

Plutonium Finishing Plant Recovery Update

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To: CHPRC Employees (please cascade)

Subject: PFP UPDATE: ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

This week, the PFP team will continue stabilization efforts like applying paint and fixative. Weather has been a challenge: rain prevents fixative application and wind events require work to stop for precautionary surveys to take place. Crews this week will also conduct precautionary road and ground surveys using tractors and stick-mounted detection instruments. Thank you to everyone for your continued flexibility.

While the focus at PFP has been recovery from the December contamination events, we must also maintain compliance with documented safety analysis technical safety requirements. In the coming days, you will see a small group of PFP employees performing required maintenance on drums that already contain transuranic waste at PFP. This work is consistent with the authorized work from DOE in a letter dated Jan. 5 to stabilize and ensure no additional spread of contamination.

As a reminder, the Department of Energy and CHPRC are providing public updates, including summaries of bioassay results, [here](#). Feel free to ask a question to the PFP Recovery team, and read responses to already-asked questions, [here](#).