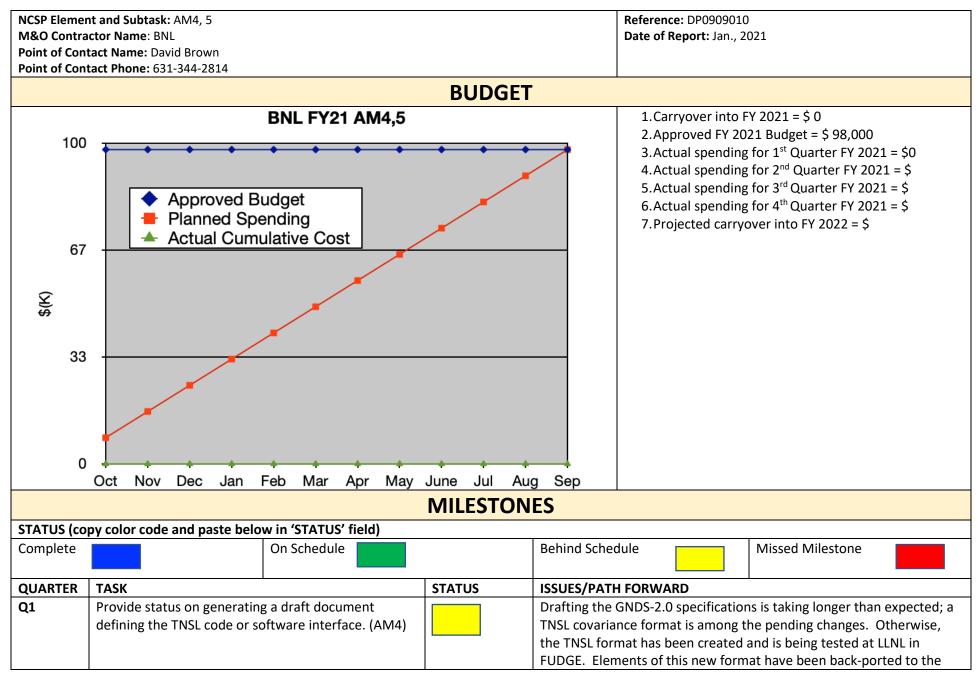


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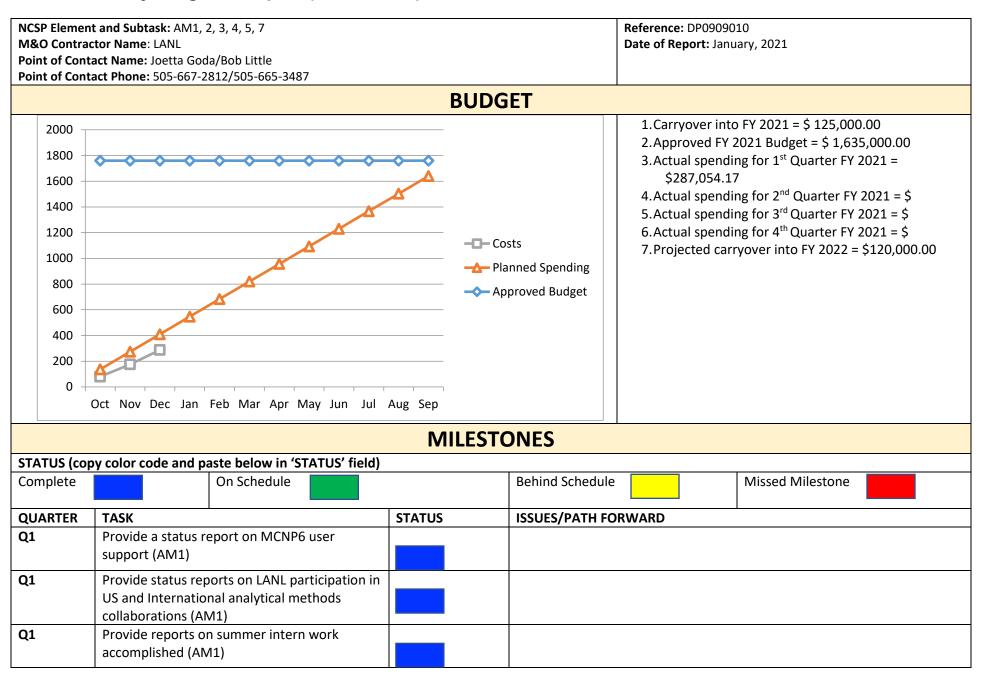
|   |   | ENDF-6 format by NNL and several new evaluations using this new format have been proposed.  |
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| Provide status on completing an ENDF/B-VIII.0 library with FUDGE. (AM5)                           |   | Until FUDGE has "officially" implement GNDS-2.0, we cannot use it to generate ENDF/B-VIII.0 in the new format.  |
| Provide status on generating a draft document defining the TNSL code or software interface. (AM4) |   |   |
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# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- AM4 Thermal Scattering and Self-Shielding in GNDS/FUDGE
  - o n/a
- AM5 FUDGE Generation of a Complete ENDF/B-VIII.0 Library for Testing in Production Codes
  - o M. Vorabbi presented work from FY20 in two separate venues:
    - US Nuclear Data Week 2020, NDAG session, "Alternate approach for calculating the URR PDFs", Brookhaven National Laboratory (USA), 2020 November 30 - December 4.
    - Fall Meeting of the Division of Nuclear Physics of the American Physical Society, "Improving the probability tables of the cross section of near closed-shell nuclei", New Orleans (USA), 2020 October 29 November 1.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

| Quarter | Publication Reference  | Sent to NCSP? | If no, status of submittal |
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|         | Example:   | Yes/no        |                            |
|         | J., "Excluding Benchmark Statistical Outliers in Nuclear Criticality Safety Validation: A Comparison |               |                            |
|         | Study of Upper Subcritical Limits for Plutonium Systems using Whisper-1.1", LA-UR-18-27731, October  |               |                            |
|         | 1, 2019  |               |                            |
| Q1      | n/a  |               |                            |
| Q2      |  |               |                            |
| Q3      |  |               |                            |
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| Q1 | Continue to distribute MCNP6 with automated acceleration and convergence testing to NCSP early-adopters and collect feedback (AM1) |                          |
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| Q1 | Provide a status report on NJOY user support (AM2)   |                          |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM2)                       |                          |
| Q1 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM3)  | RPI subcontract delayed. |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM4)                       |                          |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM5)                       |                          |
| Q1 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress<br>Reports (AM7)   |                          |
| Q2 | Provide a status report on MCNP6 user support (AM1)  |                          |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM1)                       |                          |
| Q2 | Provide status of all MCNP6 and Whisper progress at the NCSP Technical Program Review (AM1)  |                          |
| Q2 | Provide MCNP6 Criticality training course (AM1)  |                          |
| Q2 | Provide a status report on NJOY user support (AM2)   |                          |
| Q2 | Release modernized and integrated versions of THERMR and LEAPR with documentation (AM2)  |                          |

| Q2 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods                      |  |
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| Q2 | collaborations (AM2) Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM3)                                 |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM4) |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM5) |  |
| Q2 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM7)  |  |
| Q3 | Provide a status report on MCNP6 user support (AM1)  |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM1) |  |
| Q3 | Issue an MCNP V&V report, including MCNP6 automated acceleration and convergence (AM1)                       |  |
| Q3 | Provide a status report on NJOY user support (AM2)   |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM2) |  |
| Q3 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM3)  |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM4) |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM5) |  |
| Q3 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM7)  |  |

| Q4 | Provide a status report on MCNP6 user support (AM1)  |  |
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| Q4 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM1)                                 |  |
| Q4 | Release MCNP 6.3 to RSICC (AM1)  |  |
| Q4 | Provide MCNP6 Criticality training course (AM1)  |  |
| Q4 | Develop and demonstrate long-term strategy for distributing all Los Alamos supported ACE files (AM1)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide a status report on NJOY user support (AM2)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM2)                                 |  |
| Q4 | Demonstrate modernized ACER capabilities for processing fast neutron files with NJOY21 (AM2)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM3)  |  |
| Q4 | Provide data files and report for h-h2o and graphite on-the-fly S(alpha,beta) temperature effects. (AM3)                                     |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM4)                                 |  |
| Q4 | Issue report on detailed review, comparisons, and updates to the Sensitivity-Uncertainty Comparison Study (pending carryover funding). (AM4) |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International analytical methods collaborations (AM5)                                 |  |

| Q4 | Issue final report on all LANL results related to the ICSBEP Benchmark Comparison Study                      |  |
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|    | (AM5)  |  |
| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (AM7)  |  |
| Q4 | Deliver final modified version of Whisper to LANL with an ANS conference paper to disseminate the work (AM7) |  |

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- AM1 MCNP® Maintenance and Support, Uncertainty Analysis Development, and Modernization
  - Education
    - Online MCNP6 classes: See separate summary of MCNP classes
    - Monte Carlo course at UNM, 11 undergrad + 2 grad students
    - Thesis advisor for UNM graduate student working in area of criticality calculations
  - R&D Work, continued to investigate & develop:
    - Region-dependent sensitivity-uncertainty data for NCS validation (UNM)
    - Subcritical multiplication methods investigation and impact of correlated fission multiplicity models in criticality calculations (UNM)
    - Prepared article for journal publication on using Whisper benchmarks and sensitivities to identify problematic nuclear data (OSU)
    - OECD-NEA-WPNCS-Subgroup-6 on statistical testing for automated criticality source convergence (F.B. Brown lead). Completed final report. Transmitted to OECD-NEA for publication.
    - Further investigation and usage of partial  $c_k$  similarity metrics for experiment design and optimization.
  - MCNP Support & Maintenance
    - Support MCNP6 users. MCNP Forum, email, direct interactions, etc.
    - MCNP V&V report. Work completed, & report is under preparation for release.
    - Code modernization effort continuing.
    - Updating MCNP6 theory & user manual.
    - Enable stochastic mixing for S(a,b) thermal scattering law temperature effects.
    - Provided guidance reports for obtaining, installing, andusing ENDF/B-VIII.0 nuclear data.
    - Pre-release version of MCNP6.3 provided to SNL & UNM for testing & feedback. Milestone complete.
    - Reports on summer intern work see report list below. **Milestone complete.**
  - Reports & Publications
    - F.B. Brown & M.E. Rising, "Guide for Using ENDF/B-VIII.0 Nuclear Data with MCNP", LA-UR-20-30460 (2020).

- F.B. Brown (Ed.), "Statistical Tests for Diagnosing Fission Source Convergence and Undersampling in Monte Carlo Criticality Calculations", final report for OECD-NEA-WPNCS Subgroup-6, to be published by OECD-NEA in 2021.
- J.L. Alwin, F.B. Brown, M.J. Lazaric, B.R. Murphy, K.D. Spencer, "Comparison Study of Upper Subcritical Limits Derived Using Sensitivity/Uncertainty Tools Case Studies of Benchmarks & Applications", LA-UR-20-28129.
- J.L. Alwin, F.B. Brown, J. Clarity, I. Duhamel, F. Fernex, et al, "S/U Comparison Study with a Focus on USLs", ANS Winter meeting, LA-UR-20-24758, LA-UR-20-28222.
- R.H. Mendleski, K.Y. Spencer, E. Moll, R.F. Sartor, J.L. Alwin, W. Haeck, "Validation of MCNP Critical Benchmark Models of PU-MET-FAST-016", ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29300, LA-UR-20-25118.
- J.D. Hutchinson, T.A. Smith, N.A. Kleedtke, N.W. Thompson, R.C. Little, M.R. Rising, J.L. Alwin, T.J. Grove, I.J. Michaud, "Sensitivity Studies, Gap Analysis, and Benchmark Experiment Optimization", ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29405, LA-UR-20-24750.
- C.M. Kostelac, N. Thompson, R.G. Sanchez, J.D. Hutchinson, K.Y. Spencer, W. Haeck, J.L. Alwin, "Validation and Independent Uncertainty Analysis of the MIX-SOL-THERM-003 ICSBEP Benchmark", ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29459, LA-UR-20-24749.
- D.T. Wise, B. Madahar, K.Y. Spencer, J.L. Alwin, W. Haeck, "Validation of MCNP Critical Benchmark Models of Moderated Highly Enriched Uranium Slabs, ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29255, LA-UR-20-24771.
- MCNP Data Libraries
  - Presented two papers at the 2020 ANS Winter Meeting. These were reported in Q3 of FY2020, but were presented in October of 2020.
    - "Analytic Insights into the Neutronic Characteristics of Neutron Moderators from MCNP Calculations," D. Kent Parsons and Cecile Toccoli, LA-UR-20-24442.
    - "Verification of the Re-Released ENDF/B VIII.0 Based Thermal Scattering Libraries," D. Kent Parsons, Cecile Toccoli, and Jeremy L. Conlin, LA-UR-20-24679.
- AM2 NJOY Development and Maintenance, Uncertainty Analysis Development, and Modernization
  - Presented NJOY Status report at CSEWG
  - Updating build system of NJOY21. This greatly simplifies our build system and makes further development possible.
  - Release of NJOY21 version 1.2.0 which uses new build system
  - Preparation for the release of version 1.3.0, including:
    - C++ version of LEAPR and THERMR through our MIT contract
    - Modern RECONR
  - Released NJOY2016 version 1.60, which uses physical constants from CODATA2018. These new constants were approved as an ENDF format proposal at the latest CSEWG.
- AM3 Development of an Adaptive-in-temperature Method for fast on-the-fly Sampling of Thermal Neutron Scattering Data in MCNP6
  - No progress to report. Subcontract with RPI is not in place yet.
- AM4 Sensitivity/Uncertainty Comparison Study with a Focus on Upper Subcritical Limits
  - Presented paper at ANS Winter Meeting summarizing results of comparison
- AM5 Proposed Benchmark Intercomparison Study
  - Working with IRSN to identify cause of discrepancies for cases in LCT, MIX and U233 series of benchmarks.
- AM7 Incorporation of Benchmark Experiment Correlations into the Whisper Nuclear Criticality Safety Software

- The method called the Uniformly Ordered Binary Decision Algorithm has been developed and implemented into a research version of Whisper1.1. The results show that the inclusion of correlations can significantly lower the predicted baseline upper subcritical limit for some cases.
- A conference publication to be presented at the ANS Annual Meeting in June 2021 has been prepared to disseminate the work.

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| Q1      | F.B. Brown (Ed.), "Statistical Tests for Diagnosing Fission Source Convergence and Undersampling in Monte Carlo Criticality Calculations", final report for OECD-NEA-WPNCS Subgroup-6, to be published by OECD-NEA in 2021.                                | No, will send next quarter. |                            |
| Q1      | J.L. Alwin, F.B. Brown, M.J. Lazaric, B.R. Murphy, K.D. Spencer, "Comparison Study of Upper Subcritical Limits Derived Using Sensitivity/Uncertainty Tools Case Studies of Benchmarks & Applications", LA-UR-20-28129.                                     | Yes, submitted in Q4FY20    |                            |
| Q1      | J.L. Alwin, F.B. Brown, J. Clarity, I. Duhamel, F. Fernex, et al, "S/U Comparison Study with a Focus on USLs", ANS Winter meeting, LA-UR-20-24758, LA-UR-20-28222.   | Yes, submitted in Q3FY20    |                            |
| Q1      | R.H. Mendleski, K.Y. Spencer, E. Moll, R.F. Sartor, J.L. Alwin, W. Haeck, "Validation of MCNP Critical Benchmark Models of PU-MET-FAST-016", ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29300, LA-UR-20-25118.   | Yes, will send.             |                            |
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| Q1 | "Verification of the Re-Released ENDF/B VIII.0 Based Thermal Scattering Libraries," D. Kent Parsons, Cecile Toccoli, and Jeremy L. Conlin, LA-UR-20-24679. | Yes, submitted in Q3FY20 |  |
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NCSP Element and Subtask: AM2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 Reference: DP0909010 M&O Contractor Name: LLNL Date of Report: January, 2021 Point of Contact Name: David Heinrichs **Point of Contact Phone:** (925) 424-5679 **BUDGET** 1. Carryover into FY 2021 = \$ 120,596 600,000 2. Approved FY 2021 Budget = \$551,596 3. Actual spending for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 10,752 4. Actual spending for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 500,000 5. Actual spending for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 6. Actual spending for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 400,000 7. Projected carryover into FY 2022 = \$ 44,128 (8%) 300,000 200,000 -Approved Budget 100.000 Planned Spending JAN JUL AUG MONTHS **MILESTONES** STATUS (copy color code and paste below in 'STATUS' field) On Schedule Behind Schedule Complete Missed Milestone **QUARTER ISSUES/PATH FORWARD TASK STATUS** Q1 Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Focus is on analysis of IER268 (PDV) experimental results. Report (AM2) Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress See accomplishments. Q1 Report (AM3) Q1 Provide a status report on generating a draft See accomplishments. document defining the TNSL code or software interface. (AM4)

| Q1 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress<br>Report (AM5)  | See accomplishments. |
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| Q1 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress<br>Report (AM6)  | See accomplishments. |
| Q1 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress<br>Report (AM8)  | See accomplishments. |
| Q2 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress<br>Report (AM2)  |                      |
| Q2 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Report (AM3)   |                      |
| Q2 | Provide a status report on generating a draft document defining the TNSL code or software interface. (AM4) |                      |
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| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress<br>Report (AM2)  |                      |

| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Report (AM3)   |  |
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| Q4 | Provide a status report on generating a draft document defining the TNSL code or software interface. (AM4) |  |
| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Report (AM5)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Report (AM6)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide status in NCSP Quarterly Progress Report (AM8)   |  |

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- AM3 Slide Rule Application
  - The task specification for Phase 4, "Update of the Nuclear Criticality Slide Rule Calculations: Plutonium Configurations Delayed Gamma" was completed on Nov. 27, 2020 and added to https://ncsp.llnl.gov/am criticality sliderule.php. Reviewed "Estimation of the Total Number of Fissions" by M. Duluc (IRSN).
- AM4 Thermal Scattering and Self-Shielding in GNDS/FUDGE
  - o HF thermal scattering law data now available in COG using data from ENDF/B-VIII.0 File 7. FUDGE processing into ACE format in progress.
- AM5 Proposed Benchmark Intercomparison Study
  - A total of 3,162 high-precision COG (k-eff) ICSBEP benchmark results using ENDF/B-VII.1, ENDF/B-VIII.0 and JEFF-3.3 have been provided to Nicolas Leclaire (IRSN) for inclusion in the study as follows:

PU: 766 U233: 193 MIX: 245 HEU: 991 IEU: 188 LEU: 779

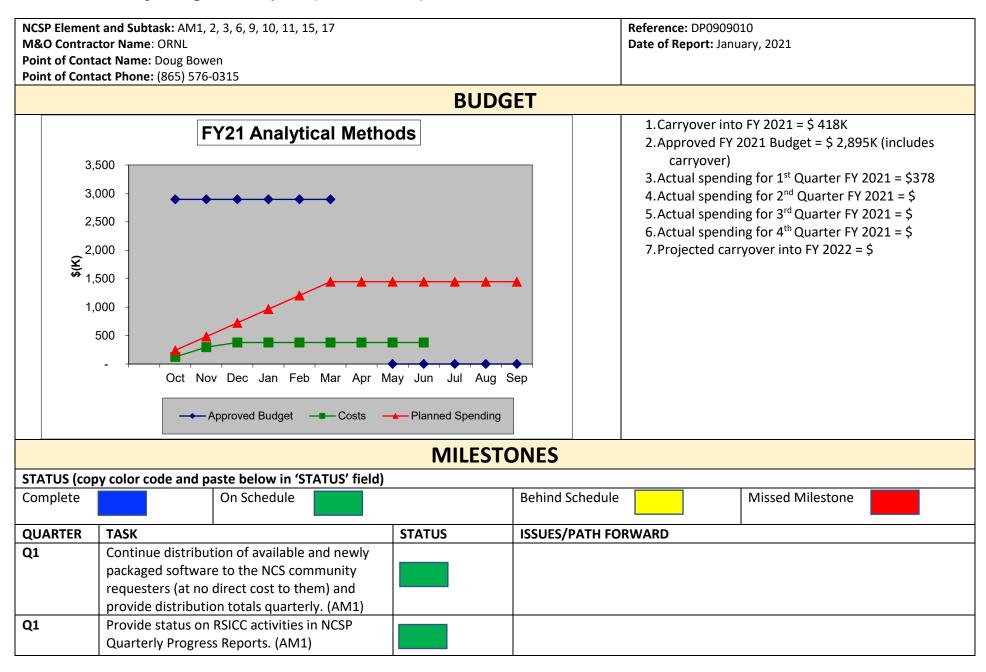
COG input files were also provided to Scott McKinley (LLNL) for translation to MERCURY input for additional LLNL participation in the study.

