should be planned for the mid and night shift personnel as manning is at the lowest level during those times.
4. The POD and Senior Shift Supervisor briefings are still effective tools for getting out the daily word on current operations and plant status to all personnel.

CONCERNS:

None new

ACTION ITEMS:

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ACTION DATE

None



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Date: January 20, 1993

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SOT MEMBER: R A DYKES

SOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V-227-228

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD START TIME: 0735 COMPLETION TIME: 1715

ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

1. Observed Shift Turnover Briefing
2. Toured selected areas of the facility. Observed on-going operations and maintenance activities
3. Attended morning plant status meeting
4. Reviewed UO<sub>3</sub> Drumming TOP
5. Attended the Plan-of-the-Day meeting
6. Discussed plant activities with various SFC personnel

OBSERVATIONS:

1. A review of TOP 93-24, Drumming UO<sub>3</sub> Powder, was completed. This procedure is straight-forward and should be able to be carried out with a minimum of problems.
2. First Yellowcake shipment left today. No apparent problems.
3. Plant cleanliness showed a slight improvement today.
4. High level sewage alarm in back of the DUF<sub>4</sub> plant was on during my tour. This is a local alarm and cannot be heard inside the building when the equipment is running and the doors are closed. Advised the operator and he took immediate action to correct the alarm condition. Not considered a critical alarm.
5. Preparations continue for decreased manning commencing next week.

CONCERNS:

None new

ACTION ITEMS:ITEMASSIGNEEACTION DATE

None

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Date: January 21, 1993

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SOT MEMBER: R A DYKES

SOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V-228-229

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD START TIME: 0510 COMPLETION TIME: 1315

ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

1. Observed Shift Turnover Briefing
2. Toured selected areas of the facility. Observed on-going operations and maintenance activities
3. Attended morning plant status meeting
4. Reviewed TOPs concerning the CPIP and Emergency procedures
5. Discussed plant activities with various SFC personnel

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Several changes are being made to the CPIP and Emergency procedures due to the reduction in personnel. The TOPs address these changes. TOP 93-27 assigns the current UO<sub>2</sub> Shift Supervisor duties to the Senior Shift Supervisor. This dual assignment of duties and responsibilities should be carefully evaluated during drills to see impact of the change and subsequent effectiveness to complete all assigned tasks. A few other items noted in this procedure were passed to Gary Barrett.
2. TOP 93-29 addresses injuries while on the facility. The TOP appears to provide adequate coverage. However, as the number of personnel continue to decrease a "trained responder" may not always be available. It might be worthwhile to have a plan in place for local agencies to render some support, especially during back shifts.
3. Plant cleanliness remains satisfactory.

CONCERNS:

None new

ACTION ITEMS:ITEMASSIGNEEACTION DATE

None

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BOT MEMBER: J. A. BUCKHAM

BOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V: 229-231

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD

START TIME: 0730

COMPLETION TIME: 1630

## ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

- ① Monitored control room activities
- ② Toured selected areas of plant
- ③ Attended morning and afternoon shift briefings
- ④ Attended Plant Status meeting
- ⑤ Attended Plan-of-the-Weekend meeting
- ⑥ Discussions with SFC personnel

## OBSERVATIONS:

- ① DUF<sub>4</sub> facility operations suspended awaiting delivery of additional DUF<sub>6</sub> cylinders.
- ② All VO<sub>2</sub> Area operations were completed; denitrators shut down for the last time.
- ③ Housekeeping improved considerably during the past week.

## CONCERNS:

No new concerns

## ACTION ITEMS:

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ACTION DATE

None

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DATE: 1-23-93Sheet 1 of 1BOT MEMBER: J. A. BUCKHAM BOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V: 231-233

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD

START TIME: 0745 COMPLETION TIME: 1615

## ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

- ① Monitored control room activities
- ② Toured selected areas of plant
- ③ Attended afternoon shift briefings
- ④ Reviewed recent Temporary Operating Procedures
- ⑤ Discussions with SFC personnel.

## OBSERVATIONS:

- ① DUF<sub>4</sub> facility was restarted in accordance with procedures following arrival of DUF<sub>6</sub> cylinders.
- ② Heating of cold traps continued prior to their final drains.
- ③ Temporary Operating Procedures are being issued at a rapid pace (29 so far in 1993) to accommodate loss of personnel and shut down activities.
- ④ At least two of these TOPs contain errors that, while not likely to cause an incident, should be corrected. These will be discussed with authors and the Sr. VP.

## CONCERNS:

No new concerns.

## ACTION ITEMS:

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Discuss errors in TOPs J. A. Buckham 1-24-93



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SOT MEMBER: J.A. BUCKHAM

SOT LOG BOOK PAGE(S): V: 233-234

OVERSIGHT TIME PERIOD

START TIME: 0830

COMPLETION TIME: 1645

## ACTIVITIES, AREAS, PROCEDURES OBSERVED:

- ① Monitored control room activities
- ② Toured selected areas of plant
- ③ Attended afternoon shift briefing
- ④ Discussions with SFC personnel

## OBSERVATIONS:

- ① DUF, facility continued normal operation
- ② Heating of several cold traps continued. Four still show weights in excess of 2000 pounds.
- ③ Shift turnover briefings <sup>on weekends</sup> now have an attendance of only 8 or 9. They no longer appear to be useful. Each attendee probably hears one sentence germane to his upcoming assignment

## CONCERNS:

No new concerns

## ACTION ITEMS:

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ACTION DATE

None