

Subject: ASO News December 14, 2011

Here are a few recent items of interest from ASO:

SC Contractor Assurance System (CAS) Peer Review: The Argonne CAS Peer Review remains scheduled for March 7-8, 2012. The CAS Peer Review Team members were approved by the SC CAS Peer Review Steering Committee last week. Members include Chair - Steve Porter (Stanford University), Johnny Moore (OSO), Jim Krupnick (LBNL), Bryan Mohler (PNNL), Steve Smith (TJNAF), and Howard Matayama (LBNL).

Meeting with Timberlake Residence Association: Representatives from ASO, SC-CH, and Argonne met with a group of local stakeholders on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, to discuss the Laboratory's plans for installing a small wind turbine on-site. This wind turbine is part of Argonne's overall Sustainability Plan, but also will generate data for on-going smart-grid technology applications. The meeting was well attended with over 75 individuals. Questions centered around the size, noise, and output of the turbine, together with the potential for any impacts to the local wildlife (i.e. birds). Installation of the turbine is expected to occur later this summer.

ASO Fire Protection Functional Area Review (FAR): ASO conducted this FAR during December 7-9, 2011 in accordance with requirements stemming from DOE O 420.1B. ASO Facility Representative (C. Schumann) led the FAR, supported by SC-CH subject matter experts. The FAR close-out briefing with Argonne occurred on Monday December 12, 2011, and the draft report for factual accuracy review will be provided in January.

ASO Manager attends Nuclear Executive Leadership Training (NELT): ASO Manager attended NELT during December 5-9, 2011. NELT is required within DOE's Technical Qualification Program (TQP) to attain the role of Senior Technical Safety Manager (STSM). Attaining STSM certification is necessary for SC-3 to consider delegating Approval Authority for nuclear safety to the Site Manager.

HS-40 Visit to Argonne – A conference call is now scheduled for December 22, 2011, to discuss an HS-40 site visit to review a recent security concern at the Laboratory. This call, originated by HS-40, in consultation with SC-31, will include the ASO Manager. Details/scope/objectives of the visit will be further discussed during this call.