- AM6 Proposed 1D Multipoint Analytical Benchmark Intercomparison
  - o COG/FUDGE results for the analytic benchmark by Sobes et al. were completed and will be presented at the AMWG Meeting on Feb. 22, 2021.
- AM8 FUDGE Generation of a Complete ENDF/B-VIII.0 Library for Testing in Production Codes
  - Library generation in progress for an elevated temperature ICSBEP benchmark including thermal neutron scattering laws for HF and H2O. Status of Fudge presented at CSEWG see publications.

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| Q1      | C. M. Mattoon, "Status of Fudge, November 30, 2020: CSEWG," LLNL-PRES-816458. | Yes                     |                            |

| Q1 | B. Ganapol, "Solution of the Monoenergetic Neutron Transport Equation in a Half Space via Singular Eigenfunction Expansion," Transactions of the American Nuclear Society, Vol. 123, pp. 685-689, 2020 ANS Virtual Winter Meeting, November 16-19, 2020 | No | Copyrighted material |
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| Q1 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation  |  |
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|    | in US and International Analytical Methods    |  |
|    | collaborations and provide brief trip summary |  |
|    | report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP       |  |
|    | interest. (AM2)                               |  |
| Q1 | Provide status on ORNL activities in NCSP     |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Report (AM2)               |  |
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|    | Quarterly Progress Report (AM15)              |  |
| Q1 | Provide status on ORNL activities in NCSP     |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Report (AM17)              |  |
| Q2 | Continue distribution of available and newly  |  |
|    | packaged software to the NCS community        |  |
|    | requesters (at no direct cost to them) and    |  |
|    | provide distribution totals quarterly. (AM1)  |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on RSICC activities in NCSP    |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Reports. (AM1)             |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation  |  |
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| Q2 | Provide status on ORNL activities in NCSP     |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Report (AM2)               |  |
| Q2 | Issue an annual SCALE maintenance report to   |  |
|    | the NCSP Manager. (AM2)                       |  |

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|    | interest. (AM2)                                 |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on ORNL activities in NCSP       |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Report (AM2)                 |  |
| Q4 | Publish annual newsletter to users to           |  |
|    | communicate software updates, user notices,     |  |
|    | generic technical advice, and training course   |  |
|    | announcements. (AM2)                            |  |
| Q4 | Document AMPX modernization and technical       |  |
|    | support for SCALE CE, multigroup, and           |  |
|    | covariance libraries and report status annually |  |
|    | to the NCSP Manager. (AM3)                      |  |
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- AM1 Radiation Safety Information Computational Center (RSICC)
  - o Distributed 687 software packages and updated 1 software package.
  - o 127 SCALE, 291 MCNP®, and 0 COG packages distributed.
  - o RSICC quarterly report issued.
  - o Quarter 1 University Requests 384; NCSP Direct Requests 17

| FY2021 University Distributions |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Month                           | MCNP® | SCALE |
| October                         | 100   | 39    |
| November                        | 26    | 14    |
| December                        | 36    | 20    |

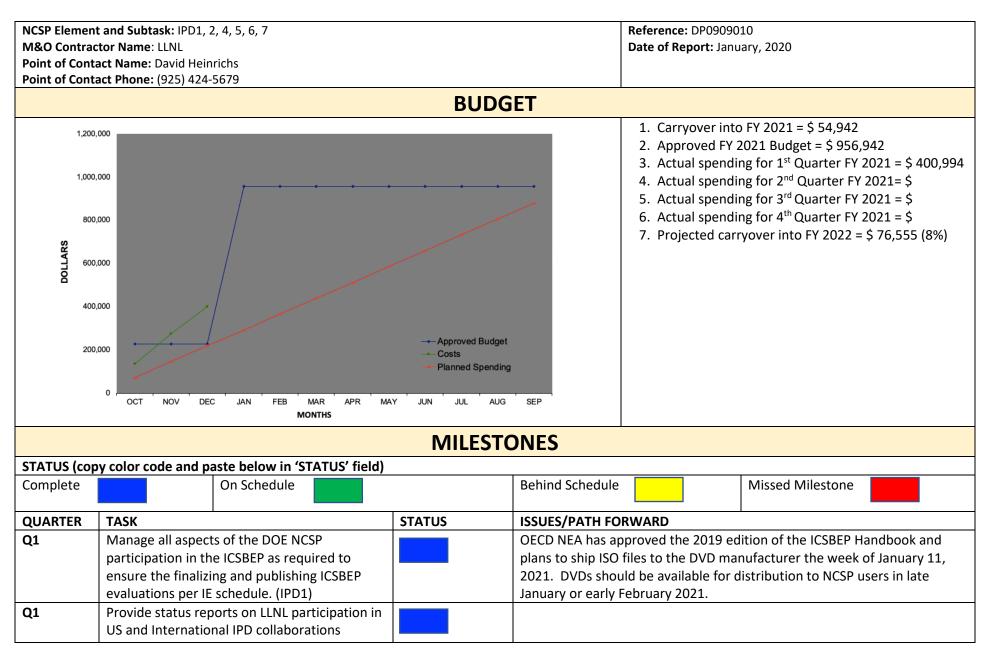
- You may note that slightly more than half of the distributions of MCNP® and SCALE are to U.S. university students in nuclear engineering department or programs.
- AM2 SCALE/KENO/TSUNAMI Maintenance and Support/Cross-Section Generation/Modernization/etc.
  - A significant investment has been made in using AM-2 funds to expand the contents of the VALID Library. Some of this work will be completed using AM-17 funds when they become available.
  - Over 80 deuterium-moderated benchmarks that were generated as part of Travis Greene's master's thesis have been submitted for review. These benchmarks are in different phases of the review process.
  - o LCT-079 has been entered for review. This experiment was performed at SNL and features Rh foils in some rods in certain configurations.
  - KENO models of the TEX Pu baselines, PMM-002, have been generated from the evaluation about to be published in the 2020 ICSBEP Handbook. These models will be reviewed in Q2.
  - Work has begun on a number of fast Pu metal benchmarks including PMF-003, PMF-016, PMF-024, and PMF-037. Many of these benchmarks will be completed in Q2.

- o ZEUS models (HMI-006, HMF-072, and JMF-073) generated as part of Alex Shaw's master's thesis have been submitted for review. Review of these models has begun.
- Models of the TEX Ta evaluation (PMM-003) and the class foils evaluation (HMT-004) were generated as part of the review of the proposed evaluations. Comments were provided to the ICSBEP Technical Review Group.
- Results generated from this validation work will provide the basis for two ANS summaries planned for submission for the summer ANS meeting. The drafting, review, and submission of those summaries will occur in Q2, with presentations (if accepted) at the ANS meeting in Q3.
- The KENO V.a and KENO-VI primers have been completed, incorporating all reviewer comments. The final organization review is being performed at ORNL, and the final documents should be released in Q2.
- AM3 AMPX Maintenance & Modernization
  - A number of members of the nuclear data team (Doro Wiarda, Andrew Holcomb, Jesse Brown, Chris Chapman) attended the annual CSEWG virtual meeting. Doro Wiarda gave the SAMMY/AMPX status report and co-chaired the format session. Andrew Holcomb presented the new covariance fixups implemented into AMPX to ensure that all processed nuclear data covariance matrices are mathematically legal.
  - Since there were suggested updates to the R-external format by members of the CSEWG membership, the format proposal and the AMPX code was updated accordingly
  - O Work continued on improving the thermal scattering processing code Y12. Improved angular gridding based on values of α was implemented and fixed short collision time errors that led to large number x small number issues with cold moderator materials. Testing is ongoing to ensure these changes do not adversely affect other moderators. In addition, a difference in the calculated values for the incoherent elastic cross section calculated by AMPX and NJOY was discovered and is being investigated.
- AM6 Slide Rule Application
  - ORNL is still on standby, waiting for instructions from IRSN Slide Rule Updates. A teleconference is scheduled on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 with the different collaborators of the project to define the next tasks.
- AM9 Sensitivity / Uncertainty Comparison Study with a Focus on Upper Subcritical Limits
  - Supported review and presentation of an ANS summary written by Jen Alwin providing results of S/U intercomparison work to date as part of the Recent Technical Achievements of the NCSP session.
- AM10 Proposed Benchmark Intercomparison Study
  - o No work was performed on this task in Q1. Work has been slowed by transition of the intercomparison coordinator at IRSN.
- AM11 Proposed 1D Multipoint Analytical Benchmark Intercomparison
  - This task has been cancelled.
- AM15 The Effects of Temperature on the Propagation of Nuclear Data Uncertainty in Nuclear Criticality Safety Calculations
  - Added capability to evaluate doppler broadened derivatives of the cross section with respect to resonance parameters

- Finished initial implementation of method for evaluation of temperature dependent groupwise cross section covariance matrices. The method is currently working for test cases with few resonances (~3) and coarse group structure (~44) and needs further validation
- Developed templated input file for managing covariance library production given a list of desired nuclides, group structures, temperatures, etc.
- AM17 Expansion of the Verified, Archived, Library of Inputs and Data (VALID)
  - There has been no work performed on this task as no funding has been provided.

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| Q2      |   |                         |                            |
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| Q1 | Provide status report on progress (IPD6)  |  |
| Q1 | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA website support. (IPD7)   |  |
| Q2 | Manage all aspects of the DOE NCSP participation in the ICSBEP as required to ensure the finalizing and publishing ICSBEP evaluations per IE schedule. (IPD1)                                 |  |
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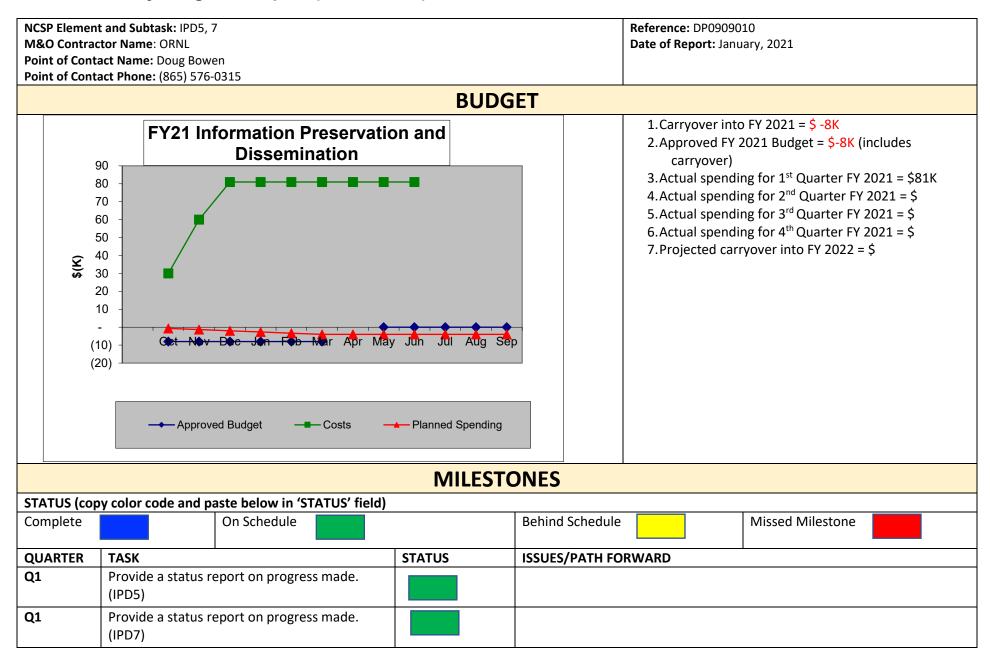
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- IPD1 Conduct ICSBEP for Benchmarks of the 5-Year Plan and publish annual revision to the Handbook
  - LLNL published a summary of the 2020 ICSBEP TRG Meeting see publications. All NCSP evaluations were accepted pending resolution of review comments including: (a) IER230, LCT102, 7uPCX with pitch variations, Ames (SNL); (b) IER299, HMF101, KRUSTY cold/warm criticals, Hutchinson (LANL); (c) IER192, HMT004, Class Foils with Lucite, Snoj (JSI); and IER528, PMM003, TEX-Pu-Ta, Percher (LLNL) completing CED-4a.
  - LLNL reviewed and provided updated sample COG results for LCT016, MIRTE-2, Nicolas Leclaire (IRSN).
  - NCSP evaluations in progress for the 2021 ICSBEP TRG Meeting are: (a) IER489, U235 URR IE (LANL); (b) IER297, TEX-HEU Baselines (LLNL); and
     (c) IER230, Characterize the Thermal Capabilities of 7uPCX (SNL).
- IPD2 Maintain the NCSP Website and Systems
  - o Developed and deployed the TPR registration webpages using LLNL's contract with CVENT. Performed routine maintenance and updates as directed by NCSP Management (e.g., Sliderule, training events, IRSN POC).
- IPD4 Benchmark Evaluation of Hot Box, LLNL Historical Critical Configurations at High Temperature
  - No progress this period.
- IPD5 IT Support at NNSS
  - LLNL continues to support the NCERC control room upgrades as IT and Networking SME. Provided monthly "authenticated" scans for NCERC network devices and system upgrades as required. Supporting LANL OCIO and ISSO on "Weapons" security plan consolidation.
  - o Supported IER466 (NCERC ops support) and IER540 (PF4 training) in October, and IER462 (NCSP training) and IER535 (non-NCSP) in November.
- IPD6 Benchmark Evaluation of LLNL 'Pulsed Spheres'
  - o Results for deuterons impinging on the Ti-T target assembly surrounded by polyethylene were presented at the ANS Winter Meeting see publications.
- IPD7 LLNL NDA Website Support
  - Website maintenance.

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| Q1      | Soon S. Kim et al., "Application of COG to Deuteron Transport Problems," Transactions of the | No            | Copyrighted material.      |
|         | American Nuclear Society, Vol. 123, pp. 1189-1191, ANS Virtual Winter Meeting, November      |               |                            |
|         | 16-19, 2020.   |               |                            |
| Q1      | David P. Heinrichs, "Report on the (on-line) 2020 ICSBEP Technical Review Group (WebEx)      | Yes           |                            |
|         | Meeting," LLNL-MI-816976, October 31, 2020.  |               |                            |
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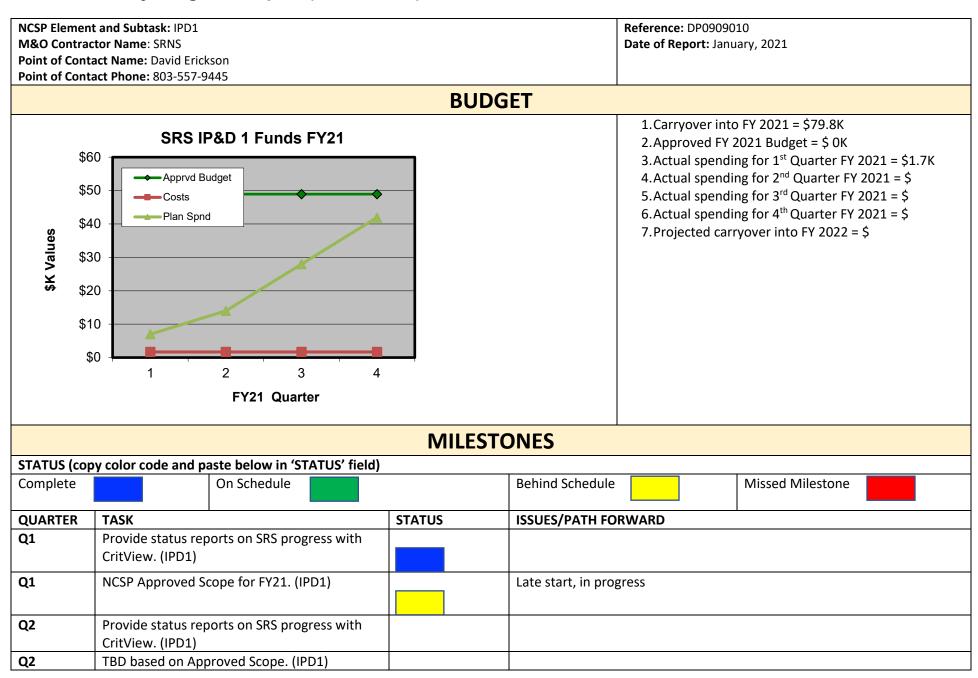
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### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- IPD5 Oak Ridge Health Physics Research Reactor CAAS Benchmark Evaluation
  - The HPRR sulfur pellet measurements benchmark report has been completed and has been sent to the NCSP in November 2020. The report will be sent to the ICSBEP Technical Review Group in the correct format, for presentation at the 2021 ICSBEP Technical Review Group meeting.
- IPD7 Preserving the "Howard Dyer" Library at ORNL
  - o Library has been scanned (previously reported)
  - o Gap analysis is being performed (scanned documents versus Dyer index) to determine missing documents

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| Q3 | Provide status reports on SRS progress with CritView. (IPD1) |  |  |
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| Q3 | TBD based on Approved Scope. (IPD1)                          |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on SRS progress with CritView. (IPD1) |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide updated CritView database for user testing. (IPD1)   |  |  |
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• IPD1 – ARH-600 Reissue (CritView)

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**NCSP Quarterly Progress Report (FY-2021 Q1)** NCSP Element and Subtask: ND1 Reference: DP0909010 M&O Contractor Name: BNL Date of Report: Jan., 2021 Point of Contact Name: David Brown Point of Contact Phone: 631-344-2814 **BUDGET BNL FY21 ND1** 1. Carryover into FY 2021 = \$ 0 2. Approved FY 2021 Budget = \$ 267,000 300 3. Actual spending for  $1^{st}$  Quarter FY 2021 = \$42,331 **Approved Budget** 4. Actual spending for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ Planned Spending 5. Actual spending for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ **Actual Cumulative Cost** 6. Actual spending for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 225 7. Projected carryover into FY 2022 = \$ **≨** 150 75 Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June Jul Aug Sep **MILESTONES** STATUS (copy color code and paste below in 'STATUS' field) Complete On Schedule Behind Schedule Missed Milestone **QUARTER ISSUES/PATH FORWARD TASK STATUS** Q1 Maintain and upgrade ADVANCE code system by CSEWG is deciding on a review process for all ENDF evaluations. performing data verification of new NCSP evaluations Currently, all submitted evaluations are stored in the `phase1' branch and this branch is checked by ADVANCE. To move to the `phase2' and performing quality assurance on the data as required and provide status reports on all nuclear branch for integral validation, evaluations must pass through an asdata support activities to the NCSP Manager. (ND1) yet-undefined peer review process. We had planned to work this

|    | Quarterly Flogress Report (F1-2021 Q1)   | process out at the 2020 mini-CSEWG which was postponed due to COVID-19.   |
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| Q1 | If mandated by CSEWG, release new ENDF library. (ND1)  | Release of a beta version of the next ENDF library (ENDF/B-VIII.1) was discussed and approved by the CSEWG Executive Committee. A timeline for this beta release has not been decided. CSEWG has set a target date of February 2023 for the final release of ENDF/B-VIII.1. |
| Q2 | Maintain and upgrade ADVANCE code system by performing data verification of new NCSP evaluations and performing quality assurance on the data as required and provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities to the NCSP Manager. (ND1) |   |
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- ND1 National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC) Support to the NCSP
  - D. Brown worked with the rest of the NNDC to host the 2020 Virtual US Nuclear Data Week (30 Nov. 2 Dec. 2020) via zoom.gov. This included 2.5 days of CSWEG business and 0.5 days of NCSP NDAG business.
  - o D. Brown presented several NCSP related talks at Nuclear Data Week:
    - Updates to the ENDF-6 format proposal process using git.nndc.bnl.gov
    - Overview of the progress towards the GNDS-2.0 format
    - Status of covariance testing performed by ADVANCE
    - Summary of new evaluations added to the ENDF library
    - Update of evaluations performed in collaboration with RQ Wright
  - o D. Brown also hosted a "gitlab clinic" at Nuclear Data Week to introduce users to the new Gitlab instance at git.nndc.bnl.gov
  - o In FY21, Q1, there were several NCSP changes/additions committed to Gitlab: 10 evaluations to the neutron sublibrary and 6 evaluations to the TSL sublibrary. These 6 TSL evaluations are divided into several files each to account for each scatterer. These evaluations and many others are staged for peer review.

