

SITREP 3, December 5, 2010
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Written at WAIS Divide

I. Passenger movements

A. SCO

1. Gifford Wong traveled from home to McMurdo, arriving on 12/1 as scheduled.
2. Heidi Roop traveled to WAIS Divide on 12/1, flight D008.
3. Five Science Techs and SCO Rep traveled to WAIS Divide on 12/2, flight D009, arriving at 10:30 PM, A. Buffen, T. Cox, J. Fegyveresi, V. Gkinis, D. Voigt and D. Winski.

B. NICL

1. Geoff Hargreaves traveled to WAIS Divide on 12/1.

C. IDDO

1. M. Jayred, J. Goetz, N. Mortensen traveled to WAIS Divide on 12/1.
2. S. Polishinski traveled to WAIS Divide on 12/2.

II. Cargo Movements

- A. All US generated cargo except one DNF box has been delivered to WAIS. We are also expecting materials for the snow pits.

III. Camp Activities

- A. Current camp population, 17 RPSC, 4 NANA, 6 T-350, 7 I-477, 1 I-478, 6 I-158.
- B. Work continues on the arch trench and the floor.
- C. The generators are running.
- D. Camp internet is functional but not in the Jamesway or arch. This is being addressed with McMurdo.
- E. Camp is at operations normal for other purposes.

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. An SCO team meeting was held on Monday, 11/29, to discuss the plan for the week, safety in camp, shifts and general work schedule, and camp life issues and to answer questions.

B. The tentative shift plan is to work two shifts, 8 to 8, with Fegyveresi and Buffen on the day shift supported by Roop and Wong, and Cox, Gkinis, and Winski on the night shift.

C. I had the opportunity to present a brief about the WAIS Divide Ice Core Project to the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, David Huebner, on 12/2 (45 minutes before transportation). I think it went well. Also present were Lisa Clough and three of the Ambassador's assistants.

D. The SCO team continues training and preparation of the Jamesway. Our work in the arch began today with some general housekeeping and installation of the FED.

E. Safety training is ongoing or completed on Hazard Identification, Lifting Hazards, Snowmobiles and Travel procedures. An Accident Response Exercise is being planned with camp and T-350. Other safety training opportunities will begin now that we have access to the arch.

F. Morning meetings between Camp (Pauline), I-478 (Geoff), T-350 (Krissy) and myself are being held.

G. The lack of a camp electrician still remains a concern. Krissy has been discussing this with RPSC and I am letting her lead on this so as not to confuse the issue. Everyone seems to be in agreement that this is a critical issue and a solution seems close at hand.

H. Supplies for the snow pit roof sections will be shipped. John is planning to begin his Physical Properties snow pit tomorrow.

- I. The floor in the Jamesway was not covered with plywood as indicated in the RSP. McMurdo has been made aware and I am waiting for an answer. This item seems minor, but is not. the condition of the Jamesway floor is unacceptable, especially when the Science Techs change there every shift. Splinters are common, annoying and painful. We are laying rubber mats as a stop-gap measure.
- J. The plan for two cold deck flights is in place. They will be late lines on 12/8 and 12/14. We will start clearing the arch floor on Monday 12/6 in preparation for this event.
- K. The refer units have been installed and were started up today.
- L. Work on the wall between the core handling and arch sides has been completed.