

## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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**TO:** J. Kent Fortenberry, Technical Director

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**SUBJ:** Activity Report for Week Ending April 7, 2000

The Board, accompanied by technical staff members Fortenberry, Helfrich and McConnell, visited Y-12 this week, met with state representatives, conducted facility tours and held a public meeting in Oak Ridge.

A. Restart of Y-12 Building 9212 Fissile Material Handling: DOE approved restart of fissile material handling on April 4. This approval followed closure of the one prestart finding regarding six containers of unknown uranium mass which were stored on racks limited to low equity materials. Process knowledge suggested that the storage configuration did not violate the posted requirements. To address the pre-start finding, the uranium content of all six containers were measured (all masses were less than the posted limit). Actions to address the four post-start findings are in progress as well. (2-A)

B. Y-12 Building 9212 Material Condition: During the Board member tours on April 4, Building 9212 E-Wing was inspected for its material condition and cleanliness. The LMES Facility Manager advised that over the last several weeks, over 27 B-25 waste containers (i.e., 90-100 cu. ft. container) had been filled with trash and debris removed just from E-Wing. While additional work is still required, the Building 9212 management and staff have achieved a tremendous improvement in E-Wing, especially in the basement. Hopefully, this pace of improvement will be sustained and serve to inform the workforce that management does care about their work environment and will reinstall some "pride of ownership" in their facilities. (2-A)

cc: Board Members