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To: CHPRC Employees (please cascade)

Subject: PFP UPDATE: EXPANDED PFP WORK CONTROL ZONE FOLLOW-UP

On Sunday, Jan. 7, PFP expanded its work control zone to a much larger area ([a map is available here](#)).

Understandably, many questions surfaced regarding why this change was made, what the controlled area is and how decisions are made regarding access. I want to make sure to answer those questions.

The work control zone is not a radiological area and does not reflect an additional contamination spread. Correspondingly, there are no radiological survey requirements for personnel or vehicles leaving this expanded footprint. Courtesy surveys can be requested when leaving the area, but they are not required.

The work control zone is an area under the access control of the PFP Shift Office so that the PFP is fully aware of what other work is occurring nearby. This ensures that recovery actions at the PFP will not interfere with, or be interfered by, other work. Additionally, establishing the PFP shift office as the access authority allows coordination between PFP and other organizations so when co-located work is necessary, the work can be sequenced or otherwise managed to avoid interference between work groups.

As a reminder, barriers and signage are in place around the work control zone. Contact the PFP Shift Office at 373-0891 for access.

Right now, inside the work zone, the priority is the safe recovery from the December contamination spread. Activities underway include radiological surveys, applying fixative, sand and soil to prevent any further contamination spread and releasing trailers, vehicles and equipment.

CHPRC discussed increasing the work control zone with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) prior to implementation. CHPRC will not conduct any PFP demolition work until we brief DOE and receive approval on the path forward. We will

communicate any changes to work control zone access requirements as PFP work evolves.