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This document provides the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) with a report of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) performance by Battelle Memorial Institute and its subcontractors.

In Section A, the Executive Summary, text and graphics report the safety metrics status for all PNNL activities. Senior management's overall performance assessment of all Environmental Management activities conducted at PNNL is presented in a stoplight chart.

Section B, Project Performance Summary, provides a brief summary of the month's performance for the PNNL lead activity, PNNL Waste Management (PBS RL-ST01). Summary analyses pertaining to PNNL's support to other Project Baseline Summaries (PBSs) are addressed in the contractor's report having lead responsibility for that scope.

Unless otherwise noted, information in this report is current as of March 26, 2000.

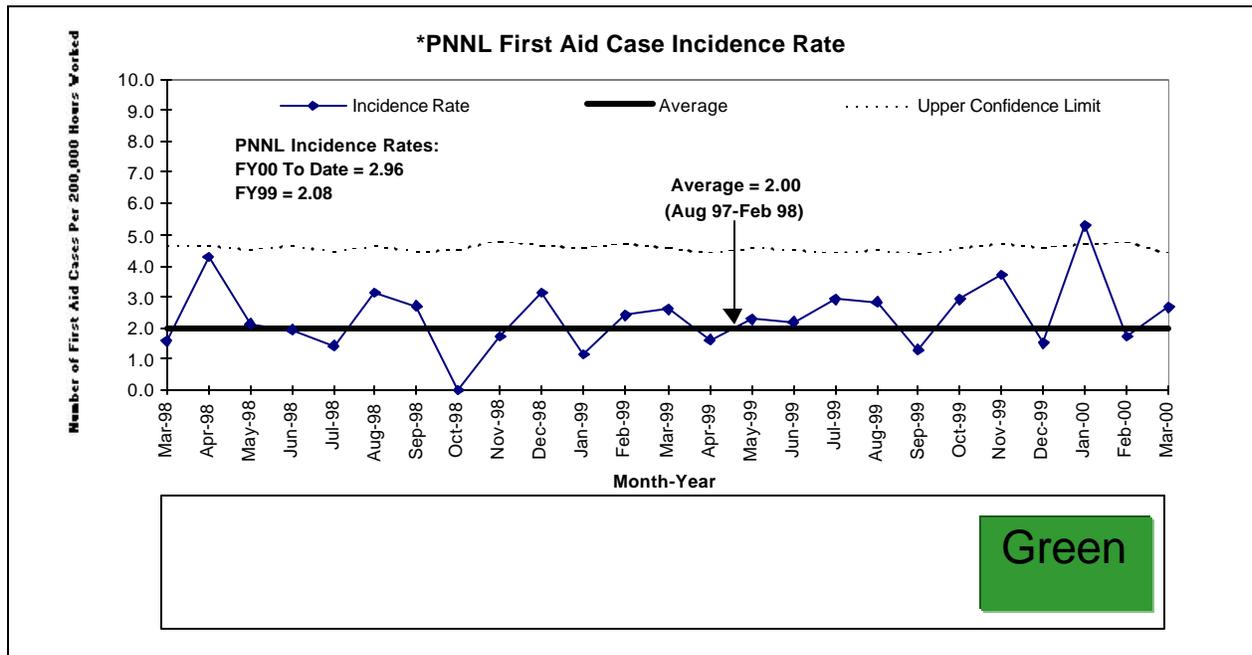
This section provides an executive-level summary of performance information and is intended to bring to Management's attention that information considered to be most noteworthy. The section begins with overviews of safety, followed by a spotlight chart on overall performance.

