

WISSARD Daily Science Report, January 16-18th, 2013



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Science Personnel in the Field: Slawek Tulaczyk

Science Update:

- Three flights arrived at SLW on the 16th, including the ASC logistics personnel (Camp crew, carpenters, our important marine techs), the advance team for the drillers (Dar Gibson, Chad Carpenter, Graham Roberts) and Slawek Tulaczyk. This group is preparing the site for the rest of the team. Weather cancelled flights again on the 17th. We hope to get the whole drill team in on the 18th so they can ready the site for the science crew which hope to travel on Monday and Tuesday the 21st and 22nd (Times and dates are based on McMurdo Station time). Drill crew and scientists are MORE THAN READY, waiting, and prepared for field activities.
- Slawek called on the 18th at 0815. The crew set up 13 Arctic Oven tents yesterday, and moved more than a ton of cargo at the site. They plan to start setting up the RAC tent on the 18th, so it is ready for more drillers as soon as we can get them in. Surface conditions are “damp”, and snowing. Slawek also reported that the science containers are “okay”.
- The full cargo list and newest calendar were distributed to the WISSARD team on the 17th.
- Borehole timeline and tasking schedule for use in the field will be posted in the RAC tent and near the borehole for reference while on site. Sample labeling instructions are also being prepared for posting on site.

Outreach update

- Media and public attention to WISSARD website, Facebook page, blogs continues to rise rapidly.
- Betty Trummel, WISSARD embedded teacher, was invited to attend a Distinguished Visitor Reception hosted by NSF, to represent WISSARD, and our outreach efforts.
- A variety of media outlets have requested interviews with scientists, including Science, Popular Science and Fox News. B-roll footage from the WISSARD test site is being prepared for use by TV outlets per Peter West at NSF-Office of Polar Programs.

Weather

- Weather continues to be our Achilles heel; we are practicing wissardy weather incantations. Practice your chanting and spells please.