General Users Meeting SURF Operations Division

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South Dakota Science and Technology Authority

Will McElroy – Deputy Director for Operations

- Employed by the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) for nine years
 - PM for Davis Campus excavation and fit out
 - PM for Ross Shaft rehabilitation from inception to 3500L construction
 - Served as Director of Underground Access and Operations Program Manager
 - Currently Serve as Deputy Director for Operations
 - Responsible for Underground/Surface Operations and Engineering
- Executive Leadership experience with public and privately funded projects, and volunteer organizations
 - President of Ainsworth-Benning Construction, A Journey Group company for four years
 - 10-year contract employee for Science Applications International Corp, Raytheon & Stinger Graffarian Technologies (aerospace contractor to the USGS)
- Certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP)



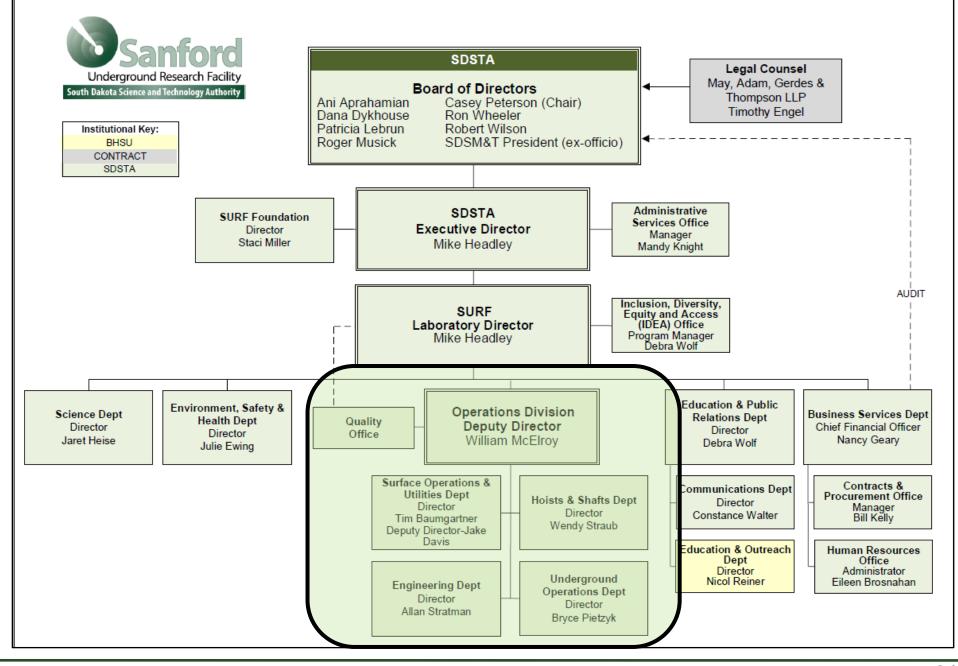
Agenda

- Organization
- Process/Work Planning
- Cooperative Agreement
 - Shafts
 - Hoists
 - Travel ways
 - Ventilation
 - Water collection and processing
 - Services
- LBNF Coordination
- Special Initiatives
- Yates Shaft Update





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Ops Work Planning/Execution







- Job Hazard Analysis
 - Prior planning
- SOP Development
 - Repeatable tasks
 - Periodic Reviews
- Training Program
 - On-line through Bridge software
 - Vendor supported when required

- EOS
 - Strategic planning
 - 3-year, 1-year and quarterly goals
 - Accountability by position
 - Standard meeting format for all departments
- P6
 - Master scheduling tool for SURF projects
- Cobra
 - Control accounts, budget/actuals, variance tracking