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| Q1      |   |                         |                            |
| Q2      |   |                         |                            |
| Q3      |   |                         |                            |
| Q4      |   |                         |                            |

NCSP Element and Subtask: ND1, 2, 3, 4 Reference: DP0909010 M&O Contractor Name: LANL Date of Report: January, 2021 Point of Contact Name: Joetta Goda/Bob Little Point of Contact Phone: 505-667-2812/505-665-3487 **BUDGET** 1. Carryover into FY 2021 = \$ 30,000.00 1600 2. Approved FY 2021 Budget = \$ 1,386,000.00 3. Actual spending for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = 1400 \$265,679.90 1200 4. Actual spending for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 5. Actual spending for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 1000 6. Actual spending for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ -Costs 7. Projected carryover into FY 2022 = \$101,000.00 800 Planned Spending 600 Approved Budget 400 200 Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep **MILESTONES** STATUS (copy color code and paste below in 'STATUS' field) On Schedule Behind Schedule Missed Milestone Complete **ISSUES/PATH FORWARD** QUARTER **TASK STATUS** Q1 Provide status reports on LANL participation in **US and International Nuclear Data** collaborations. (ND1) **Q1** Conduct CSEWG Evaluation and Covariance sessions. (ND1) **Q1** Report data testing results with ENDF/B-VIII.0 and additional beta release cross sections at CSEWG. (ND1)

| Q1 | Provide status report on progress (ND2)   |   |
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| Q1 | Provide status report on progress (ND3)   |   |
| Q1 | Complete review of previous "thin" target U233 measurements and finalize specifications for new "thick" U233 target (ND3) | Completed early during FY20 – see Q3 ND report. |
| Q1 | Provide status report on progress (ND4)   |   |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations. (ND1)                   |   |
| Q2 | Provide status report on progress (ND2)   |   |
| Q2 | Provide status report on progress (ND3)   |   |
| Q2 | Provide status report on progress (ND4)   |   |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations. (ND1)                   |   |
| Q3 | Provide status report on progress (ND2)   |   |
| Q3 | Provide status report on progress (ND3)   |   |
| Q3 | Complete fabrication of new "thick" U233 target (ND3)   |   |
| Q3 | Provide status report on progress (ND4)   |   |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on LANL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations. (ND1)                   |   |
| Q4 | Deliver nuclear data evaluations as indicated in Appendix B of the Five Year plan. (ND1)                                  |   |
| Q4 | Provide status report on progress (ND2)   |   |
| Q4 | Start taking Pu240 PFNS data (ND2)  |   |
| Q4 | Provide status report on progress (ND3)   |   |
| Q4 | Acquire initial U233 thick-target data (ND3)  |   |
| Q4 | Provide status report on progress (ND4)   |   |

| ( | 24 | Finalize the analysis, submit the results for |  |  |
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|   |    | publication, and make the data available to   |  |  |
|   |    | IRSN and EXFOR. (ND4)                         |  |  |
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#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ND1 Nuclear Data Evaluation and Testing
  - o Light nuclei:
    - n+9Be We continue to try to understand the benchmarking of the new evaluation completed last fiscal year by comparing with thick-target outgoing neutron spectra measured at the RPI Linac. We have written a simple Mathematica program to identify the structure in the measured spectra with resonances in the evaluated cross sections, in order to better assess the features of an MCNP calculation that models the measured thick-target angular yields.
    - n+6LI work continues on a new R-matrix analysis of reactions in the 7Li system that includes much new experimental information, and gives evaluated n+6Li cross sections to higher energies than before.
    - Work currently done under other funding that relates to NCSP interests:
      - n+12,13C new measurements of n+C elastic and inelastic scattering are being incorporated in our R-matrix analyses of reactions in the 13C and 14C systems.
      - n+160 new measurements of 13C(alpha,n) cross sections are being added to the data base of our analysis of the reactions in the 17O system, which now includes excited-state channels of 16O and 13C in the basis set since it goes to higher energies.
  - Progress on nubar and PFNS and consistent nubar/PFNS evaluations:
    - Over the past quarter, we have been investigating the PFNS for U-235 with CGMF to see how much change we can get in the PFNS from the input parametrization (Y(A), TKE, spin, energy sharing) for the consistent <nu>/PFNS evaluation. Out of these models, only the excitation energy sharing changes the shape of the PFNS significantly but regardless of the value, the "inflection point" (when the PFNS is plotted as a ratio to Maxwellian) is still at the wrong outgoing neutron energy. We have also looked at adjusting the mass-dependencies of the excitation energy sharing, TKE(A), and sigma\_TKE(A), which do not have a noticeable effect on changing the shape.
    - We have started running CGMF calculations for Pu-239 nubar. Even though we are already very close to ENDF with CGMF for Pu-239, this can provide a test case for a CGMF nubar evaluation and starting to look at consistent parameters across the isotopic chains (which was one of our backup goals, if the PFNS isn't solved).
    - Made progress on 239Pu nu-bar evaluation: Some of it is documented in LA-UR-20-29720. Did an uncertainty estimate of the same experimental data as used by Phil Young and first evaluation using these data. Still missing: including new experimental data, covariance between experiments, and including CGMF model.
    - Made progress on 239Pu PFNS evaluation: Some of it is documented in LA-UR-20-29720. Did an uncertainty estimate of newest Chi-Nu and CEA experimental data and included in an evaluation with the Los Alamos model. Also did testing of evaluated data. Still missing: including CGMF model.
  - o Ta181 evaluation
    - The new evaluation of Ta181, a material utilized in the PF-4 casting, has been undertaken to improve on the current ENDF/B-VIII.0 evaluation. The latter was obtained with default calculations using TALYS code about a decade ago, without thorough comparison

- with experimental data. This evaluation does not reproduce total cross sections and has unphysical double-differential neutron spectra. Most likely coupled-channel calculations with spherical optical model parameters were used (documentation is very scarce), while the classical exciton model was employed for the pre-equilibrium emission.
- The new evaluation in the fast neutron range relies on the curated set of abundant experimental data. Special attention has been dedicated to elastic angular distributions below 2 MeV because of their potential importance to the criticality safety at PF-4. EMPIRE code has been used for the theoretical modeling. These calculations are a significant upgrade compared to the TALYS calculations (i) dispersive coupled-channel potential has been used instead of the spherical one, (ii) preequilibrium emission has been treated within quantum-mechanical Multistep Direct (MSD) and Multistep Compound (MSC) mechanisms instead of the classical exciton model. Engelbrecht-Weidenmueler transformation will be used to account for the interference between direct and compound nucleus mechanisms.
- In the 1st quarter dispersive CC potential for Ta181, available from the RIPL library (#610), has been adjusted to improve prediction of the total cross sections and elastic angular distributions below 20 MeV, with particular attention to the region below 2 MeV. Combination of manual adjustments with the Kalman filter have been used. Gilbert-Cameron and EMPIRE-specific level densities were considered. The former ones have been selected, for the time being, but this choice might still be revised in the course of the evaluation. Adjusting number of discrete levels to the level densities resulted in the elimination of the bump in the capture cross sections around 1 MeV that is not present in the experimental data. Similar bump exists in the ENDF/B-VIII.0 evaluation pointing to mismatch between discrete levels and level densities. MSD + MSC calculations produced double-differential neutron spectra which are in very good agreement with the experiments between 5 and 20 MeV. Only one parameter in the MSD calculations was adjusted to obtain this result.
- In the current FY level densities will be adjusted using Kalman filter to fine-tune individual reaction cross sections. CoH3 code will be used to predict direct-semidirect component to the radiative capture and CoH3 scissors mode for the M1 gamma transitions will be tested. Covariances will be produced and validation will be performed with a few available integral experiments (notably TEX-3).
- It should be noted, that ORNL is evaluating resonance region within the NCSP. We are in contact with the ORNL evaluation team and the two complimentary pieces will be eventually combined in a single evaluation.

#### Data Testing

- A number of documents were published relating to data testing results and improved infrastructure providing additional capabilities and efficiency for data testing:
  - "Which nuclear data can be validated with LLNL pulsed-sphere experiments?", Denise Neudecker, Oscar Cabellos, Alexander R. Clark, Wim Haeck, Robert Capote, Andrej Trkov, Morgan C. White, and Michael E. Rising, Annals of Nuclear Energy, 2021.
  - J.L. Alwin, F.B. Brown, W. Haeck, M.E. Rising, K.D. Spencer, "Procedure for Creating, Reviewing, & Submitting Input Files into Benchmark Library", LA-UR-20-29183
  - W. Haeck, K.Y. Spencer, J.L. Alwin, "Benched: Upgrading and Updating the Los Alamos Benchmark Suite for the 21st Century", ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29471, LA-UR-20-24777.
- Machine Learning for Nuclear Data
  - A paper was submitted describing machine learning and problematic nuclear data:
    - P.A. Grechanuk, M.E. Rising, T.S. Palmer, "Application of Machine Learning to Identify Problematic Nuclear Data", to be submitted to *Nucl. Sci. Eng.* (2021).

#### Nuclear Data Week

- During CSEWG, Mark Chadwick and Patrick Talou co-chaired the Evaluation session, Toshihiko Kawano chaired the Fission Product Yield Evaluation session, and Denise Neudecker chaired the Covariance session (all from Los Alamos)
- Over a dozen presentations were made during CSEWG by Los Alamos scientists associated with the NCSP.
- Two presentations were made during the NDAG:
  - One was an overview of Los Alamos nuclear data accomplishments in FY20 and plans for FY21.
  - The other was a technical presentation by Amy Lovell, titled "Towards a Consistent Evaluation of Fission Observables: Status, Challenges, and Plans for Consistent Modeling and Evaluation of Fission Data: Nubar, PFNS, and FPY."
- ND2 Prompt Fission and Neutron Spectra (PFNS) Measurement of Plutonium-240
  - o Progress in certifying a new rad glove box (or rad lab) at LLNL, needed to proceed with the 240Pu foil deposition.
- ND3 Unresolved and Fast Measurements of U233 (n, gamma)
  - Background
    - For U-233, fission is around one order of magnitude more likely than capture, hence, the accuracy in the capture cross section measurement relies on discrimination between the gammas produced in capture and fission reactions, requiring an experimental setup combining capture and fission detectors. Therefore the new measurement at LANL will combine the Detector for Advanced Neutron Capture Experiments (DANCE), to measure gammas, with the NEUtron detector array at dANCE (NEUANCE) to detect neutrons coming from fission and determine by coincidence the gammas produced by fission reactions, in order to distinguish them from the ones produced by capture reactions. A thick U-233 sample was proposed in order to obtain enough statistics to have a good resolution in the Unresolved Resonance Region (URR).
  - Target samples
    - We obtained 30 mg of U-233 material from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, supplied as a solid oxide. Two samples were produced at LANL, one of 20 mg and another one of 10 mg.
  - Experiment
    - The experiment was planned for the end of the CY 2020 campaign at LANSCE. The 20 mg sample was placed on FP14 on 11th December. The 20 mg sample was measured during 10 days and the 10 mg sample was placed in the beam during 1 day. The rest of the beam time was used to measure radioactive sources for calibration, background measurements and tests to determine the U-233 windows required during the data taking, also some measurements were done with a U-235 sample to cross-check the performance and the systematics.
  - Data Analysis
    - The first step in the data analysis consists of calibrating the DANCE and the NEUANCE crystals. The intrinsic radioactivity of the BaF2 crystals has been used to calibrate the DANCE crystals by using the α-decay chain of the Ra-226 present inside the BaF2. The NEUANCE crystals have been calibrated using Na-22, Y-88 and Cs-137 gamma sources.
    - Once that all the crystals from both detectors have been calibrated, the next step of the analysis method consists in tagging the signals in coincidence between DANCE and NEUANCE to identify the gammas that come from the Fission Fragments, then the signals that fulfill this coincidence condition are tagged, to be later subtracted when calculating the capture yield. Good separation between neutrons and gammas was achieved with NEUANCE.

- Next Steps
  - DANCE has been used to measure the gammas from capture reactions, and the ones produced by fission reactions will be identified
    and subtracted using NEUANCE. We also plan to request additional LANSCE beam time in the next run cycle.
- ND4 95-Mo Neutron Capture and Transmission Measurements
  - The data files; ORELA 95Mo transmission, (n,gamma), and (n,alpha) data and the corresponding SAMMY files were located and verified. SAMMY was executed and the results compared to the data, and the agreement is very good. The next step is locating and verifying the files used to assign resonance spins and parities, and cross sections for the URR.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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| Q1      | J.L. Alwin, F.B. Brown, W. Haeck, M.E. Rising, K.D. Spencer, "Procedure for Creating, Reviewing, & Submitting Input Files into Benchmark Library", LA-UR-20-29183  | Yes - will send.        |                            |
| Q1      | W. Haeck, K.Y. Spencer, J.L. Alwin, "Benched: Upgrading and Updating the Los Alamos Benchmark Suite for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century", ANS Winter Meeting, LA-UR-20-29471, LA-UR-20-24777.   | Yes – will send.        |                            |
| Q1      | P.A. Grechanuk, M.E. Rising, T.S. Palmer, "Application of Machine Learning to Identify Problematic Nuclear Data", to be submitted to <i>Nucl. Sci. Eng.</i> (2021).  | No – will send in Q2.   |                            |
| Q1      | Amy Lovell, "Towards a Consistent Evaluation of Fission Observables: Status, Challenges, and Plans for Consistent Modeling and Evaluation of Fission Data: Nubar, PFNS, and FPY," presented at NDAG.   | Yes - will send.        |                            |
| Q1      | Denise Neudecker, "Additional information to CSEWG talk on Average Prompt-fission Neutron Multiplicity and PFNS Evaluations for 239Pu, "LA-UR-20-29720   | Yes - will send         |                            |
| Q2      |  |                         |                            |
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NCSP Element and Subtask: ND1a, 1b, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Reference: DP0909010 M&O Contractor Name: LLNL Date of Report: January, 2021 Point of Contact Name: David Heinrichs **Point of Contact Phone:** (925) 424-5679 **BUDGET** 1. Carryover into FY 2021 = \$ 268,257 1,200,000 2. Approved FY 2021 Budget = \$ 956,257 3. Actual spending for 1st Quarter FY 2021 = \$153,005\* 4. Actual spending for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021= \$ 1,000,000 5. Actual spending for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 6. Actual spending for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 800.000 7. Projected carryover into FY 2022 = \$ 76,501 (8%) 600,000 \*NCSU costs are estimated. LLNL costs are actuals. 400,000 -Approved Budget 200.000 -- Costs Planned Spending JAN AUG SEP **MONTHS MILESTONES** STATUS (copy color code and paste below in 'STATUS' field) On Schedule Behind Schedule Complete Missed Milestone **QUARTER ISSUES/PATH FORWARD TASK STATUS** Q1 Provide status on nuclear data activities to On hold pending restart of Criticality Slide Rule project for plutonium NCSP Manager (ND1a, 1b) systems Provide status on nuclear data activities to Q1 NCSP Manager (ND2) Q1 Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND3)

| Q1 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND5)         |  |
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| Q1 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND6)         |  |
| Q1 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND7)         |  |
| Q1 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP manager (ND8)         |  |
| Q1 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP manager (ND9)         |  |
| Q1 | Provide status on nuclear activities to NCSP manager (ND10)             |  |
| Q1 | Provide status report PPAC target fabrication progress (ND11)           |  |
| Q1 | Fabricate the Pu240 PPAC targets and fission detector components (ND11) |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND1a, 1b)    |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND2)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND3)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND5)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND6)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP Manager (ND7)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP manager (ND8)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP manager (ND9)         |  |
| Q2 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to NCSP manager (ND10)        |  |

| Q2 | Provide status report PPAC target fabrication |  |
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|    | progress (ND11)                               |  |
| Q2 | Assemble and test the Pu240 fission detector  |  |
|    | (ND11)  |  |
| Q3 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND1a, 1b)                       |  |
| Q3 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND2)                            |  |
| Q3 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND3)                            |  |
| Q3 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND5)                            |  |
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|    | NCSP manager (ND8)                            |  |
| Q3 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP manager (ND9)                            |  |
| Q3 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP manager (ND10)                           |  |
| Q3 | Provide status report PPAC target fabrication |  |
|    | progress (ND11)                               |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND1a, 1b)                       |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND2)                            |  |
| Q4 | Deliver thermal neutron scattering data       |  |
|    | evaluations as indicated in Appendix B of the |  |
|    | 5-Year Plan. (ND2)                            |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND3)                            |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to  |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND5)                            |  |

| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to   |  |
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|    | NCSP Manager (ND6)                             |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to   |  |
|    | NCSP Manager (ND7)                             |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to   |  |
|    | NCSP manager (ND8)                             |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to   |  |
|    | NCSP manager (ND9)                             |  |
| Q4 | Provide status on nuclear data activities to   |  |
|    | NCSP manager (ND10)                            |  |
| Q4 | Provide status report PPAC target fabrication  |  |
|    | progress (ND11)                                |  |
| Q4 | Provide an update on the development and       |  |
|    | testing of NeTS modules for selected materials |  |
|    | such as light water, graphite, etc. (ND10)     |  |

