

## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

March 4, 2005

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** J. Kent Fortenberry, Technical Director  
**FROM:** J. S. Contardi, SRS Site Representative  
**SUBJECT:** SRS Report for Week Ending March 4, 2005

Staff member Dan Ogg was onsite this week fulfilling Site Representative duties while Mr. Contardi was on family leave.

**Transuranic (TRU) Waste Drum Processing:** Late last week, a forklift operator working at TRU Pad 17 dropped four TRU waste drums from his forklift onto the concrete pad. The drums remained partially banded together and measurements indicated no release of contamination. This week, operators successfully uprighted, palletized and restacked the four drums. The apparent cause of this event was operator error.

TRU waste operators completed recalibrating the equipment at the Vent and Purge station. Vent and purge operations have resumed and as of March 3, 17 of 295 unvented TRU waste drums have been vented and purged.

**F-Canyon Deactivation:** F-area personnel completed all requirements for "Residence Out" at F-Canyon including transfer of F-Canyon control room functions to F-Outside Facilities. This means that the canyon will be secured at the end of each dayshift and monitoring of critical support equipment will be performed remotely by F-Outside Facilities personnel. Routine deactivation activities continue.

At FB-Line, operators completed the last shipments of sources, standards, and glovebox sweepings out of the facility. Subsequently, DOE safeguards and security personnel completed a walkdown to confirm that Material Control and Accountability (MC&A) restriction could be lifted. On March 1, 2005, FB-Line was downgraded from an MC&A Category 1 facility to a Category 4 facility. As a result, Protective Force personnel are no longer required in the facility.

Cc: Board members