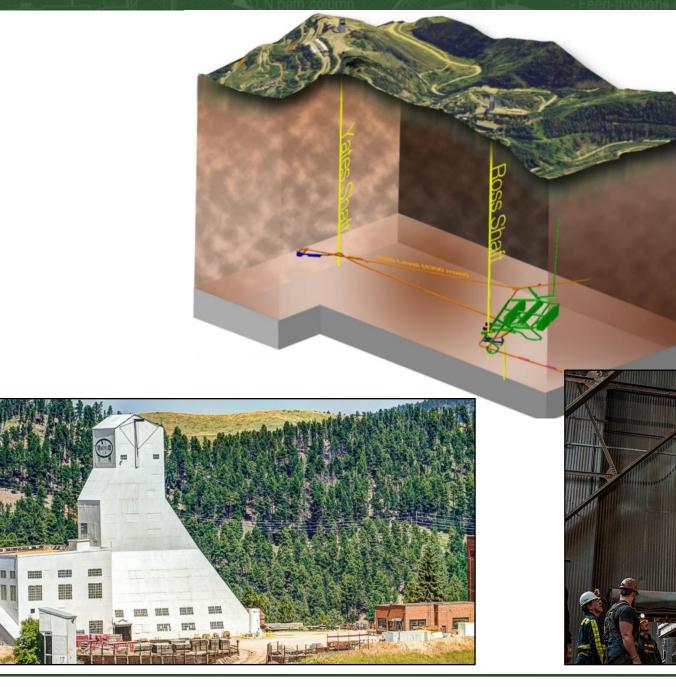


DOE Cooperative Agreement

- Five-year cooperative agreement to operate and maintain SURF
 - SDSTA will provide an established core set of facility and user support services to enable safe performance of science underground.
 - SDSTA will implement a program of facility infrastructure improvement projects that will modernize SURF technical systems and enhance safety, reliability and maintainability of the facility.
 - Through a direct relationship with DOE, SDSTA will efficiently and safely operate and maintain SURF in support of the science mission, modernize the facility infrastructure, and mature its management systems to be responsive to the increasingly demanding requirements of its user community.
 - The SDSTA management team has over 13 years' experience operating SURF in direct support of federally funded activities. Our management processes and toolsets enable effective work planning and execution, facility assessment and multiyear infrastructure improvement plans.
 - SDSTA has established a strategic advisory committee to provide expert counsel to advance SURF programs in alignment with DOE Office of Science goals.
 - Advisory committees have been formed to drive excellence in Environment, Safety and Health, science user support, facility infrastructure operations, and cultural diversity and inclusion.



(2) 5,000' deep ingress/egress shafts



Mobilizing the LZ detector at Yates



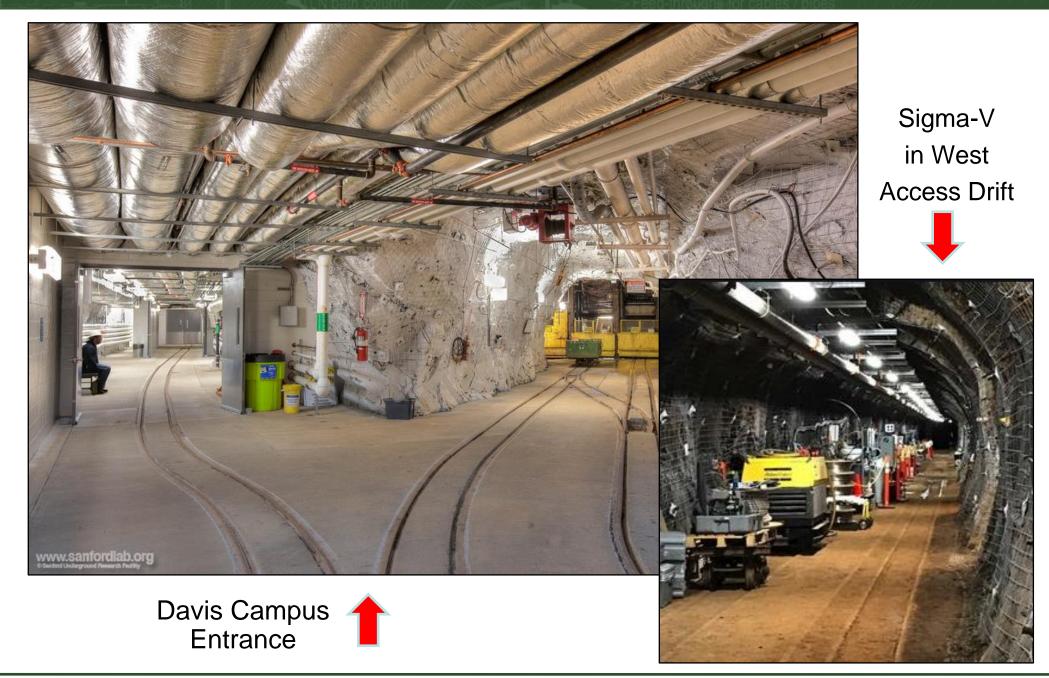
(4) separate hoisting systems (service & production)



