

**Minutes of the SHUG Conference Call
Friday, December 6, 2013, 1pm**

1. Roll call
Attendees On line: Tyrel McQueen, Greg Beaucage, Morten Eskildsen, Rob McKenna, Dave B, Yang Zhang, Claire White, Yang Gao, Hanno zur Loye
ORNL: Al Ekkebus, Laura Edwards, Thomas Proffen, Mike Simonson, Alan Tennant
2. Approval of minutes from November meeting: minutes approved.
3. Approval of current agenda: Agenda of meeting approved.
4. Action items from last meeting: None
5. Updates
 - a. Kelly's updates: Laura reported that HFIR experienced a leak in a secondary coolant pipe in mid-November. The secondary coolant piping in question carries non-radioactive water to the cooling tower and does not perform any safety related function, but it is required for reactor operation. This caused cycle 451 to be delayed in order to refurbish this underground piping. A vendor has been selected for the repairs and their personnel have begun the process to clean and repair the pipe. The vendor is scheduled to work 7 days a week, 12 hours a day, to complete the repairs prior to the week of 12/23/2013. This will allow Research Reactor Division time to perform post maintenance testing and prepare for the start of the next cycle, cycle 451, on Tuesday, 1/14/2014. SNS beam time will go to accelerator physics on December 20, and the SNS beam will go down December 23; the next cycle will begin neutron production on February 6, with users to start on Monday February 10.
 - b. SNS/HFIR facility/instrument updates: (Proffen/Simonson). Thomas Proffen reported the move of instrument data cards off of XP.

Mike Simonson reported NOMAD mail in will hopefully move to once per week (Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday morning, about 8-10 hours, using the period after the weekly Accelerator Physics downtime). The current POWGEN mail-in program is one weekend per month. NOMAD data calibrations and related items have stabilized. A monitor for VISION has been installed, working on 7 filters to resolve some background issues; it is in a "friendly" user phase and expecting to be fully in the User Program in February 2014.
 - c. User office updates (Laura): The next call for proposals expires noon, February 26, 2014, for the period July to December 2014. Twelve HFIR and 16 SNS instruments are in the call; both HFIR WAND and SNS MaNDi will have limited availability during this period. So far in FY 2014, there are 122 SNS and 77 HFIR users. We need more Science Review Committee members.
6. New Business (Tyrel)

Laura: Al is retiring at the end of December 2013.

Morten Eskildsen asked about the status of procurement of the HFIR SANS magnet. Simonson replied that the 11T horizontal field magnet was sent for bid, and budget uncertainties play a role in its procurement.

Next call: Tyrel proposed, and everyone agreed, to cancel the conference call scheduled for January 4th, 2014; the next call will be on Friday, February 7th, at 1pm.

Al Ekkebus