

IEA Independent Activity Report - Rev. 0		Report Number: IAR-NPO-2014-03-10	
Site: NNSA Production Office		Subject: Office of Environment, Safety and Health Assessments' (EA-30) Office of Nuclear Safety and Environmental Assessments Activity Report for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Production Office (NPO) Contractor Transition Activities	
Dates of Activity : 03-10-14 - 03-14-14		Report Preparer: Jimmy Dyke	
Activity Description/Purpose: <p>The Office of Independent Enterprise Assessments (IEA), Office of Nuclear Safety and Environmental Assessments, staff conducted an operational awareness (OA) activity on the proposed approach for conducting the transition activities that are necessary for the newly selected contractor, Consolidated Nuclear Services, LLC (CNS), to assume full responsibility for the Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12) and the Pantex Plant. The goal of the OA activity was to identify future opportunities to conduct OA activities to monitor the progress of the transition and to evaluate if the necessary attention is being maintained by the incumbent contractor, Babcock and Wilcox, LLC (B&W), on the continued implementation of nuclear safety programs at both sites during transition. To identify future opportunities for OA activities, the latest transition plan documentation was reviewed, NPO management personnel were interviewed, and facility walk downs of the Y-12 machining and assembly nuclear facilities were conducted.</p>			
Result: <p>The IEA team's preliminary observations are summarized below.</p> <p>CNS has begun transition activities and has prepared a transition plan that identifies a schedule and associated activities to achieve full contract transition at Y-12 and Pantex by July 1, 2014. In addition to the transition plan, a combined management and operations (M&O) transition functional manager matrix has been prepared, which identifies the nuclear safety functional areas and the responsible NPO, B&W, and CNS managers for each area. Each of the responsible NPO managers are developing transition oversight plans to document their oversight approaches in order to maintain awareness of the sites' safety performance and to ensure the contractors are adequately and appropriately supporting transition and are ready to assume the responsibility to manage the NPO sites. EA-30 plans to review the NPO transition oversight plans when finalized.</p> <p>During the visit, Independent Oversight and NPO personnel discussed the need to adjust the independent oversight strategy during contract transition to focus more on OA and less on current programs and processes that will change with the new contract. Because programs and implementing processes will change with the new contractor, EA-30 will prepare and implement a review plan that closely monitors operations during this period and covers the transition activities. The plan will include the collection of data through the performance of multiple OA activities over the transition period and will roll up the results of the OA activities into a single review report. OA activities will include observing a sample of CNS facility walk downs and the completion of the verification of compliance and safety checklists.</p>			
HSS Participants		References	
1. Jimmy S. Dyke		1. Y-12/Pantex Transition Plan, March 3, 2014.	
2. William E. Miller		2. Combined M&O (Pantex and Y-12) Transition Functional Manager Matrix.	
Were there any items for HSS follow up? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
HSS Follow-Up Items			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare an EA-30 review plan for the NPO sites' contract transitions. 2. Conduct OA activities in the areas of work planning and control and fire protection at the NPO sites to collect data to meet review plan expectations. 3. Review NPO transition oversight plans for transition activities. 			