

## WISSARD Daily Science Report, January 15th, 2013



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### Science Update:

- **All WISSARD personnel on station**, (still :)
- Flights cancelled to SLW today for the third day; bad weather at SLW as well as MCM, schedule slides back again...we are hopeful for tomorrow. Drill crew and GPS team are ready and waiting, prepared for field activities.
- The traverse crew is on site, has groomed the site, and laid out the camp plan, and moved modules. They are grooming road from SLW camp site to the Herc landing zone as well.
- The sediment sub-sampling plan was worked out among science personnel.
- Reed presented an all-inclusive sample labeling scheme; this requires review and approval among all scientists.
- Labor allocation during borehole ops has been reviewed by all teams and adjustments made.
- MSLED will be packed and placed in cargo by the end of the day.

### Outreach update

- WISSARD was featured in a New York Times Article in the Tuesday Science Section <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/15/science/wissard-project-seeks-signs-of-life-under-antarctica.html?ref=science> , a press release was prepared in the wake of suspected increased interest. The press release and other information for the media are posted on the WISSARD website at [www.wissard.org](http://www.wissard.org) under the Press kit button on the top left banner on the webpage.
- WISSARD was also featured in a Nature Blog <http://blogs.nature.com/news/2013/01/antarctic-team-reaches-lake-whillans.html>?

### Weather

- Flights delayed on the 15<sup>th</sup> due to wind and poor visibility at McMurdo and the SLW site.

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