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

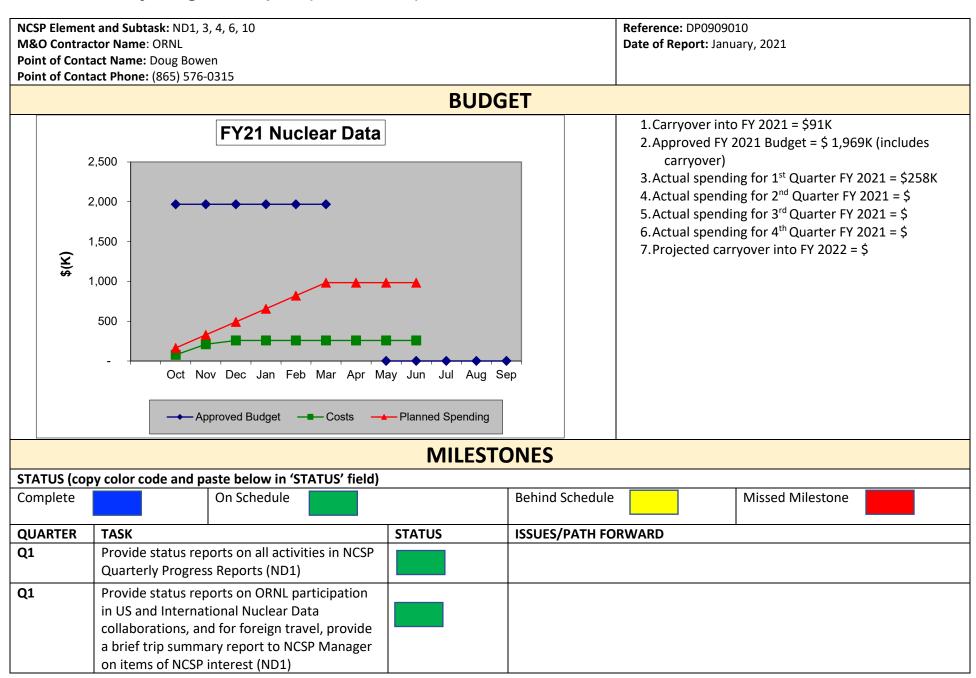
- ND2 Generation and Benchmarking of Thermal Neutron Scattering Cross Sections in Support of Advanced Nuclear Reactor Concepts
  - o NCSU completed the evaluation of several TSL libraries. This includes TSL File 7 libraries for hydrogen in liquid hydrogen fluoride (H in HF), hydrogen in heavy oil (H in oil), an updated library for H in polyethylene (H in CH2), Sapphire (Al in AL2O3 and O in Al2O3), and molten salt FLiBe. These libraries have been submitted to NNDC. An evaluation of H in H2O was also produced and supplied to NNL for testing. Work is underway to evaluate the TSL for uranium metal and uranium carbide.
- ND3 Development and Implementation of an Advanced and Rigorous Computational Platform for Thermal Neutron Scattering Analysis
  - NCSU continued the development of the FLASSH advanced platform for TSL evaluation. During this period, enhancements were introduced to the
    calculation of the coherent elastic component of scattering, an optional SCT capability was developed, and an ACE format module was incorporated into the
    code. In addition, various numerical enhancements were implemented to speed up the execution and parallelization of calculations.
- ND5 Development and Implementation of a Modern Doppler Broadening Approach Including Atomic Binding Effects
  - NCSU completed the development of the ability to use calculate the distinct component (Sd) of the scattering law, which allows its inclusion in TSL evaluations, where both Sd and Ss are calculated. This also resulted in producing the first File 7 evaluations that include the Sd data and it allows its utilization in Doppler broadening analysis, which was not previously available.
- ND6 Evaluate Neutron Radiative Capture Gamma Production in Cadmium
  - COG results for the ICSBEP SILENE CAAS Benchmark with cadmium-lined polyethylene shield provided on pages 7-10 of the LLNL Report to NDAG see
    publications. LLNL proposes accepting Belgya EXFOR data for Cd-113 into ENDF/B-VIII.1 together with JEFF-3.3 data for the other cadmium isotopes.
- ND7 'Alpha-N' Benchmark Measurements
  - o Required work control documents completed for alpha-n measurements in two LLNL non-nuclear facilities. Measurements to commence next quarter.
- ND8 Study: Fission TPC Measurement of the U-233/U-235 (n,f) Cross Section Ratio
  - Results of similar fission TPC measurements of the Pu-239/U-235 (n,f) cross section ratio were summarized on page 3 of the LLNL Report to NDAG see publications. LLNL is preparing a cost estimate for U-233/U-235 target fabrication, the (n,f) ratio measurement and analysis.

- ND9 Scoping Study: Li-6 Doped Liquid Scintillator Array for Fission Correlations
  - On hold pending CR constraints
- ND10 Development and Implementation of Machine Learning Methods for Thermal Scattering Law Evaluations
  - NCSU initiated work on the development of neural network analysis for TSL representation. The TSL of H in H2O was chosen as the material for testing such developments. TSL data sets were generated for use in network training.
- ND11 Fabricate the Pu240 PPAC targets and fission detector components
  - Status report on PPAC fabrication provided on pages 4-5 in the LLNL Report to NDAG see publications.

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| Quarter | Publication Reference  | Sent to NCSP?<br>Yes/no | If no, status of submittal |
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| Q1      | Bret Beck et al., "LLNL Report: Presented (on-line) to the Nuclear Data Advisory Group on December 3, 2020," LLNL-PRES-817232. | †                       |                            |
| Q1      | A. I. Hawari et al., "Thermal Neutron Scattering Law Benchmark and Validation at NCSU."  | Yes                     |                            |
| Q1      | A. I. Hawari et al., "Thermal Scattering Law Evaluations and Progress at NCSU."  | Yes                     |                            |
| Q2      |  |                         |                            |
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| Q1 | Complete cross-section measurement and evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan (ND1)   | Travel to JRC-Geel was canceled and planned Zr-90 experiments are delayed due to COVID-19. Due to increased COVID-19 cases in Belgium, Belgium did go into lockdown in October 2020. GELINA was intermittently operational. Thus, no experiments were performed. |
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| Q1 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)   |  |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest (ND3) |  |
| Q1 | Complete cross-section measurement and evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan (ND3)   |  |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND4)   |  |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND6)   |  |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND10)  |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND1)   |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest (ND1) |  |
| Q2 | Complete cross-section measurement and evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan (ND1)   |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)   |  |

| Q2 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation     |  |  |
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| •  | in US and International Nuclear Data             |  |  |
|    | collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide  |  |  |
|    | a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager      |  |  |
|    | on items of NCSP interest (ND3)                  |  |  |
| Q2 | Complete cross-section measurement and           |  |  |
|    | evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data     |  |  |
|    | schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan        |  |  |
|    | (ND3)  |  |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP |  |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Reports (ND4)                 |  |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP |  |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Reports (ND6)                 |  |  |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP |  |  |
|    | Quarterly Progress Reports (ND10)                |  |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data       |  |  |
|    | support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress    |  |  |
|    | Reports (ND1)                                    |  |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation     |  |  |
|    | in US and International Nuclear Data             |  |  |
|    | collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide  |  |  |
|    | a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager      |  |  |
|    | on items of NCSP interest (ND1)                  |  |  |
| Q3 | Complete cross-section measurement and           |  |  |
|    | evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data     |  |  |
|    | schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan        |  |  |
|    | (ND1)  |  |  |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP |  |  |
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| Q3 | Complete cross-section measurement and           |  |  |
|    | evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data     |  |  |

|    | schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan (ND3)   |  |  |
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| Q3 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND4)   |  |  |
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| Q3 | Provide status reports on all activities in NCSP<br>Quarterly Progress Reports (ND10)   |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND1)  |  |  |
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| Q4 | Complete cross-section measurement and evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan (ND1)   |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)  |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on ORNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest (ND3) |  |  |
| Q4 | Complete cross-section measurement and evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 Year Plan (ND3)   |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND4)  |  |  |

| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND6)  |  |
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| Q4 | Document SAMMY modernization progress and report status annually to the NCSP Manager (ND6)              |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND10) |  |

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ND1 Nuclear Data Measurement and Evaluation
  - o The work on n+233U evaluation in the RRR+URR is in progress. Analysis on the correlations of the external function and related sensitivity to the thermal region was performed together with the analysis of the experimental correction for measured data in the URR. Work on the extension of the evaluation up 2.5 keV was initiated and a preliminary fit was performed and a manuscript on the progress of the n+233U evaluation to be submitted in RES (Annals of Nuclear Energy) was performed. In the INDEN, CSEWG, NDAG meetings in November/December several presentations were given.
  - Continue to work and mentor data analysis for nat-Ce and Ce-142. Direct capture calculations have been performed and will be included in the Ce evaluation.
  - Discussion with BNL personnel about Cr data analysis and experiments. A publication for the Cr evaluation was finalized and submitted to Nucl. Data Sheets for publication.
  - o Mentor new staff member for the NCSP. Discussions about implementing new ND beamline at SNS.
  - Participated in CSWEG and NDAG meeting during the nuclear data week in November/December. Several presentations about the NCSP ND work were given.
  - o Cerium
    - Statistical checks were performed on existing resonance parameters. Integral values (Maxwellian average cross section & resonance integral) were included into the fitting procedure. Inclusion of a direct capture component to the 140Ce was considered. An update of 140,142Ce evaluation status was presented at the 2020 CSEWG meeting.
  - Polystyrene
    - Inelastic thermal neutron scattering measurements were performed at the SEQUOIA beamline at the ORNL Spallation Neutron Source. A talk was given at the 2020 CSEWG meeting detailing the measurements and preliminary analysis of the experimental data. No significant differences were found in polystyrene tacticity or molecular weight. Future beamtime has been tentatively allocated for further measurements at the VISION beamline to determine effect of crystallinity.
- Complete cross-section measurement and evaluation deliverables per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5-year plan.

- Travel to JRC-Geel was canceled and planned Zr-90 experiments are delayed due to COVID-19 (behind schedule). Due to increased COVID-19 cases in Belgium, Belgium did go into lockdown in October 2020. GELINA was intermittently operational. Thus, no experiments were performed.
- Natural Zr data obtained during previous experimental campaigns were prepared for data reduction. The data cover various sample thickness transmission and capture data with different background filters in progress. Started data reduction on natural Zr.
- Y12 ND1 GELINA depleted Uranium target cost estimate and construction
  - o MSC Inc. received several machined parts for the target assembly.
- ND3 Isotopic Sample Leases to Support ND1 ND Measurements
  - No new action
- ND4 Thermal Neutron Total Cross Section Measurements for Improvement of Criticality Calculations and Propagation of Scattering Kernel Uncertainties
  - o Joint task with RPI (RPI-ND2)
  - o RPI has not yet provided ORNL with data to analyze due to their beamline upgrades
  - o RPI task has not progressed to the point where ORNL ND4 funding can be used
- ND6 SAMMY Nuclear Data Evaluation Code Modernization
  - Started to make the fitting routines in SAMMY more modular. This will allow us to use the fitting routines independent from SAMMY. This
    included putting all data covariance information in C++ in-memory structures, including the pup'ed parameter covariance. A temporary file to
    store pup'ed parameter covariance parameters is no longer needed. In addition, the in-memory access to the implicit data covariance
    information was consolidated and temporary files with that information eliminated.
  - o Corrected the inversion of the pup'ed parameter covariance data in the case of non-zero off-diagonal elements.
  - Started work on breaking up SAMMY into an API so that it can be used with fit routines other than the internal fit routines. Very preliminary work was started to connect SAMMY to MINUIT and the Metropolis Hastings algorithm currently developed for ND-10.
  - Attended the CSEWG meeting and gave the AMPX/SAMMY status report.
- ND10 Monte Carlo Evaluation of Differential and Integral Data
  - The Metropolis Hastings Monte Carlo algorithm (implemented and used for the ND-10 Bayesian Monte Carlo task) is being adapted as one implementation of the fitting API designed for transparent/modular use with SAMMY or any other SCALE modules, in synergy with the NCSP ORNL ND-6 Task.
    - Interface to SAMMY will be used in the first application of the Bayesian Monte Carlo method to a realistic evaluation of U-233 to commence in Q2.
  - o Progress report on NCSP ORNL ND-10 Task titled "Bayesian Monte Carlo Evaluation Framework for Cross Sections Nuclear Data and Integral Benchmark Experiments" has been presented at the Recent Nuclear Criticality Safety Program Technical Accomplishments Session of the 2020

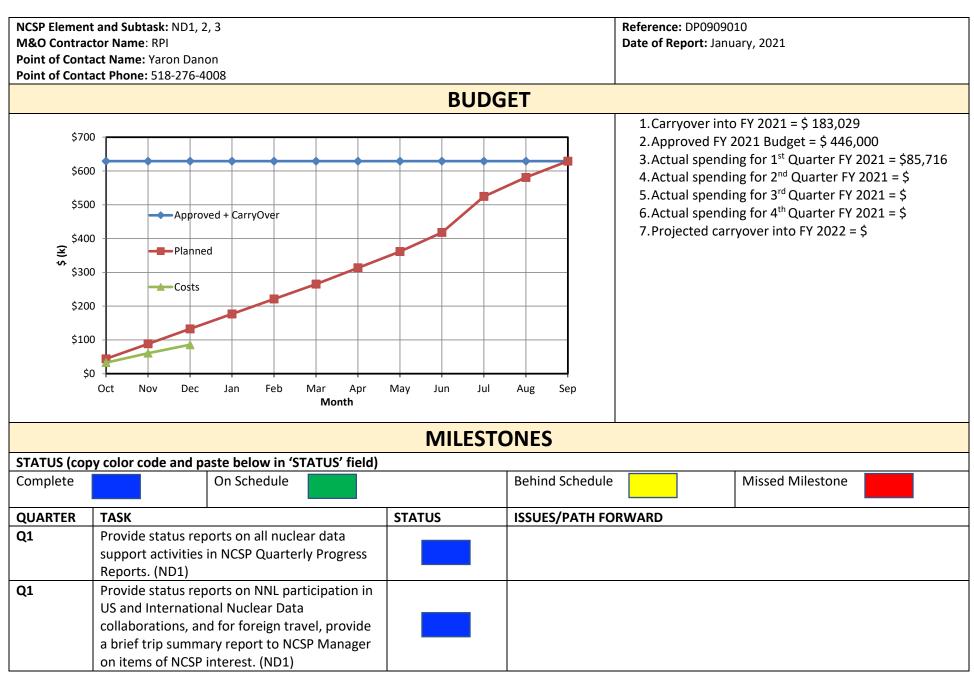
American Nuclear Society Virtual Winter Meeting, November 16-19, 2020, available online at <a href="https://www.ans.org/meetings/wm2020/session/view-210/">https://www.ans.org/meetings/wm2020/session/view-210/</a>. This presentation demonstrated that the conventional use of linear approximation and the assumption of normal probability density functions may lead to inaccurate uncertainties in evaluated nuclear data and integral benchmark experiments.

• Attended and presented at the annual Cross Section Evaluation Working Group Meeting of the Nuclear Data Week at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, November 30 – December 4, 2020.

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| Q1      | Received and sent separately  | yes                     |                            |
| Q2      |   |                         |                            |
| Q3      |   |                         |                            |
| Q4      |   |                         |                            |



| Q1 | Complete analysis of measurement from FY-20 (ND1)   | Completed analysis of preliminary Cr-nat capture experiment |
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| Q1 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND2)   |   |
| Q1 | Provide status reports on NNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND2) | No travel using NCSP funds                                  |
| Q1 | Complete neutron output testing (ND2)   | Demonstrated a working cold moderator                       |
| Q1 | Provide status report LINAC refurbishment activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)   |   |
| Q1 | Complete RF window qualification (ND3)  | Delayed (COVID + staff loss) to Q2                          |
| Q1 | Complete of SOL 1 Accelerator Section RF Conditioning. (ND3)  | Delayed (COVID + staff loss) to Q2                          |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND1)   |   |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on NNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND1) |   |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND2)   |   |
| Q2 | Provide status reports on NNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND2) |   |
| Q2 | Perform thermal cross section measurements for moderators (ND2)   |   |

| Q2 | Provide status report LINAC refurbishment activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)   |                                 |
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| Q2 | Complete TPV Accelerator Section RF Conditioning. (ND3)   | Likely to be delayed to Q3 or 4 |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND1)   |                                 |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on NNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND1) |                                 |
| Q3 | Complete nuclear data measurements (transmission/capture or scattering) per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 year plan. (ND1)   |                                 |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND2)   |                                 |
| Q3 | Provide status reports on NNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND2) |                                 |
| Q3 | Complete thermal cross section measurements (ND2)   |                                 |
| Q3 | Provide status report LINAC refurbishment activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)   |                                 |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND1)   |                                 |
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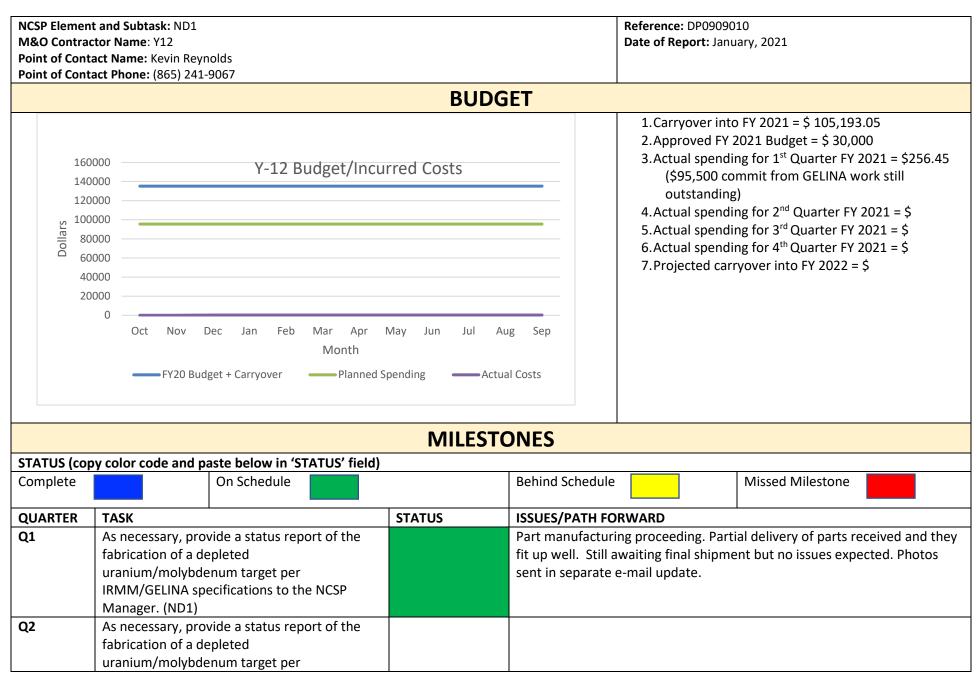
|    | a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND1)  |  |
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| Q4 | Complete measurements data analysis and provide the data to ORNL as needed to support the evaluation effort per the nuclear data schedule in Appendix B of the 5 year plan (ND1)                              |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all nuclear data support activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports. (ND2)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on NNL participation in US and International Nuclear Data collaborations, and for foreign travel, provide a brief trip summary report to NCSP Manager on items of NCSP interest. (ND2) |  |
| Q4 | Complete documentation (PhD thesis) and publication (ND2)   |  |
| Q4 | Provide status report LINAC refurbishment activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (ND3)   |  |
| Q4 | Complete Medium Voltage Electrical Distribution Upgrade (ND3)   |  |

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

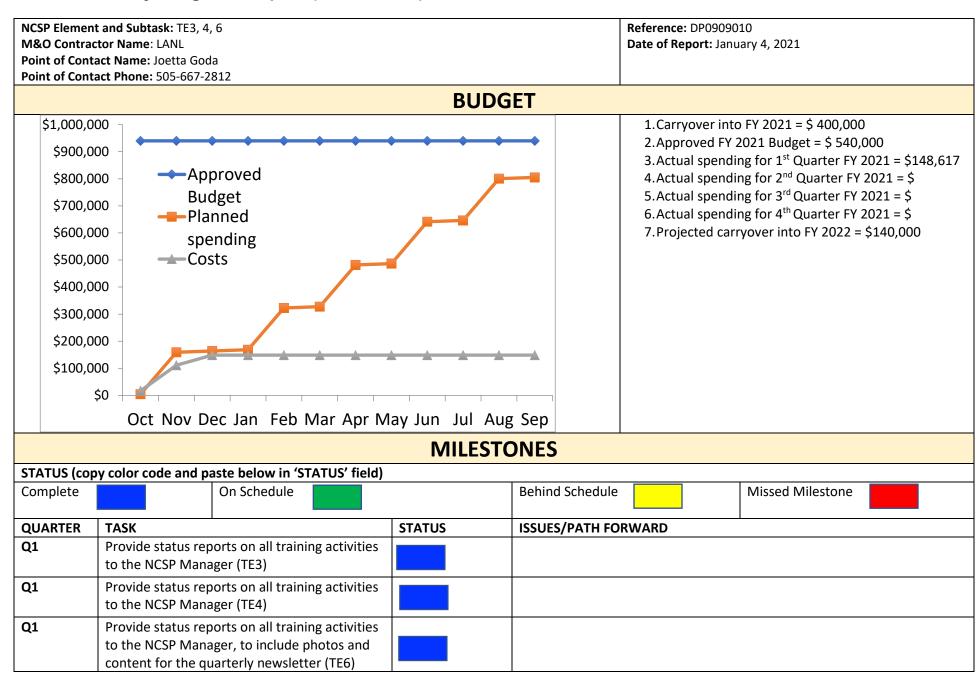
- ND1 Resonance Region Nuclear Data Measurement Capability at RPI
  - $\circ$  Three faulty  $C_6D_6$  detector (from array of 7) were fixed by the vendor, QA testing confirmed they now work correctly.
  - $\circ \quad \text{Developed new data processing and analysis codes, and improved DAQ software for Mid Energy Capture System.} \\$
  - Analysis of preliminary capture data from a natural Cr-53 sample is in progress.
- ND2 Thermal Neutron Scattering Measurement for Improvement of Criticality Calculations and Propagation of Scattering Kernel Uncertainties
  - o Successfully reached cold moderator temperature of 20 K during a cool-down test
  - o Successfully operated the cold moderator and achieved a neutron production gain (below 0.01 eV) of a factor of 3 at 50 K.
- ND3 LINAC 2020 Nuclear Data Capabilities Maintenance Plan
  - o Lost one technical staff (out of 3), received approval to hire a replacement (during institute hiring freeze).
  - o Setup for RF windows test nearing completion.

