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Safety

- **Contractor Assurance Program Review Results**
- **OSHA Type Inspection Results**

Contractor Assurance Program

- CAS Components are those quality elements aimed at Improvement, Assessment and Assurance:
 - Self Assessments (Mgmt. & Independent) and Scheduling
 - Issues Management (Cause, Corrective Action, Trending, Management Notification)
 - Lessons Learned
 - Employee Feedback
 - Incident and Event Reporting
 - Risk Management and Quality Grading
 - Performance Metrics

Contractor Assurance Program Review Summary

- **Review conducted by the DOE Argonne Site Office**
- **Concluded the essential elements of a Contractor Assurance System are in place**
- **Was impressed with**
 - **The Management and Independent Assessment Program**
 - **CAS implementation by the Operations and Business Management Directorate**
 - **iCATCH systems management**
 - **Risk ranking process**
 - **How “energized” people were in the interviews (indicated support for CAS implementation)**
 - **Senior management commitment to establishing and implementing a fully mature Contractor Assurance System**
- **Concluded that management – at many levels – sees value in Contractor Assurance System elements**

Contractor Assurance Program Review Summary

- **Key elements needed for full implementation are:**
 - **Clear process to roll up and present information to management**
 - **Process to assess effectiveness of management programs across Argonne**
 - **Clear process to report non-conformances**
 - **Clear issues reporting requirements**
 - **Defined R2A2's and qualification standards**
- **Increased awareness to document program elements**
- **Increased communications – Lessons Learned**

- **Bottom line is Argonne got a good grade, but needs to do more to keep it.**

OSHA Type Inspection Results

- Completed after 2 months of almost daily inspections by an EQO subcontractor
- Over 1000 findings
 - Most are focused on electrical issues:
 - *Clearances for Electrical Panels*
 - *Loading of “Power Strips”*
 - *Mounting of “Power Strips”*
 - *Use of Extension Cords*
- Still sorting actual concerns from technical noncompliances
- Resolving actual concerns will be given priority
- May evaluate possible programmatic changes to address some issues
- Stay tuned – will keep you informed of developments

Questions ?