Safety Overview

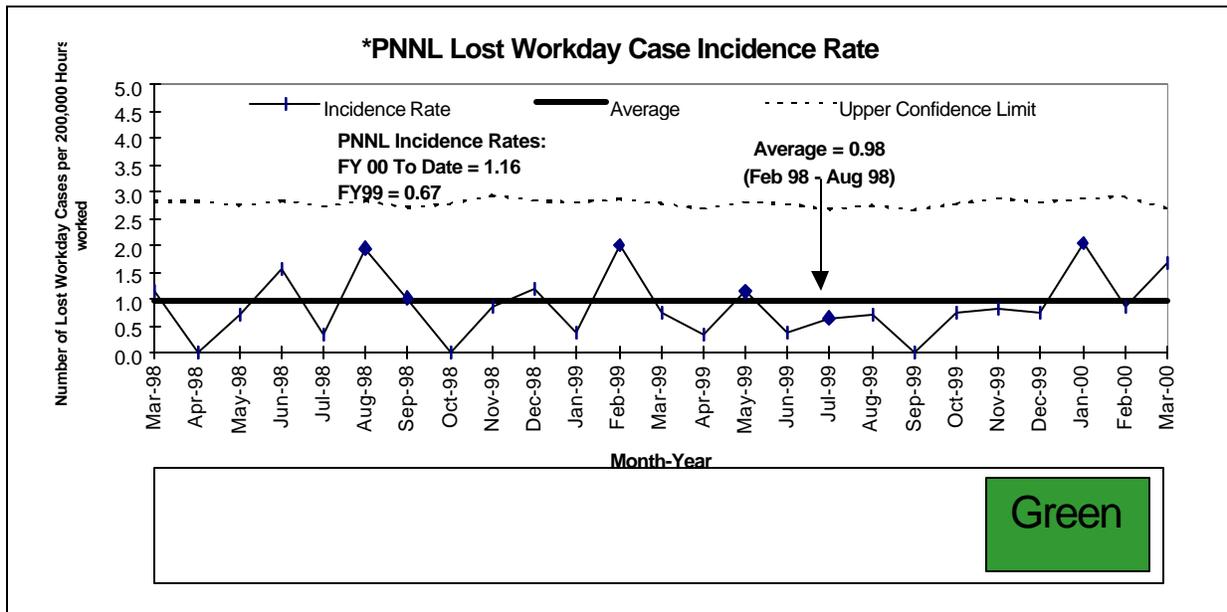
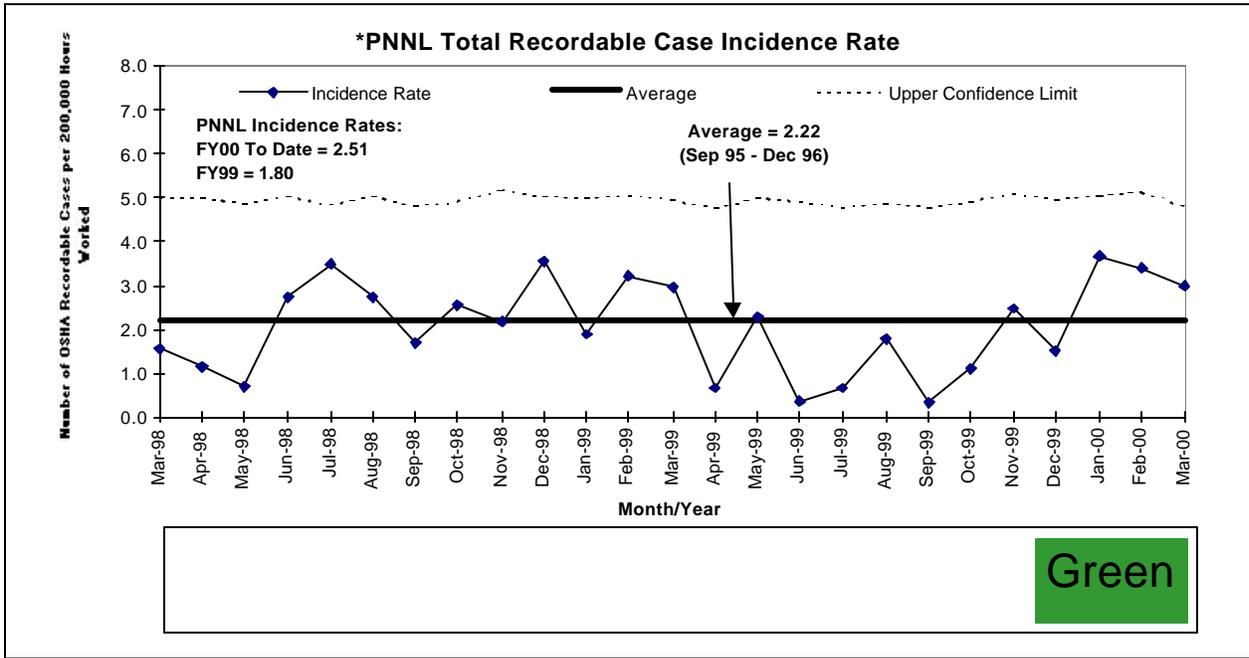
The focus of this section is on documenting trends in work-related injuries and illnesses. Improvements in these rates result from the efforts of the PNNL workforce as they implement the Integrated Environment, Safety, and Health (ES&H) Management System (ISMS), work towards achieving Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "star" status, and accomplish work through Enhanced Work Planning (EWP). Safety and health statistical data are presented in this section followed by completed actions and planned actions for the PNNL VPP.

