



Manager's Minute October 22, 2013

Below are excerpts from last Thursday's message from Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Deputy Secretary Daniel Poneman once the government shutdown ended.

"As you know, the President has now signed H.R. 2775 into law, providing funding for the federal government to January 15, 2014 and extending the debt ceiling to February 7, 2014. After more than two weeks of disrupted mission, stress to families, furloughs, and uncertainty, Congress has finally provided funding for the start of fiscal year 2014 (FY14) . . . Throughout all of it, everyone in the DOE family across the country handled this difficult situation with patience, professionalism, and an unparalleled commitment to safety and security. We are tremendously proud of all of you for your dedication to mission and country through this stressful period . . . The good news is that the federal government can finally get back to work for the American people. Unfortunately, Congress has only provided an interim solution. In the coming days, we will be working closely with our partners across the complex — Assistant Secretaries and Office Directors, lab directors, site office managers, et al — to learn from the preceding weeks so we can better prepare in case we have to go down this difficult road again. As always, we hope it does not come to that, but this recent experience has shown that we must do contingency planning in order to make sure we can safely and securely protect our people and property even in the absence of funding."

Project Updates

C-410—Asbestos wire removal continues in the remaining four of eight zones, and mezzanine removal is finished in two zones that required process equipment removal. Starting November 6, crews will install flowable fill five days a week in two basements and two other zones. About 50 truckloads of fill material are expected to be delivered daily. The building remains on pace to be declared demolition-ready by year's end.

C-400—The aboveground treatment system ran nonstop Tuesday through Thursday of last week with electrodes operating on day shift only. We are following the same pattern this week as crews continue to work through technical issues. Next Monday is the target date for having the belowground electrodes and treatment system operating 24/7. The average temperature is now over 130 degrees toward a goal of 190 degrees, with nearly 150 gallons of TCE removed to date.

Angel Tree Lunch

A spaghetti lunch will start at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at C-764-T233 (trailer near turnstile) to benefit Angel Tree. Takeout orders will be available, and donations will be accepted. If you can help with cooking or takeout preparation, please contact Brandy Mitchell at extension 5194. Have a safe week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MJP", is located at the bottom left of the page.