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|         | J., "Excluding Benchmark Statistical Outliers in Nuclear Criticality Safety Validation: A Comparison |               |                            |
|         | Study of Upper Subcritical Limits for Plutonium Systems using Whisper-1.1", LA-UR-18-27731, October  |               |                            |
|         | 1, 2019  |               |                            |
| Q1      | D. Fritz, Y. Danon, "A Cold Moderator For Sub-Thermal Neutron Flux Enhancement At The                | Yes (in Q1)   |                            |
|         | RPI-LINAC", Transactions of the American Nuclear Society, Vol. 123, 2020 ANS Virtual Winter          |               |                            |
|         | Meeting, November 16-19, 2020.   |               |                            |
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|                 | IRMM/GELINA specifications to the NCSP               |                      |                       |               |                            |  |
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|                 | Manager. (ND1)                                       |                      |                       |               |                            |  |
| Q3              | As necessary, provide a status report of the         |                      |                       |               |                            |  |
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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS |  |                      |                       |               |                            |  |
| • N             | ID1 - Y-12 Fabrication of New Uranium Target for IRI | MM/GELINA for Cross  | s-section Measurement | S             |                            |  |
|                 | PUBLICATIONS   |                      |                       |               |                            |  |
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|    | content for the quarterly newsletter (TE6)        |  |
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|    | to the NCSP Manager (TE3)                         |  |
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|    | to the NCSP Manager (TE4)                         |  |
| Q4 | In collaboration with ORNL, provide               |  |
|    | introductory 1-day S/U workshop training to       |  |
|    | one or more DOE sites in FY21. (TE4)              |  |
| Q4 | Provide status reports on all training activities |  |
|    | to the NCSP Manager, to include photos and        |  |
|    | content for the quarterly newsletter (TE6)        |  |

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TE3 Conduct Hands-On Criticality Safety Training Course at NCERC
  - o NCSP Class for Y-12 Employees taught week of October 26 at NCERC.
- TE4 On-Site Introductory Training for the NCS Practitioner on Modern Approaches to Validation using Sensitivity and Uncertainty Analysis Tools
  - $\circ \quad \text{Began early in second quarter-will provide update in next quarterly report.} \\$
- TE6 Development of University Pipeline for Criticality Safety Professionals
  - o Beginning in 2nd quarter.

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|  | act Name: David Heinrichs                       |         |                  | Date of Report. Januar  | 19, 2021         |  |
|  | act Phone: (925) 424-5679                       |         |                  |   |                  |  |
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| Q1   | Provide status report on the activities to the  |         |                  |   |                  |  |
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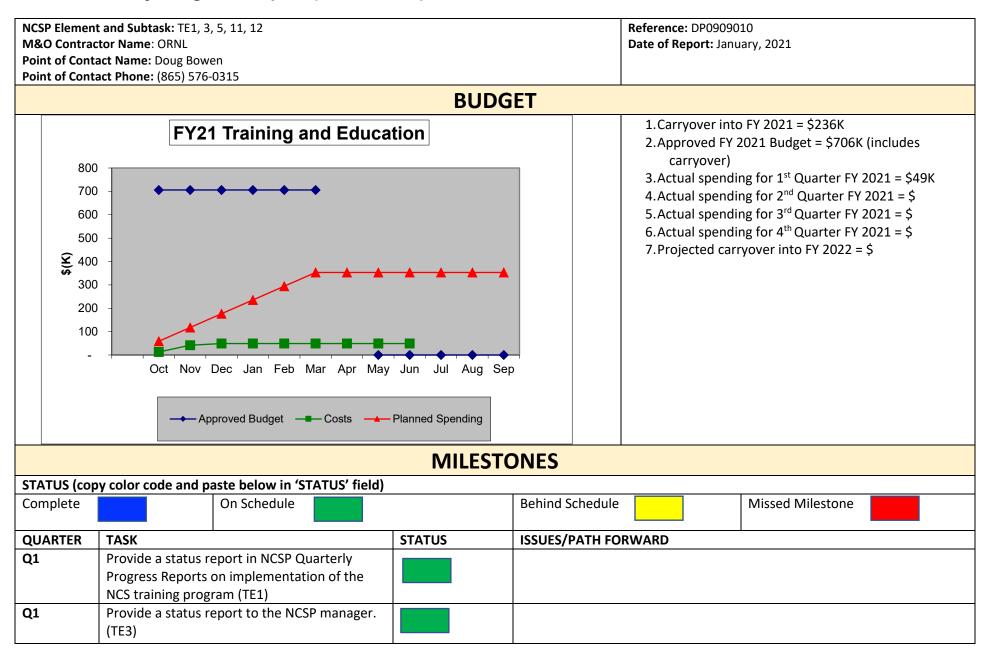
- TE1 Conduct Hands-on Training at the DAF (TACS)
  - o Provided one hands on training course with TACS to Y-12 NCS Engineers the week of November 2-6, 2020
  - o Coordinated registration for all NCSP classes
  - o Completed mandatory in-service inspections and annual updates of work control and work authorization documents.

- TE3 Classroom Criticality Safety Training
  - o Participated in telcons to shift to a virtual 1st week of the criticality course
- TE6 Mobile (CAT III or IV material) Hands on Critical or Near Critical Demonstration Capability
  - No activity this period
- TE8 Development of University Pipeline for Criticality Safety Professionals
  - Assisted in virtually teaching the Fall 2020 UC Berkeley NUC ENG 156 Criticality Safety course as part of the NCS university pipeline, including teaching lectures and developing, mentoring, and grading NCS evaluation term projects.

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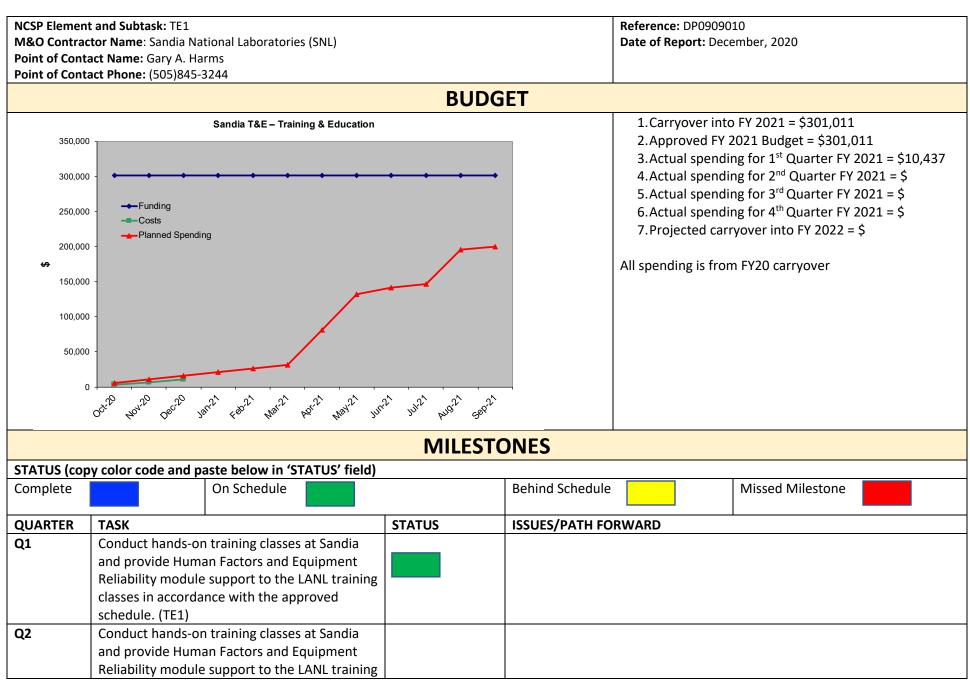
| Q1 | Provide a status report to the NCSP manager. (TE5)   |  |
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| Q1 | Provide a status report to the NCSP manager. (TE11)  |  |
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| Q2 | Provide a status report in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports on implementation of the NCS training program (TE1) |  |
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| Q4 | Provide a status report to the NCSP manager. (TE12) |  |

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TE1 Manage and Provide Instruction for the DOE Nuclear Criticality Safety Training & Education Program
  - Late in FY20Q4, telecons were initiated to begin plans for a Y-12 special course at Y-12 (2-day condensed) in FY20Q4 and 1-week hands-on course at NCERC in FY21Q1. The Y-12 special course was successfully completed with 16 students trained during the lecture week and 10 total students trained at NCERC. Six students still require the second week of the course.
  - o In Q1, an FY21 training and education planning session was completed with the core instructors of the lecture portion of the 2-week hands-on course. Knowing that virtual training would need to be performed, the team assembled a updated agenda to ensure the course could be performed with WebEx.
  - Performed two planning telecons for the Jan/Feb 2021 2-wk hands-on course. Sandia had to back out due to NM state COVID-19 restrictions.
     First week will be held virtually (WebEx) and second week will be held at NCERC for up to 10 students.
- TE3 Hand-calculation Primer Expansion, LA-14244-M
  - O Work began on developing an outline for a primer revision (ORNL document) working with Dr. Robert Busch. Dr. Busch and Doug Bowen met face-to-face in Q4 in Albuquerque, NM, to discuss LA-14244-M errata and resolutions. A web-based hand-calc exercises will be generated for this task that is envisioned to be added to the NCSET module hand-calc offerings for new NCS practitioners. Efforts in progress to hire a summer student to help with HTML hand-calc modules for the NCSP NCSET Modules.
- TE5 On-Site Introductory Training for the NCS Practitioner on Modern Approaches to Validation using Sensitivity and Uncertainty Analysis Tools
  - FY21 offerings in progress with ORNL & LANL. This course may be expanded to 2 offerings due to the lack of travel needed to complete the task. INL and BWXT (Lynchburg and Erwin-NFS) facilities are being considered as target audiences.
- TE11 Revision of the LA-12808 Nuclear Criticality Safety Guide
  - No work has been done for this task. Awaiting FY21 funding.
- TE12 Design of a Subcritical/Critical Assembly at ORNL for Use with the CSO/FMH Courses
  - A final feasibility report for a subcritical assembly has been published as an ORNL report (ORNL TM-2020/1598) was published in August. The results of the study indicate that sufficient quantities of fuel exist at Y-12 to construct a subcritical assembly. ORNL management have been supportive of the proposed assembly and are supporting the effort. Computations indicate an assembly can easily be constructed and operated at ORNL economically. NCSP funds in FY21 will be used to finalize the design for assembly fabrication and fuel shipments from Y-12. FY21 efforts are awaiting funding in February to complete a final design for the assembly.

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|    | classes in accordance with the approved schedule. (TE1)   |  |
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| Q3 | Conduct hands-on training classes at Sandia and provide Human Factors and Equipment Reliability module support to the LANL training classes in accordance with the approved schedule. (TE1) |  |
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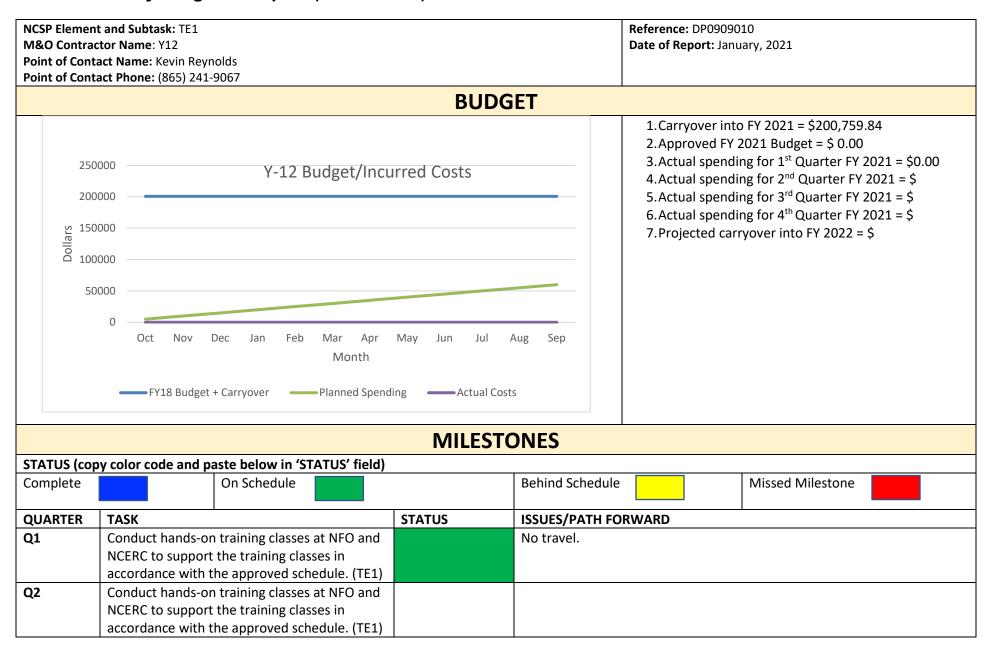
#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TE1 Prepare for and Conduct Hands-on Criticality Safety Training at SNL
  - o Preparations were made for the January-February class for NCS professionals
  - o The Sandia portion of the class was postponed by Sandia due to COVID-19 concerns
  - o The Sandia portion of the class will be rescheduled
  - o Preparations were made to present the Human Factors and Equipment Reliability module of the January-February class

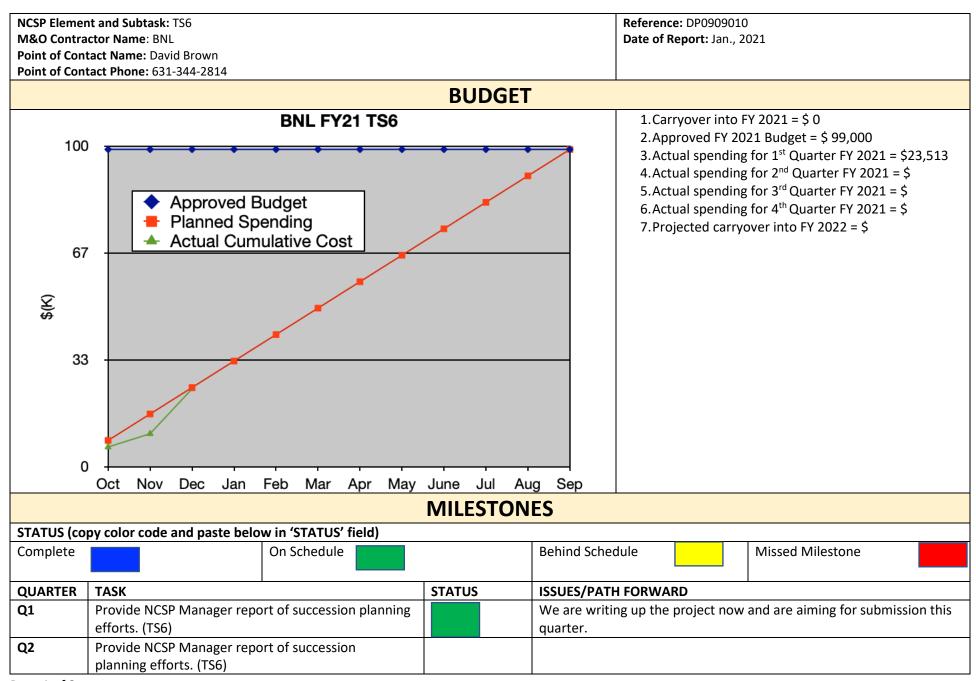
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| • TE       | 1 - Conduct Hands-On Criticality Safety Training Cou | ırse (Lecture support | week 1 of 2-week hand        | ds-on course and o | course material development) |   |
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| Q3 | Provide NCSP Manager report of succession |  |
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|    | planning efforts. (TS6)                   |  |
| Q4 | Provide NCSP Manager report of succession |  |
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#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TS6 ND Succession Planning
  - In FY20, this project developed into an effort to create a machine learning code that can classify resonances by spin group using only the statistical properties of neutron resonances. The code could be used to set up the Bayesian prior for SAMMY or REFIT, at much less cost (in manpower and time) than current practice. This project has advance rapidly to the point where we are drafting a paper for submission to a journal (either Physical Review Letters, Physical Review C or both). All told, 4 students have worked on this project and two of them presented work this quarter:
    - O D. Brown presented work from FY20 in 3 separate venues:
      - The 2020 American Physical Society Division of Nuclear Physics meeting
      - The 2020 US Nuclear Data Week (during the Nuclear Data Advisory Group meeting)
      - The 2020 IAEA Consultants Meeting on machine learning for nuclear data
    - o S. Scoville (SULI student) presented this work at the SULI virtual poster session
    - o P. Rodriguez (former SULI student) presented this work the 2020 APS meeting