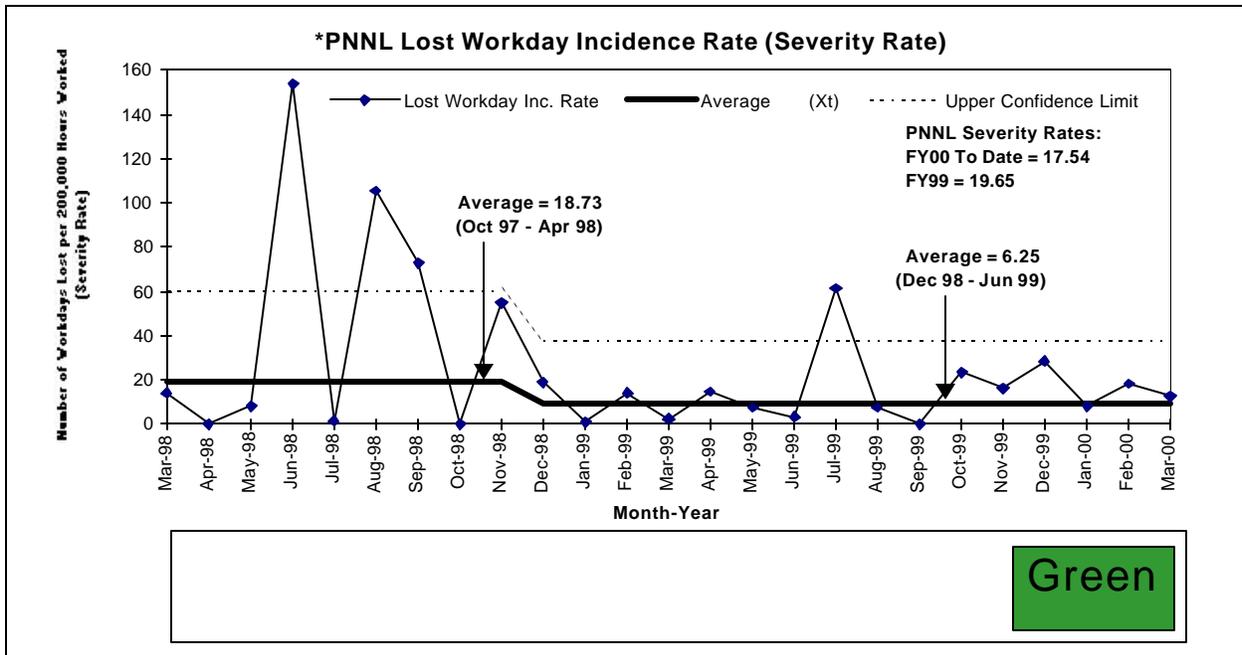
SIGNIFICANT SAFETY AND HEALTH EVENTS

Currently the PNNL Total Recordable Case Incidence Rates appear to be cycling periodically around the 2.22 baseline average and show no significant deviations from the average. The Lost Workday Case Incidence Rates demonstrate that, for eight of the past ten months, the rates have been below the 0.98 average. No notable changes have occurred in the Lost Workday Severity Rates since the last report.



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Section A - Executive Summary





VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM

PNNL is actively pursuing “star” status and is scheduled to submit a VPP “star” status application in September 2000.

PNNL VPP accomplishments include:

- increased worker communications on VPP including the development of a PNNL VPP web page (<http://www.pnl.gov/vpp/>)
- formation of a VPP steering committee and issuance of a PNNL VPP Management Plan
- PNNL worker participation at the VPP conference in Washington D.C.

Plans for the remainder of this year include increasing communications on VPP and participation in the Health and Safety Exposition 2000 (Pasco, WA).

Cost/Schedule Performance Stoplight

The following rating reflects overall performance for activities conducted by PNNL. (*Narrative not required when rating is green.*)



Green: Satisfactory
Yellow: Significant improvement required
Red: Unsatisfactory

This section provides cost and schedule performance, any significant issues, and upcoming baseline change requests for the period covered. In fiscal year (FY) 2000, Battelle Memorial Institute has lead responsibility over PBS RL-ST01, PNNL Waste Management WBS 1.7.1.

Mission

WBS 1.7.1 provides PNNL with waste management services and compliant operations in support of science and technology development for the multiprogram needs of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Complex. These services include:

- essential surveillance and maintenance of DOE laboratory facilities assigned to PNNL for safe containment of radioactive and hazardous materials
- infrastructure required to manage wastes and effluents currently generated at the PNNL
- operational compliance services to meet regulatory requirements and operating permits including environment, safety, and health regulations
- management of legacy wastes and contamination remaining from past PNNL research operations.

Performance Data and Analysis

As of March 26, 2000 the cumulative cost of \$6.1 million and a positive cost variance of \$0.4M results from reduced overhead rates and delayed billings. A change request is in process to revise the basis of estimate and align budget and funds. It is expected that the baseline activities will be completed within the funding allocation. The primary reasons for the cumulative schedule variance of negative \$0.6M are described below:

- Difficulties in completing the high-dose waste container design delayed the initiation of the fabrication of the drum-handling system. Preliminary cost estimates for fabricating the drums have been obtained. Meetings have been held with other contractors regarding the shipping and receiving of the drums later this year. The actual disposal of the high-dose waste should occur as scheduled at the end of the fiscal year.
- The RLWS delay affected planned cask shipments to the 200 Area for final disposition. A change request is in process to delete waste disposal scope affected by RLWS delays.

All post-start activities have been completed on Radioactive Liquid Waste System with the exception of the final inspection of the existing tie-ins by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). The SAIC inspection will be completed after the first usage of the RLWS lines. A letter dated March 22, 2000 was sent to DOE-RL to document completion of the post-start activities and PNNL's intentions to add waste and operate the modified Radioactive Liquid Waste System in the RPL.