Yates Shaft Ore Hoist



Underground Access and Travel Ways



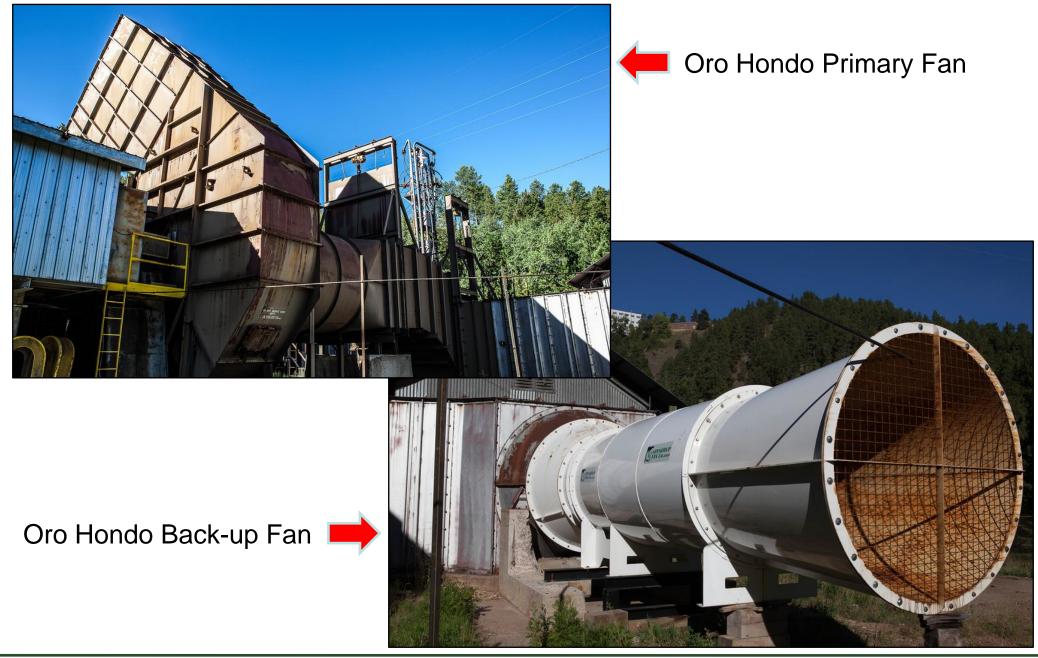


Water Inflow Controls





Ventilation Controls





Wastewater treatment facility



700,000,000 gallons treated annually



Underground pump station



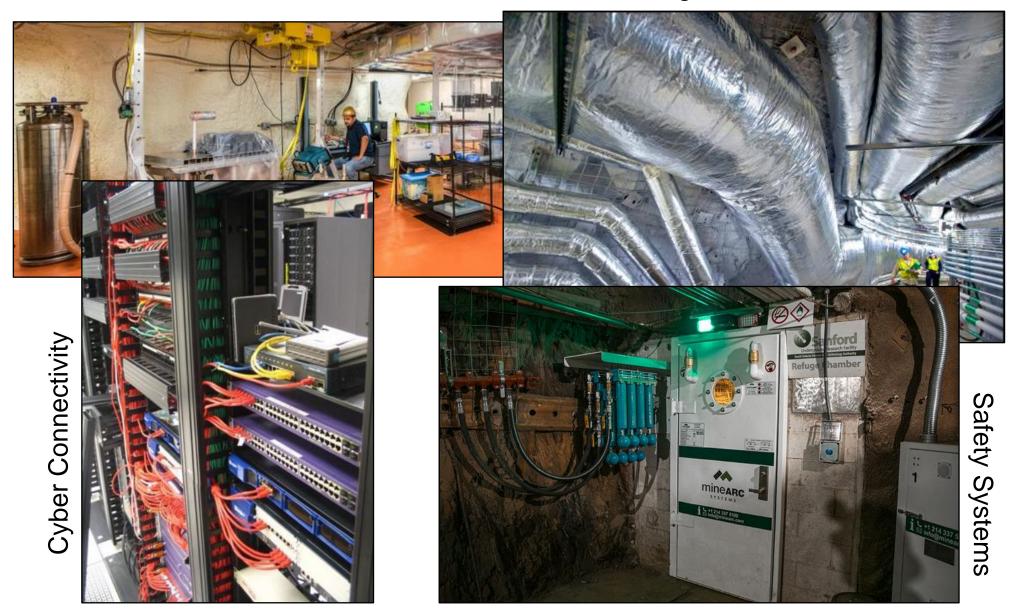
SD DNR compliant discharge

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Systems That Allow for Underground Science

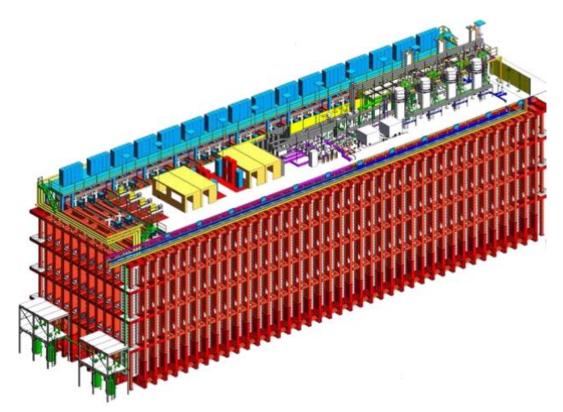
HVAC, electrical, water, waste management





Interface and Support to LBNF

- Ross Shaft/Hoist dedicated to LBNF
 - ~30 SDSTA employees dedicated
- Staff Services provided through the SDSTA
 - Engineering services
 - Reliability projects
- Blasting
 - Planning
 - Coordination



 Constant communication is required to keep current science, LBNF and SDSTA initiatives moving forward.



Top-Down Maintenance (TDM) Yates Utility Panels Progress

Goal for RTO

- 1. Pipe secured or removed as needed in the shaft to the 4850L
 - Remove to set 395.
 - To be secured in 150ft intervals (at each station) from 2600L to 4850L.
- 2. Repair or Replace Timber as needed in the shaft to the 4850L *tracking to Set 401*
- 3. Provide overhead protection for inspections and shaft work progress.
- 4. Detailed inspection to the 4850L COMPLETED

TDM Progress

- TDM Progress to Set 298
- Set 296 additional set needing significant repair

Contingency Tracker: 2/22 contingency shifts used

- Schedule for RTO dates range dependent upon further discovery of compromised timber between current location to set 401.
 - Early RTO date is tracking to **Dec 10** if no additional sets are identified, or other delays experienced.
 - Long RTO date tracking to Dec 22 20% Contingency.

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Yates Shaft Set 263 – Before & After (1850L area)



- 4 new posts
- New wall plate
- New divider





Thank you

Questions?