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NCSP Element and Subtask: TS1 Reference: DP0909010 Task Title: CSSG Support Date of Report: January 2021 **Point of Contact Name:** David Hayes Point of Contact Phone: 505-667-4523 **BUDGET** 1. Carryover into FY 2021 = \$ 167,524 **CSSG Support Funds FY21** 2. Approved FY 2021 Budget = \$ 468,000 3. Actual spending for 1st Quarter FY 2021 = \$132,521 \$700 4. Actual spending for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 5. Actual spending for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ \$600 6. Actual spending for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021 = \$ 7. Projected carryover into FY 2022 = \$0 \$500 **\$K Values** \$400 \$300 Approved Budget \$200 Planned Spending -Costs \$100 \$0 2 3 4 FY21 Quarter **MILESTONES** STATUS (copy color code and paste below in 'STATUS' field) Complete On Schedule Behind Schedule Missed Milestone **QUARTER TASK STATUS ISSUES/PATH FORWARD** Provide NCSP Manager report of activities. (TS1) Q1 None Q2 Provide NCSP Manager report of activities. (TS1) Provide NCSP Manager report of activities. (TS1) Q3 Q4 Provide NCSP Manager report of activities. (TS1)

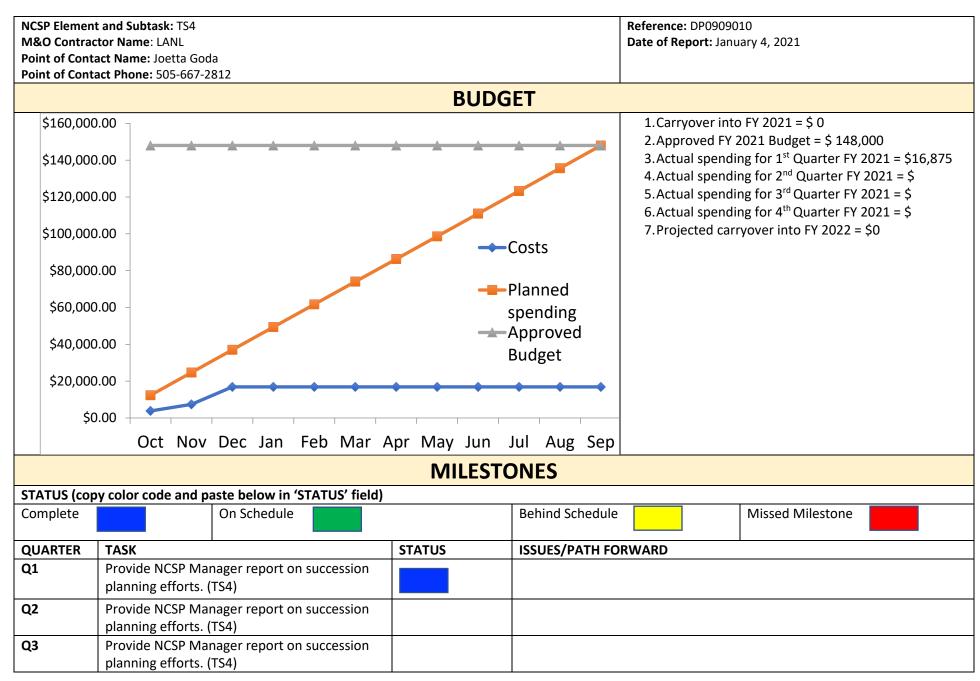
#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TS1 Activities
  - o CSSG Telecons
  - o ANS Winter Meeting Panel Session
  - o Completion of Tasking 2020-04, CSSG Review of SRPPF Design Documents
  - o Draft Tasking 2021-01, CSSG Review of Draft Revision to DOE-STD-1134
  - o Draft Tasking 2021-02, CSSG Review of FY22 NCSP Proposals

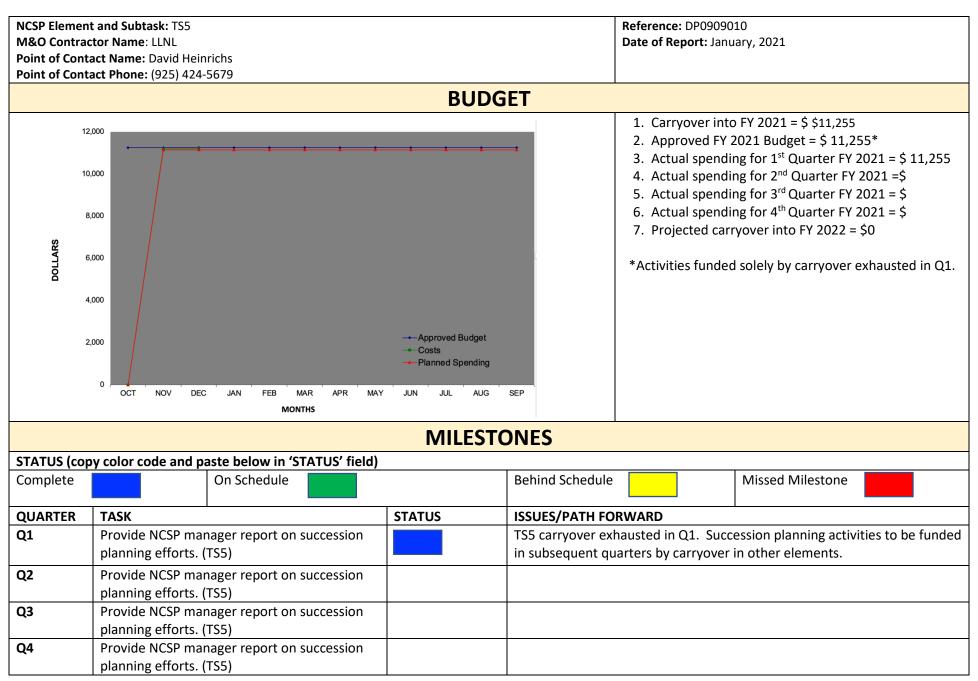
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| Q4        | Provide NCSP Manager report on succession planning efforts. (TS4)  |               |                              |
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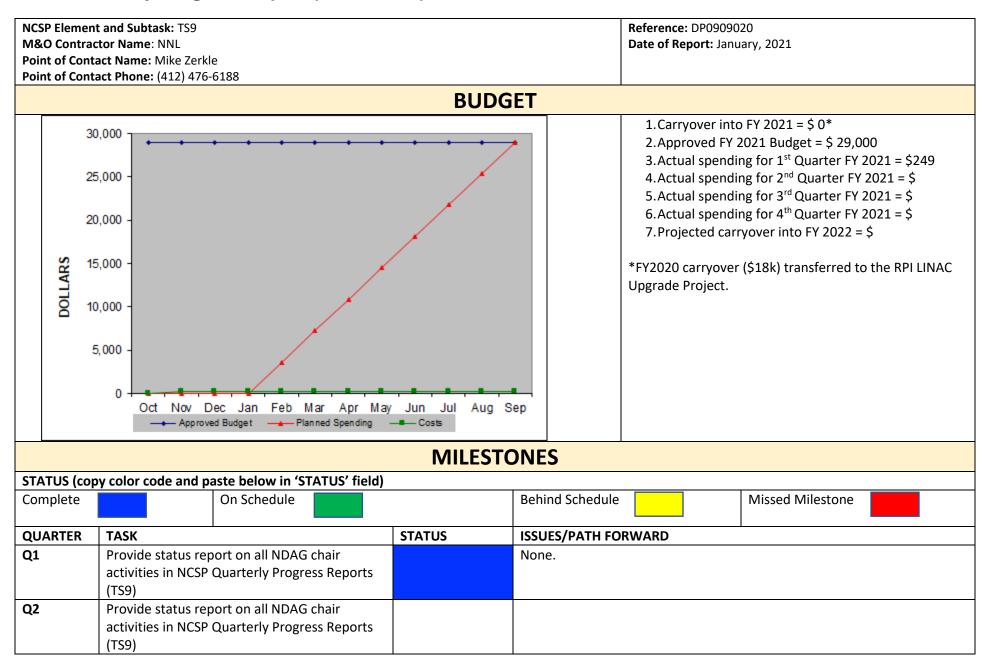
#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TS5 AM, IE, ND Succession Planning
  - o Araj, Coleman, Norris, Siefman & Yamanaka attended the (online) 2020 ANS Winter Meeting, Nov. 16-19, 2020.
  - o Siefman attended the (online) IAEA Consultancy Meeting on Machine Learning for Nuclear Data, Dec. 8-11, 2020.
  - o Norris and Siefman attended (online) CSEWG & NDAG meetings during Nuclear Data Week, Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 2020.
  - o Siefman attended (online) WPEC meetings, Nov. 9-16, 2020.

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| Q1      | Daniel Siefman, "Constrained Bayesian Optimization of Criticality Experiments at LLNL" Presented to IEAE Consultancy Meeting on Machine Learning for Nuclear Data, LLNL-PRES-817545, December 10, 2020 | Yes                     |                            |
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| Q3 | Provide status report on all NDAG chair activities in NCSP Quarterly Progress Reports (TS9) |  |
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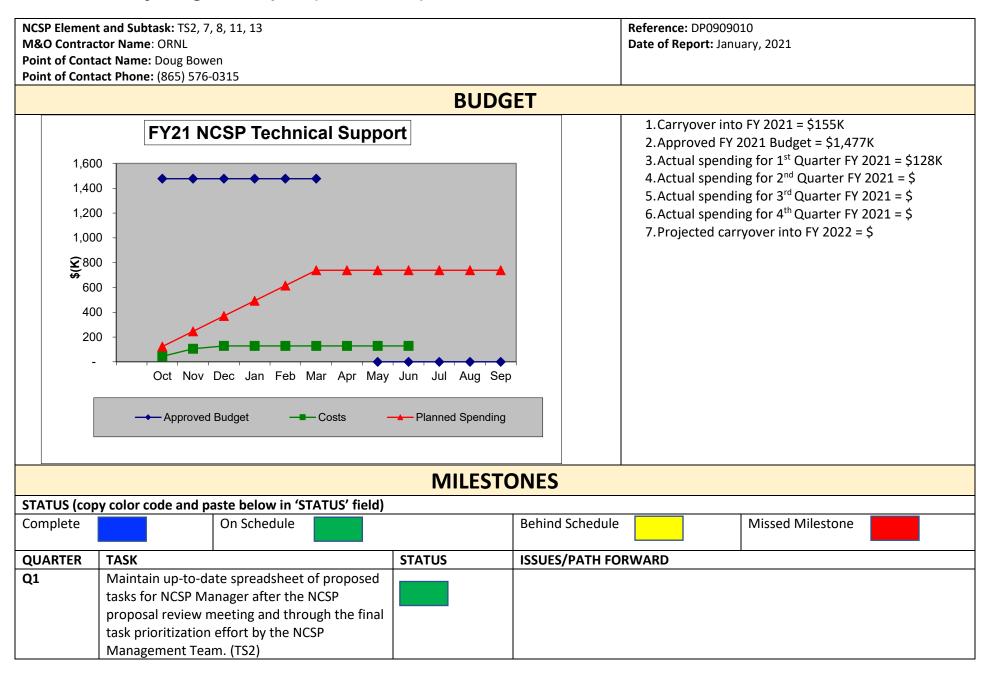
#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- TS9 Support for NDAG Chair activities
  - o Participated in Oct 2020 (virtual) NR/NCSP/RPI LINAC Program Review Meeting
  - Participated in 2020 (virtual) ICSBEP/IRPhEP/SINBAD Technical Review Group Meeting
    - Independent Reviewer for PMF001 Revision
  - o Participated in 2020 (virtual) CSEWG Meeting as Validation Committee Co-Chair, appointed Validation Committee Chair following meeting
    - Submitted Mixed Elastic Scattering format proposal to improve the treatment of thermal elastic scattering in ENDF-102
    - Submitted TSL evaluations for H(<sup>7</sup>LiH), <sup>7</sup>Li(<sup>7</sup>LiH), D(<sup>7</sup>LiD), <sup>7</sup>Li(<sup>7</sup>LiD), Be(Be<sub>2</sub>C), C(Be<sub>2</sub>C) to NNDC for inclusion in ENDF/B-VIII.1
    - CSEWG presentations on Mixed Elastic Scattering format proposal and NNL TSL evaluations
  - Completed Nov/Dec 2020 NDAG Meeting, virtual due to COVID-19
  - o Participated in several DOE Nuclear Data Working Group (NDWG) meetings
  - o Planning for WANDA-2021 Workshop
    - Planned or organized Expanded Benchmarking Session with co-chairs
    - Prepared Introduction presentation for Expanded Benchmarking Session with co-chairs
  - o CeDT support for several IERs

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|    | maintenance and oversee the CEDT process      |  |
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|    | Experiment Request Milestones. (TS2)          |  |
| Q1 | Provide NCSP Manager annual report of         |  |
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|    | and assist CEDT manager as necessary to       |  |
|    | support IE 5-year plan objectives. (TS11)     |  |
| Q1 | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA     |  |
|    | Technical Support Group and NDA Technical     |  |
|    | Infrastructure Project activities. (TS13)     |  |
| Q2 | Maintain up-to-date spreadsheet of proposed   |  |
|    | tasks for NCSP Manager after the NCSP         |  |
|    | proposal review meeting and through the final |  |
|    | task prioritization effort by the NCSP        |  |
|    | Management Team. (TS2)                        |  |
| Q2 | Manage 5-year plan development and            |  |
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| Q3 | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA        |  |  |
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| Q4 | Maintain up-to-date spreadsheet of proposed      |  |  |
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|    | task prioritization effort by the NCSP           |  |  |
|    | Management Team. (TS2)                           |  |  |
| Q4 | Manage 5-year plan development and               |  |  |
|    | maintenance and oversee the CEDT process         |  |  |
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|    | Experiment Request Milestones. (TS2)             |  |  |
| Q4 | Organize and lead the Budget Execution           |  |  |
|    | Meeting and assist NCSP Manager in               |  |  |
|    | finalization of approved tasks for next FY (TS2) |  |  |
| Q4 | Publish final Five-Year Plan. (TS2)              |  |  |
| Q4 | Provide NCSP Manager annual report of            |  |  |
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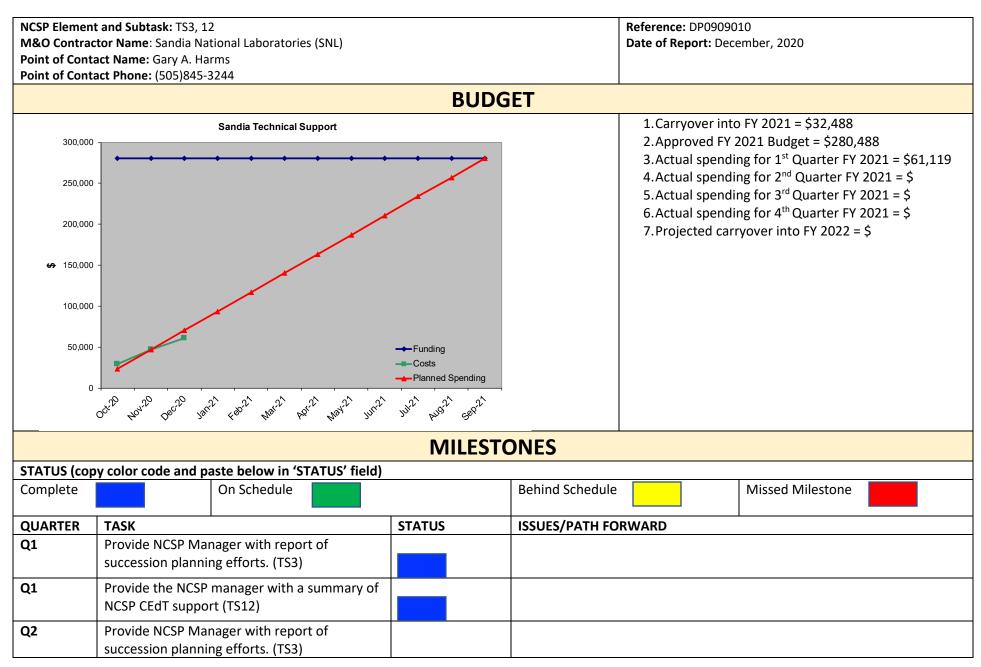
- TS2 Support for Lead Lab to Execute the NCSP
  - o Prepare and maintain elements of NCSP Plan and associated activities:
    - Monitor Five-Year Plan progress,
    - Review/revise task list, and
    - Schedule/participate in meetings and teleconferences.
    - Manage and provide oversight/coordinate efforts for the NCSP Information, Preservation, and Dissemination task element.
    - Manage and provide oversight/coordinate efforts for the NCSP Training and Education Program task element.
  - o Participated in NCSP management team and other NCSP-related meetings, as required by the NCSP Manager.
  - o Prepared Q4 QPRs into a single bookmarked PDF file for use in QPR. Conducted Q4 telecon.
  - o Henley completed work on the FY20 Winter Newsletter
  - o Participated in CSSG telecons and assisted with CSSG tasks as necessary. Bowen supported the CSSG tasking 2020-04 (SRS Pit Production Facility work).
  - o Led and participated telecons and WebEx meetings as necessary to track NCSP MGT team actions and deliverables.
  - o Working on NCSP website enhancements and fixes and updates for accomplishments, foreign travel reports, and planning calendars.
  - o Continued to train Marsha Henley on NCSP MGT teamwork.
  - o Henley/Scott is working on adding legacy and FY20 foreign travel reports to the NCSP website. Work is complete.
  - Proposal call was initiated and completed in Q1. Vetting packages were prepared for the CSSG and NDAG regarding the proposals and constraints provided by the NCSP manager for the ranking effort.
  - Began FY21 Technical Program Review (TPR) planning efforts and started working with LLNL on a registration site on the NCSP website. TPR
     will be virtual in FY21 and will be hosted by ORNL via Zoom with IT oversight.
- TS7 AM, ND Succession Planning
  - Chris Chapman and Jordan McDonnell continued to work on nuclear data evaluations with Marco Pigni on Ce and V nuclear data evaluations.
     Chris is continuing work on thermal neutron scattering measurements at the ORNL SNS. Jesse Brown has been utilizing these funds to assist with SAMMY and AMPX modernization and to assist with the Monte Carlo Framework evaluation being performed at ORNL for the NCSP.

- TS8 NCSP Program Management Tools Development
  - Miller/Bowen continue to work to ensuing all IER team members and leads have access to the IER system. Issues are vetted and fixed working with ORNL and DOE HQ staff no work completed here in Q1 due to lack of funds. A list of IER enhancements and fixes have been prioritized and funded and will be fixed in the various G2 update campaigns. This effort will be coordinated with the CEDT manual revision that is in progress.
- TS11 NCSP C<sub>E</sub>dT Manager Support
  - Miller lead and Bowen supported C<sub>E</sub>DT tasks as needed (IER approvals, milestone tracking, and meeting execution support)
  - Supported monthly IE calls in Q1 and associated BCR approvals and IER milestone tracking
  - The C<sub>E</sub>DT manager tracked IER products and Baseline Change Reviews and worked with the NCSP manager to approve tasks, as required.
  - o Miller/Bowen working to find a new milestone tracking and progress scheme.
- TS13 NDA Technical Support Group and NDA Technical Infrastructure Project
  - Efforts continue on the TSG efforts to generate the new ANSI/ANS-8.28 standard for NDA administrative requirements in NCS programs. A second ANS-8 ballot is in progress and nearly complete. Bowen had a telecon with Chambers, Berg, and Dolin regarding the "reboot" of the NDA program in Q1. The NCSP Mission and Vision is being finalized at ORNL that will describe the various aspects of the NDA program. Further telecons will help Berg in his planning efforts with his new program with assistance of the TSG chair, Dolin, and ORNL, Bowen. NDA Mission and Vision is expected to be completed in Q2.

