

SITREP 2, November 28, 2010, Day 9 on Ice

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Written at McMurdo Station

I. Passenger movements

A. SCO

1. Two traveled from home to McMurdo arriving on 11/24, all as scheduled. J. Fegyveresi and V Gkinis.

B. NICL

1. None

C. IDDO

1. K. Dahnert, J. Koehler, put in to WSD on Tuesday, 11/23
2. N. Mortensen arrived on 11/24
3. E. Morton, D. Ferris, J. Robertson, P. Cassidy arrived on Friday, 11/26

II. Cargo Movements

A. Cargo arriving from CONUS

1. Two pieces with “wire transformer” and “wire, clothing” arrived in McMurdo. All cargo shipped as I-477 is accounted for.
2. No cargo has been delivered to WSD.
3. All cargo to WSD is prepared for shipment.

III. Camp Activities

- A. Current camp population, 23 RPSC, 3 NANA, 2 T-350. Camp is at normal operations and ready to accept science groups.
- B. Work on clearing the arch has progressed nicely. The NICL doors are functional and work is continuing on the drill side. Work continues on the trench and the floor.
- C. The gantry crane on the drill side is working and the tracks are re-aligned.
- D. The generators are running and the switch gear is working.

E. Camp should have internet access by Monday, 11/29.

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. The SCO team continues training and preparation for the put in. Hargreaves and Roop will fly on Tuesday along with the drillers Jayred, Goetz and Mortensen. The remaining SCO personnel are scheduled to fly on Thursday. G. Wong is scheduled to arrive in McMurdo on Wednesday.

B. The cargo that arrived on Thursday will be entered in the cargo system tomorrow along with radios and other items secured late in the week.

C. I am planning an SCO meeting tomorrow to discuss arrival procedures, safety concerns for camp, the schedule for start up at the arch and to address any questions the Science Techs have.

D. Voigt, Hargreaves and Jayred met with NSF Science Reps, Lisa Clough and Julie Palais on Friday to update Julie (who arrived Wednesday) on the status of WAIS Divide.

E. The lack of a camp electrician remains a concern and we are discussing this with RPSC and NSF. Several solutions are being considered and further meetings are anticipated. I find it necessary to continually steer the discussion away from how/why this happened to how to resolve the problem. Unfortunately, this came to a head on Thanksgiving and several key people involved in the discussion were unavailable. The systems that are potentially compromised by not having an electrician on site are; fire alarm and suppression, ventilation, freezer units, power to the drill itself and power to the arch. It is apparent that electricians are in short supply on station with several large projects requiring their services at the start of the season. I will continue to update the SCO as information is available.

- F. Supplies for the snow pit roof sections are being secured and will be shipped asap. There was some confusion because Science Construction had drawings from last season.