

SITREP 3, December 2, 2012, Day 10 at WAIS Divide

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I. Passenger movements

A. SCO

1. J. Fegyveresi, B. Markle and E. Longano arrived in McMurdo on 11/28 and are proceeding with required training and preparation. I expect them at WSD on or about 12/4. R. Beaudette (I-476) is on the same schedule.

B. IDDO

1. J. Johnson, M. Jayred, N. Mortensen and C. Gibson arrived at WSD on D013, 11/30.
2. D. Ferris, P. Cassidy and Jason Goetz arrived in McMurdo on 11/28

II. Cargo Movements

A. Cargo arriving from McMurdo

1. None. John has prepared additional cargo that will come when he flies.
2. I have received word that the boxes in the McMurdo Cargo Yard labeled 5" tubes had tubes of various sizes. I am now trying to ascertain how many 5" tubes are actually available in McMurdo and will work from there.

III. Camp Activities

- A. Current camp population; 48 total. 7 T-350, 1 C-407 (PIG), 1 I-477, 9 G-079 (PoleNet), 25 ASC, 3 T-500 (KBA), 1 ANG. This week we hit a maximum population of 58.
- B. Safety meeting; The Camp's week in review and safety meeting was held on Saturday at 1500. We started training in stabilizing and backboarding for a C-spine injury. Krissy and Elizabeth demonstrated the Kendrick Extraction Device that would be used in the Arch in the case of an incident in the trench or basement.

- C. The Drill Side doors are clear but access to the Arch through the Processing Side doors is still by man-door only. Clearing the Processing Side doors and Moose Chute should be completed by the first half of the coming week. The first task when the Processing Side doors are opened is to remove three tri-wall containers of construction debris that accumulated during work on the floors in the Arch.
- D. Camp continues to be kept organized and looking great. This has been a challenge because of the amount of snow and wind that we have received in the past week. The more snow and drifting we have, the more important it is that grooming is kept up to mitigate the risk of falls or of rolling a snowmobile.
- E. The working 225kW generator was taken down for preventive maintenance on Monday. With no lighting in the Arch 25-40 knot winds, new snow and poor visibility, we stayed in town to work.
- F. The freezers are running thanks to Steve Mikel. Jay Johnson repaired the mount for one of the fan motors which enabled Steve to finish repairs on one of the freezer units. I began the routine of emptying condensate trays twice per day. Temperature in the Processing Side is at -23°C.
- G. I began preparing the Processing Side of the Arch and the Arch Jamesway so we can start receiving core.

IV. Drill Depth and Time

- A. N/A

V. Status of Drilling (# of runs, meters of ice drilled, core quality)

- A. N/A

VI. Other

- A. Jay, Krissy and I have given three tours of the Arch to various groups including the PIG Traverse crew, C-407, Otter crews and some camp staff from WSD.
- B. I presented a Science Lecture to the WAIS Divide community, the same talk I gave in McMurdo. I received very positive feedback after the talk. Forty people attended.