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|    | NCSP CEdT support (TS12)                   |
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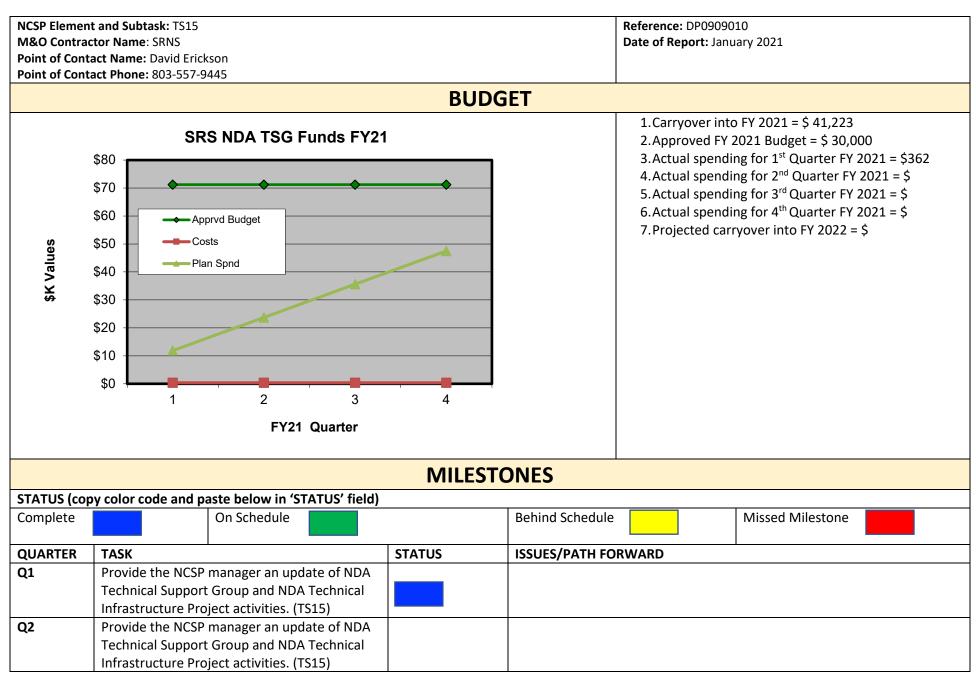
- TS3 Support for Experimentalist Succession Planning
  - o We have a matrixed employee who is performing as an experimenter.
  - The new experimenter is nearing completion of the IER-230 experiments and transitioning towards work on IER-441.
  - The new experimenter has been actively participating in the NCS community by attending conferences and publishing papers.
  - The student intern is in the final stages of the MS Thesis Degree, which is based on analysis techniques for evaluating critical experiments.
  - The student intern decided to continue education towards a PhD Degree and will also continue working with us as a year-round intern as a PhD student.
- TS12 NCSP C<sub>E</sub>dT Manager Support
  - O Performed duties as the C<sub>E</sub>dT Manager in support of the IE program element.
    - Interacted with the various C<sub>E</sub>dT Leads, NCSP Management Team, and other NCSP members.
    - Facilitated IE update meetings and issued meeting agenda and minutes.
    - Assisted the DOE NCS Program Management Team on a broad scope of items.
    - Tracked progress and BCRs on IER milestones/action items.
    - Worked in the IER database and assisted others in gaining access to the database.

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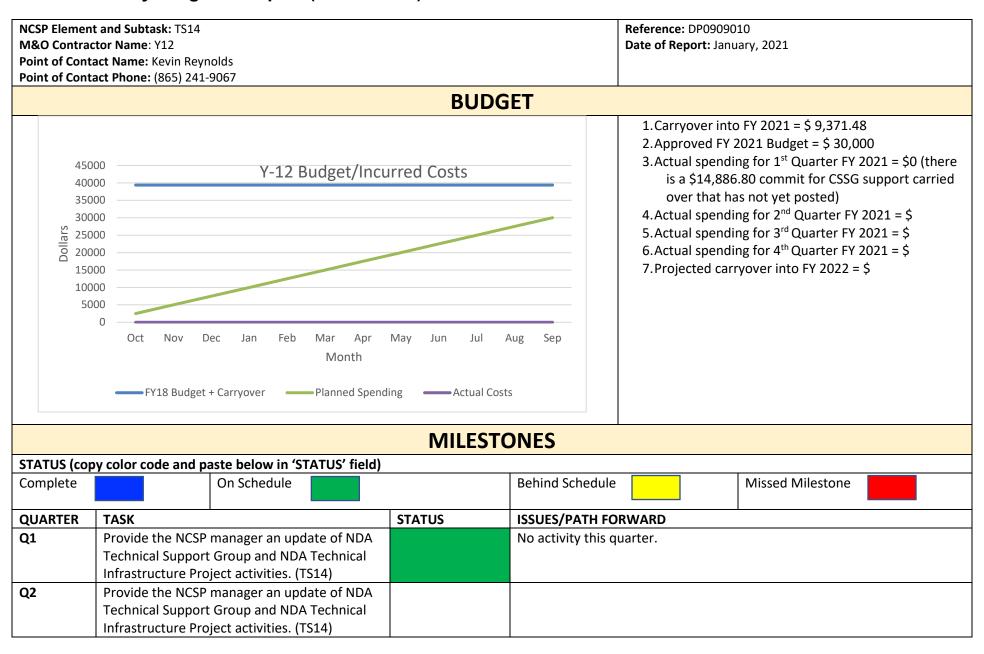
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| Q3         | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA                  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
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|            | Technical Support Group and NDA Technical                  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
|            | Infrastructure Project activities. (TS15)                  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
| Q4         | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA                  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
| ,          | Technical Support Group and NDA Technical                  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
|            | Infrastructure Project activities. (TS15)                  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
|            |  | ACCOMPLIS                 | HMENTS                       |               |                            |  |
| • TS       | S15 - NDA Technical Support Group and NDA Technic          | cal Infrastructure Pro    | ject                         |               |                            |  |
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| Any public | cations created during the quarter should be submit        | ted to Marsha Henle       | y, <u>henleym@ornl.gov</u> . |               |                            |  |
| Quarter    | Publication Reference                                      |                           |                              | Sent to NCSP? | If no, status of submittal |  |
|            | Example:   |                           |                              | Yes/no        | ,                          |  |
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|            | Study of Upper Subcritical Limits for Plutonium Systems    | using Whisper-1.1", LA    | A-UR-18-27731, October       |               |                            |  |
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| Q1         |  |                           |                              |               |                            |  |
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| Q3         | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA            |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
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|            | Technical Support Group and NDA Technical            |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
|            | Infrastructure Project activities. (TS14)            |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
| Q4         | Provide the NCSP manager an update of NDA            |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
|            | Technical Support Group and NDA Technical            |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
|            | Infrastructure Project activities. (TS14)            |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
|            | •  | <b>ACCOMPLIS</b>       | HMENTS                       |               |                            |  |
| • TS       | 514 - NDA Technical Support Group and NDA Technic    | cal Infrastructure Pro | ject                         |               |                            |  |
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| Q1         |  |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
| Q2         |  |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
| Q3         |  |                        |                              |               |                            |  |
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#### Summary of MCNP Classes in FY 2021 - Q1

F.B. Brown<sup>1</sup>, M.E. Rising<sup>1</sup>, J.L. Alwin<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Monte Carlo Codes (XCP-3), <sup>2</sup>Radiation Transport Applications (XCP-7), LANL

#### FY2021 – Q1 classes are highlighted in red.

#### **Total Students**

FY2021 - Q1: 89 students (UNM, Intro, Intermediate, VR, UM)
 FY2021 - Q2: -- students (Criticality, UNM, Intro classes)
 FY2021 - Q3: -- students (UNM class, online: Intro, Variance Reduction, S/U)
 FY2021 - Q4: -- students (UNM, online: Intro, Intermediate)
 FY2021 - TOTAL: -- students

Due to COVID-19 & travel restrictions, in-person classes & site visits were cancelled. All classes are currently being conducted online. Importantly, offering online classes has significantly increased class enrollment.

#### Classes sponsored by DOE-NNSA-NCSP

- Criticality Calculations with MCNP6 (LANL-AM1)
  - June 7-9, 2021 online

MCNP criticality class for NCS & reactor physics practitioners, with focus on best practices. Includes 1 day on NCS validation using MCNP6-Whisper. NCS participants at DOE sites do not pay registration fees.

- Sensitivity-Uncertainty Tools & Practices for NCS Validation (LANL-TE4)
  - o TBD, 2021 online

Joint LANL & ORNL effort, covering background material and specific usage of MCNP6-Whisper and SCALE-KENO-TSUNAMI-TSURFER. D. Bowen coordinates scheduling at DOE sites.

- Monte Carlo Techniques for Nuclear Systems (LANL-AM1)
  - o Aug 21 Dec 4, 2020 UNM+online 13 students
  - Aug 27 Dec 10, 2021 UNM+online

This is a 1-semester class for senior undergrads & graduate students at the University of New Mexico. Includes Monte Carlo theory & practical use of MCNP6. Partially supported by NCSP, ASC, and other programs.

- Advanced Monte Carlo Methods (LANL-AM1)
  - o TBD UNM+online

This is a 1-semester UNM graduate class covering details of transport theory, Monte Carlo, advanced computing, & codes. This course is also used to teach LANL staff members. Partially supported by NCSP, ASC, and other programs.

Other Classes - supported by student registration fees.

- Introduction to MCNP6
  - o Nov 30 Dec 4, 2020 online 35 students
  - o line, OECD-NEA
  - o May 24-28, 2021 online

Introductory class, includes 1/2 day on criticality calculations (without NCS validation & Whisper).

- Intermediate MCNP6
  - o Feb 1-5, 2021 online, OECD-NEA
  - o Apr 5-9, 2021 online
- Advanced MCNP6 Features & Utilities
  - o Feb 8-12, 2021 online, OECD-NEA
- Unstructured Mesh with Attila4MC
  - o Nov 2-6, 2020 online 18 students
- Variance Reduction
  - o Dec 14-16, 2020 online 23 students

### **2021 Q1 – SCALE Training Courses Report for the Nuclear Criticality Safety Program**

| Class Name          | SCALE Criticality Safety Calculations   |
|---------------------|---|
| Class Dates         | Oct 5 – 9, 2020   |
| <u>Location</u>     | Oak Ridge National Lab, Virtual   |
| Number of Attendees | 21  |
| Short Description   | This course provides instruction on the use of the KENO Monte Carlo codes for criticality safety calculations and is appropriate for beginning through advanced users. KENO V.a is a fast and easy-to-use code that allows users to build complex geometry models using basic geometrical bodies such as cuboids, spheres, cylinders, hemispheres, and hemicylinders. KENO-VI is a 3-D generalized geometry Monte Carlo code that allows for versatile modeling of complex geometries. Both versions of KENO provide convenient, efficient methods for modeling repeated and nested geometry configurations such as lattices. Both versions of KENO use ENDF/B-VII.0 or ENDF/B-VII.1 cross-section data distributed with SCALE to perform either continuous energy (CE) or multigroup (MG) calculations. KENO includes a 2D color plotting capability and produces easy-to-navigate HTML output. This class uses the Fulcrum user interface for interactive model setup, visualization, |
|                     | computation, and output review. The KENO3D tool is still used in SCALE 6.2 for 3-D visualization. Instruction is also provided on the SCALE material input and  |
|                     | resonance self-shielding capabilities and Fulcrum capabilities for visualizing fluxes,  |
|                     | reaction rates, and cross-section data.   |

| Class Name          | SCALE TRITON Lattice Physics and Depletion   |
|---------------------|--|
| Class Dates         | Oct 12 – 15, 2020  |
| Location            | Oak Ridge National Lab, Virtual  |
| Number of Attendees | 19   |
| Short Description   | SCALE supports a wide range of reactor physics analysis capabilities. SCALE reactor physics calculations couple neutron transport calculations with ORIGEN to simulate the time-dependent transmutation of various materials of interest. TRITON is SCALE's modular reactor physics sequence for a wide variety of system types. Attendees of this course will learn how to use TRITON for depletion analysis. The TRITON training material is centered around using the NEWT 2-D transport module for 2-D depletion analysis and briefly touches on 3-D depletion analysis. The course will instruct users on the use of KENO in place of NEWT for 3-D Monte Carlo-based depletion; however, KENO is not covered in depth within this course. Additional applications of TRITON are incorporated into the training, including the creation of ORIGEN libraries for rapid spent fuel characterization calculations, and defining appropriate unit cell calculations of various reactor types for cross section processing. |

| Class Name                 | SCALE ORIGEN Standalone Fuel Depletion, Activation, and Source Term Analysis          |
|----------------------------|---|
|                            | Course  |
| Class Dates                | Oct 19 – 22, 2020   |
| Location                   | Oak Ridge National Lab, Virtual   |
| <b>Number of Attendees</b> | 20  |
| <b>Short Description</b>   | This is a hands-on class that covers the use of ORIGEN for isotopic depletion, decay, |
|                            | decay heat, and radiation source-terms calculations. The course features the use of   |
|                            | the Fulcrum consolidated SCALE graphical interface and its' plotting capabilities for |

| displaying nuclear data and results. Participants will learn about ORIGEN's          |
|--|
| capabilities and nuclear data, how to generate ORIGEN libraries, and how to use      |
| ORIGEN for activation, spent fuel, and nuclear safeguards applications. This class   |
| introduces the ORIGAMI tool for convenient characterization of spent nuclear fuel    |
| with radially and axially varying burnup. Advanced applications including simulation |
| of chemical processing, continuous feed and removal are also covered.                |

| Class Name               | Nuclear Data Fundamentals and AMPX Libraries Generation                               |
|--------------------------|---|
| Class Dates              | Oct 26 - 28, 2020   |
| <u>Location</u>          | Oak Ridge National Lab, Virtual   |
| Number of Attendees      | 14  |
| <b>Short Description</b> | This course takes the participants through the fundamentals of the nuclear data       |
|                          | pipeline, from the creation of Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF) libraries, through  |
|                          | processing with the AMPX code suite, to end use in SCALE. In addition to their use    |
|                          | in SCALE, AMPX libraries are used in the CASL VERA high-fidelity multi-physics code   |
|                          | suite; provide depletion, activation, and decay data for ORIGEN, which is integrated  |
|                          | in a wide range of tools; and generate covariance data used in sensitivity            |
|                          | uncertainty (S/U) calculations. This course is relevant for all users interested in   |
|                          | understanding the sources, approximations and important differences in nuclear        |
|                          | data libraries as well as for the advanced practitioners wishing to learn to process  |
|                          | nuclear data libraries on their own. Those interested in generating custom libraries, |
|                          | whether from international sources such as the Joint European Fission Fusion          |
|                          | (JEFF), the Japanese Evaluated Nuclear Data Library (JENDL), among others, or         |
|                          | generating special purpose libraries with customized group structures and             |
|                          | weighting spectra will find this course particularly useful. The course is focused on |
|                          | the practical use of the AMPX nuclear data processing code distributed with SCALE     |
|                          | and includes demonstrations and in-class exercises, in addition to theoretical        |
|                          | lectures. Participants will learn how nuclear data, along with associated             |
|                          | uncertainty information, is generated before it enters the ENDF library. They will    |
|                          | then be guided through the building of processed libraries for neutron transport in   |
|                          | continuous-energy and multi-group formats. Nuclear data uncertainty information       |
|                          | and its propagation to quantities of interest through S/U methods will be discussed   |
|                          | and the associated AMPX processing capabilities will be demonstrated. Detailed        |
|                          | discussion of nuclear data validation will be presented. The course will conclude     |
|                          | with lectures on fission product yield and decay data and associated uncertainties,   |
|                          | along with demonstrations of their use in SCALE.                                      |

| Class Name                 | Sensitivity/Uncertainty Methods in Nuclear Criticality Safety Validation                        |
|----------------------------|---|
| Class Dates                | October 28 - 29, 2020   |
| <u>Location</u>            | Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, Maryland (Virtual)                                    |
| <b>Number of Attendees</b> | 14  |
| <b>Short Description</b>   | Topics covered included:  |
|                            | Sensitivity coefficient meaning, purpose, generation and use                                    |
|                            | Performing validation for Nuclear Criticality Safety (NCS) applications                         |
|                            | Nuclear covariance data and data-induced uncertainties  |
|                            | <ul> <li>Sensitivity/uncertainty (S/U)-based experiment selection for NCS validation</li> </ul> |
|                            | S/U-based techniques for addressing weaknesses in NCS validation                                |
|                            | Statistical analysis of validation results, including available ORNL tools                      |

| <u>Class Name</u> Source Terms and Radiation Shielding for Spent Fuel Transportation and Storage Applications SCALE 6.3beta Training Course |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Class Dates Nov 30 – Dec 4, 2020  |   |  |
| <u>Location</u>   | Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, Maryland (Virtual)  |  |
| <b>Number of Attendees</b>  | 20  |  |
| Short Description   | This course will focus on the use of ORIGEN/ORIGAMI for source terms calculation in spent nuclear fuel and the use of MAVRIC for shielding analysis of complex spent fuel storage and transportation configurations. The course will rely on the Fulcrum user interface for interactive model setup, visualization, computation, and output review. |  |

