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This afternoon shortly before 5PM a smoldering type fire started in the mezzanine area of the JN-1B Highbay at the West Jefferson North Site. The fire was caused by hot slag from a torch cutting of the overhead crane rail stop area dropping on some plastic sheeting and flexible ductwork which was in an adjoining area below the cutting area. The West Jefferson Fire Department, Prairie Township Fire Department, and London Fire Department responded in a timely fashion and worked efficiently with Closure Services, LLC staff, Battelle Security, and myself to bring the situation under control in approximately one hour from the various fire departments showing up on site.

There were no injuries or lack of accountability issues with staff on site at the time of this event. One Closure Services, LLC staff member was taken by ambulance for observation of smoke inhalation as a precaution only. Nobody was radiologically contaminated during this event and initial air monitoring results give us no indication of any appreciable release of radioactive material or intake by personnel caused by this event.

The work going on at the time of this event was preparing the JN-1B High Bay for demolition on the weekend. In particular, planned weakening of the structure was just being initiated at the time of this event. The JN-1B structure has been extensively internally decontaminated over the last several months and residual low levels of radiological contamination aggressively locked down in preparation for this weekend's demolition.

Closure Services, LLC will not be demolishing the JN-1B Highbay structure this weekend but will rather conduct an investigation of this event starting at 7 AM tomorrow morning. A member of the Battelle BCLDP Oversight staff will be on site for that investigation.

I have reviewed the event for any required NRC reporting and there is no requirement to report at this time. DOE has been informed up through their reporting chain by site DOE staff.

Thanks,
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