

Subject: ASO News – April 6, 2012

Independent Effectiveness Review of Argonne's Information Security Program: On April 9-13, 2012, HS-44 and SC-31.3 will conduct a review of Argonne's Information Security Program. ASO (J. Livengood) and HS-40 (J. Boulden) approved the review plan and E. Hicks of SC-31.3 is a member of the team. The review will focus on the effectiveness of laboratory systems that prevent the potential release of sensitive or classified information through the non-standardized communication pathways (i.e. in which research projects and proposals are received, processed and transmitted).

ASO's Support to Nuclear Energy (NE): On March 23, 2012, ASO received a request from NE to examine a set of potential Conflict of Interest (COI), involving UChicago and Argonne. NE is tasked to address a number of recommendations stemming from the Secretary's Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on America's Nuclear Future for creating a safe, long-term solution for managing and disposing of the Nation's used nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear materials. NE requests that Argonne and resources within UChicago provide support and analysis to address one or more specific recommendations. This is a time urgent request that ASO and the CH legal team are working with Argonne to resolve, so that funds can be obligated and work can commence.

Illinois Governor's Innovation Council to Meet at Argonne: Illinois Governor Pat Quinn will hold a meeting of the Illinois Innovation Council at Argonne on April 9, 2012 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The council is made up of key business executives across a variety of critical sectors, along with science, technology and university leaders. Argonne's Director Eric Isaacs is a member of the Council and will be presenting at the upcoming meeting. The group meets four times a year, rotating locations.

Secretary's Advisory Board to Meet at Argonne: The Secretary of Energy Advisory Board will hold a meeting at Argonne on April 17, 2012 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. A subcommittee of the board (6-8 people) will also be meeting on April 16 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Argonne has been asked to provide presentations to the members during their morning session. The agenda is still being worked in HQ.

Radiation Protection: Argonne continues to demonstrate improved performance within its Radiation Protection Program (RPP). During the second quarter of FY2012, Argonne reported no radiological incidents, area or personnel contaminations, or air monitoring alarms in any of the nuclear facilities.

Quality Assurance: ASO reviewed and approved Argonne's Quality Assurance Program Plan (Rev. 3) on March 30, 2012. ASO staff attended the ISO 9001:2008 Internal Auditor Course on March 27-28, 2012. This course focused on preparing internal auditors to evaluate the effectiveness of the Quality Management System Implementation.

Energy Science Building (ESB): The Monthly Argonne Leadership Tour of the ESB Construction Site took place on Monday, April 2, 2012. The ASO Manager, Deputy Manager, Safety Director, Facility Representative and Deputy FPD attended the tour. Favorable weather continues to facilitate contractor progress, keeping the project ahead of schedule. The installation of metal partitions, electrical rough-ins (panel boxes and conduits), sheet metal HVAC ductwork, hot water, chilled water, fire protection and laboratory drain piping in the basement and first floor continue moving ahead at a high pace. On the exterior of the building, the excavated soil stockpile continues to be removed from the building site and the storm water retention pond work continues to make progress. George Paliulionis is the Federal Project Director, and Dale Dietzel is the Deputy Federal Project Director.

DOE FY2012 Project Management Workshop: On April 3 and 4, Frank Gines, Susan Heston, and George Paliulionis participated in the FY12 DOE Project Management Workshop in Alexandria, Virginia.