### **STATUS REPORT**

#### on the

### International Collaboration with the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE)

|                           | Reference  |                                  |   | AWE Contributions and       | POCs             |         |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---------|
| AWE Reference             | Task Description   | NCSP Reference                   | FY2018 AWE Contribution   | AWE Technical POC           | Collaborator POC | DOE Lab |
| Analytical Methods        |  |                                  |   |                             |                  |         |
| AWE-AM1                   | Slide rule update  | ORNL-AM6<br>LLNL-AM3<br>IRSN-AM5 | Perform calculations; attend meetings; review analysis and reports  | R. JONES                    | M. DULUC         | ORNL    |
| AWE effort currently      | on hold due to lack of resourc   | e.                               |   |                             |                  | •       |
| INTEGRAL EXPERIME         | NTS  |                                  |   |                             |                  |         |
| AWE-IE1                   | Inaugural international inter-comparison of nuclear accident dosimetry using Flattop | LLNL-IE1<br>IRSN-IE15            | Co-author final report (CED-4b)   | P. ANGUS                    | D. STONE         | LLNL    |
| Report completed and      | d issued by C. Wilson before h   | is departure in 2019.            | Next inter-comparison exercise anticip  | pated to be 2021.           |                  |         |
| AWE-IE2                   | Development of Passive<br>Neutron Spectrometer<br>(PNS)                              |                                  | Fully commission TLD version of<br>the PNS; Perform validation<br>irradiations at NPL; develop<br>unfolding tools for directionality      | P. ANGUS                    | D. STONE         | LLNL    |
| 3x PNS developed and      | d built. Irradiations at NPL, pla  | nned for March 2020              | (with potential involvement from US   | community), impacted by COV | ID-19 pandemic.  |         |
| AWE-IE3<br><b>IER 406</b> | Cf-252 CAAS benchmark  | LLNL-IE1<br>IRSN-IE28            | Perform/support PNS(TLD) measurements with a shadow cone  | P. ANGUS                    | D. HEINRICHS     | LLNL    |
| Dependent on comple       | etion of IE2.  |                                  |   |                             |                  |         |
| AWE-IE4<br>IER 175        | Godiva-IV CAAS<br>benchmark  | ORNL-IE4<br>IRSN-IE27            | Review of experiment design. Provide measurement capability as required   | T. BIRKETT                  | J. SCORBY        | ORNL    |
| AWE involvement cor       | mplete. Any further work depe  | endent on future ORN             | IL programme.   |                             |                  |         |
| AWE-IE5                   | Correction factor for dosimetry linked to orientation of the victim                  | LLNL-IE1<br>IRSN-IE29            | Participate in experiment design;<br>use PNS data to determine<br>directional components of neutron<br>fields (Godiva, Flattop, LLNL RCL) | P. ANGUS                    | D. HEINRICHS     | LLNL    |
| Dependent on comple       | etion of IE2 (unfolding tools fo   | r directionality). Link          | ed with IE11 (2021 International inter-   | comparison)                 |                  |         |
| AWE-IE6                   | ICSBEP shielding<br>benchmark for shipping<br>containers                             | LLNL-IE13<br>IRSN-IE36           | Participate in experiment design;<br>PNS(TLD) could be deployed as<br>primary measurement device<br>AWE to do some preliminary<br>design  | P. ANGUS                    | S. KIM           | LLNL    |

|                        | Reference  |   |   | AWE Contributions and I         | POCs                          |               |
|------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| AWE Reference          | Task Description   | NCSP Reference  | FY2018 AWE Contribution   | AWE Technical POC               | Collaborator POC              | DOE Lab       |
| Not started due to lor | ng lead time (2023) and depen  | dence on PNS availal  | pility (see IE2). Scope definition require  | ed.                             |                               |               |
| AWE-IE7<br>IER 153     | Measure fission neutron spectrum shape using threshold activation detectors  | LANL-IE3  | Provide input into foil selection;<br>use AWE unfolding codes to<br>provide independent analysis. TBC<br>AWE to provide foil suggestions<br>per MYERS   | P. ANGUS                        | T. CUTLER<br>B. MYERS         | LANL          |
| Awaiting LANL to adv   | ise on the extent of AWE invol   | vement.   |   |                                 |                               |               |
| AWE-IE8                | Diagnostic development<br>for measurement of<br>correlated leakage<br>radiations   | LLNL-IE1  | A feasibility study is being developed at AWE to ascertain suitable counting scenarios and methods. An experimental design will then be produced in the following years based upon the outcomes of this study | N. KELSALL                      | D. HEINRICHS                  | LLNL          |
|                        |  | -   | e fast neutron liquid scintillation trials  | conducted at the DAF in 2019.   | This will inform future meas  | urement       |
| aspirations but the sc | hedule for measurement cam  (Neutron multiplicity  | oaigns is on hold duri<br>I                                 | ng the COVID-19 pandemic.   |                                 | T                             |               |
| AWE-IE9                | experiments)  AWE/LLNL NCT 5 year  measurement campaign  | LLNL-PROPOSAL<br>18   | Participate in experiment design, measurements and reporting  | N. KELSALL                      | D. HEINRICHS                  | LLNL          |
| AWE has issued an int  |  | results from analysis                                       | of bulk material measurements. Modi   | fied version of this report has | been shared with the NCSP.    |               |
| AWE-IE10               | Enhanced methods of criticality accident dosimetry.  | LLNL-IE1<br>IRSN-30<br>IRSN-33<br>Naval Dosimetry<br>Center | Develop prototypes, participate in design, execution and reporting of dosimetry experiments   | P. ANGUS                        | F. TROMPIER                   | LLNL          |
| No progress to date. I | Potentially use IE11 as an oppo  | ortunity to compare 8                                       | & test any new instrumentation.   |                                 |                               |               |
| AWE-IE11               | International inter-<br>comparison of nuclear<br>accident dosimetry<br>AWE to assist in<br>preliminary design FY19<br>and FY20 | LLNL-IE18<br>SNL-IE4  | Produce experiment design;<br>participate in exercise; produce<br>final report. Repeat 2 - 3 years  | P. ANGUS                        | D. STONE                      | LLNL          |
| Next international int | er-comparison is scheduled fo  | r 2021.   |   |                                 |                               |               |
| AWE-IE12               | CIDAAS testing   | Proposal 20   | Deploy AWE CIDAAS for test irradiation. Repeat 2 - 3 years  | T. BIRKETT                      | J. SCORBY                     | LLNL          |
| •                      | ed CIDAAS in May 2018 and ponext available Testing Visit.  | rovided support to C  | ED-4. Technical report detailing the res  | ults has been issued. New des   | ign of visual alarm procured, | which will be |
| AWE-IE13               | Characterization of AFRRI<br>TRIGA reactor radiation<br>field  | LLNL-IE18<br>SNL-IE4  | Provide support to experiment design  | P. ANGUS                        | A. ROMANYUKHA                 | LLNL          |

| Reference   |  |                      | AWE Contributions and POCs   |                                |                                 |                 |  |
|---|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| AWE Reference   | Task Description   | NCSP Reference       | FY2018 AWE Contribution  | AWE Technical POC              | Collaborator POC                | DOE Lab         |  |
|   | AWE will provide onsite measurement  |                      |  |                                |                                 |                 |  |
| AWE was fully prepar  | ed for July 2019 trial, prior to t   | he regulatory shut-d | lown of TRIGA. If trial is re-scheduled fo                           | or 2021 AWE will be able to su | pport it, provided sufficient n | otice is given. |  |
| INFORMATION PRESI   | ERVATION AND DISSEMINATION   | ON                   |  |                                |                                 |                 |  |
| AWE-IPD1  | Conduct benchmark<br>evaluations of legacy IEU<br>integral experiments<br>Requires no NCSP funding | LLNL-IPD1            | Assess feasibility of sponsoring PhD; determine availability of data | R. JONES                       | D. HEINRICHS                    | LLNL            |  |
| Considered unlikely to  | o make any material progress.  |                      |  |                                |                                 |                 |  |
| TRAINING AND EDUC   | CATION   |                      |  |                                |                                 |                 |  |
| AWE-TE1  Hands-on criticality safety training  CORNL-TE1 LLNL-TE1 LLNL-TE3 SNL-TE1 IRSN-TE1  COURSE  ORNL-TE1 LANL-TE1 LLNL-TE3 SNL-TE1 IRSN-TE1  ORNL B. MYERS D. HEINRICHS G. HARMS S. EVO (IRSN) |  |                      |  |                                |                                 |                 |  |

# STATUS REPORT of international collaboration with the Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire (IRSN) for FY2021

|                                   | REFERENCE   |                                   | IRSN Cor   | IRSN Contribution / POC    |                                      |                      |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| IRSN<br>Reference                 | Task Title  | DOE<br>Reference                  | FY 2021 IRSN Contribution  | IRSN Technical POC         | DOE Technical POC                    | DOE LAB              |  |  |
|                                   |   |                                   | Analytical Methods   |                            |                                      |                      |  |  |
| IRSN-AM1                          | Validation and qualification methods  | ORNL-AM2<br>ORNL-IPD4             | Determination of the experimental correlations of Valduc experiments. To be discussed with ORNL.   | N. LECLAIRE                | B.J. MARSHAL                         | ORNL                 |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>No progress   |   |                                   |  |                            |                                      |                      |  |  |
| IRSN-AM5                          | Update of the slide rule  | ORNL-AM6<br>LLNL-AM3<br>AWE-AM1   | Contribution to doses computation benchmarks, comparison with COG and SCALE results  | M. DULUC                   | D. BOWEN<br>D. HEINRICHS<br>R. JONES | ORNL<br>LLNL<br>AWE  |  |  |
| Q1 status                         |   | •                                 |  |                            |                                      |                      |  |  |
|                                   |   |                                   | for plutonium systems was sent on 27 <sup>th</sup> November to a<br>ulations for April 2021. The next meeting is planned on                              |                            |                                      | s discussed          |  |  |
| IRSN-AM8                          | Analytical Methods Working Group  | NCSP-TS2                          | IRSN participation to NCSP analytical methods<br>Working Group, NDAG meeting, and TPR meeting  | S. PIGNET                  | F. BROWN<br>D. BOWEN<br>D. HEINRICHS | NCSP                 |  |  |
| Q1 status<br>IRSN will parti      | cipate in the NDAG meeting. Luiz LEAL wi  | ll make a present                 | cation on ND needs. Presentations are scheduled to be  | delivered in next TPR n    | neeting.                             |                      |  |  |
| IRSN-AM9                          | Cross sections processing validation  | ORNL-AM3                          | AMPX training - Development of an interface between GAIA and AMPX and test interface capabilities.   | R. ICHOU                   | D. WIARDA<br>D. BOWEN                | ORNL                 |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>Nicolas LECLA | IRE and Frederic FERNEX participated in A   | MPX training on                   | October 2020. Due to the COVID-19 situation other pl   | anned activities were de   | elayed.                              |                      |  |  |
| IRSN-AM13                         | Benchmark intercomparison study   | LLNL-AM5<br>ORNL-AM10<br>LANL-AM5 | Definition of common set of developed benchmark models Calculations for Pu and HEU systems. LEU, MIX, U233 and SPEC systems will be included in FY 2021. | N. LECLAIRE                | D. HEINRICHS<br>D. BOWEN<br>F. BROWN | LLNL<br>ORNL<br>LANL |  |  |
| •                                 | onsistencies on LEU systems, MIX and U2<br>de in 2021 for U233 systems. A status of |                                   | Conclusions transmitted to LANL (Jennifer ALWYN). Neesented at the next TPR meeting.   | ext action: Proposal of ac | dditional cases to be mo             | odelled with         |  |  |
| IRSN-AM14                         | Sensitivity/Uncertainty comparison study with a focus on Upper Subcritical Limits   | ORNL-AM9<br>LANL-AM4              | Definition of test cases Calculations and intercomparison Technical report   | A. BARDELAY                | F. BROWN<br>D. BOWEN                 | LANL<br>ORNL         |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>No progress   |   |                                   |  |                            |                                      |                      |  |  |

|                                      | REFERENCE  |                     | IRSN Con   | ontribution / POC       |                       |             |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| IRSN<br>Reference                    | Task Title   | DOE<br>Reference    | FY 2021 IRSN Contribution  | IRSN Technical POC      | DOE Technical POC     | DOE LAB     |  |  |
| IRSN-AM15                            | MCNP Maintenance and Support / Uncertainty Analysis Development / Modernization / etc. | LANL-AM1            | Interest for uncertainty analysis, source convergence development and modernization strategy               | W. MONANGE              | F. BROWN              | LANL        |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b> No progress.        |  |                     |  |                         |                       |             |  |  |
|                                      |  |                     | Integral Experiments   |                         |                       |             |  |  |
| IRSN-IE6<br>IER 306                  | Rh experiment  | SNL-IE1             | CED-2 report   | N. LECLAIRE             | G. HARMS              | SNL         |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>The CED-2 rep    | ort is in progress. It takes into account th   | e last results of a | a subcontract for the design optimization. The report sl   | hould be submitted to t | he NCSP review team n | ∩id-2021.   |  |  |
| IRSN-IE7<br>IER 305                  | Mo experiment  | SNL-IE1             | Leading the CED-3a report; Supplying the Mo rods for the experiment. Participation to the experiments      | N. LECLAIRE             | G. HARMS              | SNL         |  |  |
| manufacturing                        |  | emical and dimer    | h other documents to various companies through a pusions) and analysis of the results should be done begin |                         |                       | written     |  |  |
| IRSN-IE11<br>IER 297                 | TEX - Hf baseline experiments (HEU)  | LLNL-IE4            | Contribution to ICSBEP evaluation of the baselines experiments   | M. BROVCHENKO           | C. PERCHER            | LLNL        |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>Activity is on h | nold. The ICSBEP evaluation is under prep  | aration by LLNL.    |  |                         |                       |             |  |  |
| IRSN-IE11<br>IER 532                 | TEX-Hf experiments   | LLNL-IE4            | Participation to experiments and analysis of results   | M. BROVCHENKO           | C. PERCHER            | LLNL        |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>Activity is on h | nold. Experiments foreseen to be perform   | ed summer 2022      | 1.   |                         |                       |             |  |  |
| IRSN-IE27<br>IER 498                 | GODIVA CAAS benchmark  | ORNL-IE4            | Participation in the design ( CED2 FY2021) Provide IRSN materials for irradiation                          | F. TROMPIER             | D. BOWEN              | ORNL        |  |  |
| Q1 status<br>Discussion in p         | progress on design   |                     |  |                         |                       |             |  |  |
| IRSN-IE28<br>IER 406                 | Cf-252 CAAS benchmark  | LLNL-IE1            | Participation to the experiments. Provide IRSN materials for irradiation                                   | F. TROMPIER             | D. HEINRICHS          | LLNL        |  |  |
| Q1 status                            | ng for experiments to be planned   |                     |  |                         |                       |             |  |  |
| IRSN-IE30                            | Full dosimetry exercise around GODIVA  | LLNL-IE1            | Participation in the design. Provide IRSN materials for irradiation, analysis of results                   | F. TROMPIER             | D. HEINRICHS          | LLNL<br>AWE |  |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>No progress      |  |                     |  |                         |                       |             |  |  |

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| IRSN-IE34<br><b>IER 488</b>          | MUSIC (HEU) critical and Subcritical measurements.  | LANL-IE23                       | Participation to the experiments, analysis of results  | W. MONANGE              | J. HUTCHINSON                             | LANL                |  |
| •                                    | nt should be carried out the second week on allowed to travel.  | of February. Tea                | m discussions for preparation of the experiment. Deci  | sion made early January | due to the COVID-19 s                     | ituation:           |  |
| IRSN-IE36<br><b>IER 514</b>          | ICSBEP/SINBAD Shielding benchmarks for shipping containers  | LLNL-IE1<br>AWE-IE8             | Participation in the design and to the experiments   | M. BROVCHENKO           | D. HEINRICHS<br>R. JONES                  | LLNL<br>AWE         |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b> Activity is on      | hold waiting for LLNL input   |                                 |  |                         |   |                     |  |
| IRSN-IE41<br>IER 499                 | Thermal/Epithermal Experiments (TEX) with Chlorine and Lithium  | LLNL-IE23                       | Participation in experiments design and CED reports.   | M. BROVCHENKO           | D. HEINRICHS                              | LLNL                |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>Technical exch   | nanges between LLNL and IRSN.   |                                 |  |                         |   |                     |  |
| IRSN-IE42<br><b>IER 121</b>          | Neptunium Subcritical Observations (NeSO) experiment  | LANL-IE3                        | Independent review of the ICSBEP evaluation.   | W. MONANGE              | J. HUTCHINSON                             | LANL                |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>Activity is on h | nold; Evaluation is under preparation by LA   | ANL                             |  |                         |   |                     |  |
| IRSN-IE45<br><b>IER 517</b>          | Integral Experiments for Validation of Molybdenum Neutron Cross Sections on the whole energy spectrum | LANL-IE3                        | Participation in experiments design and CED reports.   | N. LECLAIRE             | D. HAYES<br>T. CUTLER                     | LANL                |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b> No progress.        |   |                                 |  |                         |   |                     |  |
| IRSN-IE46<br>IER 518                 | High Multiplication Subcritical (Multiplicity) Benchmark Experiments                                  | LLNL-IE1<br>SNL-IE1<br>LANL-IE3 | Participation in experiments. IRSN will provide detectors for comparison.  | W. MONANGE              | D. HEINRICHS<br>G. HARMS<br>J. HUTCHINSON | LLNL<br>SNL<br>LANL |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>No progress.     |   |                                 |  |                         |   |                     |  |
| IRSN-IE47                            | Copper Critical Experiment  | LANL-IE3                        | Participation in experiments design and CED reports. IRSN interest to understand results of various experiments (ZEUS experiments results and IRSN-IE48) | J-B. CLAVEL             | J. HUTCHINSON                             | LANL                |  |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>No progress      |   |                                 | '  |                         | 1   |                     |  |

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| IRSN-IE49                       | Iron/Steel/Chromium Critical Experiment Series | LANL-IE3                                    | Participation in experiments design and CED reports. High interest for IRSN.  | J-B. CLAVEL             | J. HUTCHINSON            | LANL               |
| <b>Q1 status</b><br>No progress |  |   |   |                         |                          |                    |
|                                 |  | Inf   | ormation Preservation and Dissemination   |                         |                          |                    |
| IRSN-IPD1                       | ICSBEP reviewing                               | LLNL-IPD1                                   | IRSN ICSBEP reviewing tasks are reported in the IE tasks  | S. PIGNET               | D. HEINRICHS             | LLNL               |
| Q1 status<br>MIRTE 2 expe       | riments evaluation approved. Few modific       | cations in progres                          | ss. To be published in 2021 handbook.   |                         |                          |                    |
|                                 |  | ,   | Nuclear Data  |                         |                          |                    |
| IRSN-ND1                        | Contribution to new evaluations                | ORNL-ND1<br>NNL-ND1<br>RPI                  | Contribution to new evaluations and validation in accordance with the milestone schedule in Appendix B  | L. LEAL                 | D. BOWEN<br>T. TRUMBULL  | ORNL<br>NNL<br>RPI |
| Q1 status                       | waluation of Mo and Phisotones are in n        | rogress: Evaluatio                          | on of F19, Fe54, Fe56, Pu239 in progress; Rh103 evalua  | ation completed and ava | ailahla for tasting:     |                    |
| IRSN-ND2                        | Nuclear data Evaluation and Testing            | LANL-ND1<br>LANL-ND2                        | Contribution to new evaluations and validation in accordance with the milestone schedule in Appendix B Contribution to Prompt Fission Neutron Spectra (PFNS) Measurement of Plutonium-240 | L. LEAL                 | B. BLUHM                 | LANL               |
| Q1 status<br>No progress        |  |   |   |                         |                          |                    |
| IRSN-ND3                        | Nuclear data Evaluation and Testing            | LLNL-ND8<br>ORNL-ND1                        | Resonance evaluation of <sup>233</sup> U  | L. LEAL                 | D. HEINRICHS<br>D. BOWEN | LLNL<br>ORNL       |
| Q1 status                       | I<br>av Resolved resonance evaluation nearly   | completion: focu                            | is on the unresolved resonance evaluation:  |                         |                          |                    |
| IRSN-ND4                        | Delayed fission gamma multiplicity and spectra | LLNL-ND1 (a and b)                          | Data testing as new experimental data becomes available from foil activation measurements and dosimetry testing using GODIVA, FLATTOP, and other assemblies                               | M. BROVCHENKO           | D. HEINRICHS             | LLNL               |
| Q1 status<br>Activity is on     | hold waiting for LLNL input                    |   |   |                         |                          |                    |
|                                 |  |   | Training and Education  |                         |                          |                    |
| IRSN-TE1                        | Hands-on criticality safety training           | ORNL-TE1<br>LANL-TE3<br>LLNL-TE1<br>SNL-TE1 | IRSN attendance to NCSP classes. Possible lectures by IRSN working with NCSP training and education coordinator.  | S. PIGNET               | D. BOWEN                 | NCSP               |

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| <b>Q1 status</b> Activity delaye | d due to COVID. IRSN would like to send | 2 participants to A | August 2021 session (if possible to travel) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Additional information:

- IER 513 Blind NAD Intercomparison with Godiva: exchanges (F. TROMPIER) with LLNL in November 2020 about the next dose blind intercomparison exercise plan at NCERC using the Godiva reactor. IRSN plans to participate to the exercise in 2021.
- IER 520 TEX-Pu240 on the Planet machine: exchanges between LLNL and IRSN on the possible designs
- IER 479 TEX low temperature: exchanges between LLNL and IRSN on the possible designs.
- IER 519 TEX with absorbers Fe and Mn: technical exchanges between LLNL and IRSN on the nuclear data validation needs.