

NEEM - SITREP no. 16, Sunday 14. August 2011

This SITREP covers the period August 8 – August 14, 2011 (inclusive).

Movement of personnel:

August 11:

Anne-Marie Engel (DK-DV), Sigurdur Ragnarsson (IS-DV) and 8 U.S. DVs from SFJ to NEEM by 109th.

Lars Berg Larsen (DK), Mathilde Thorn Poulsen (DK), Martin Leonhardt (D), Tanja Fromm (D), Renato Winckler (F), Philip Schütt (D), Mads Peter Hemmingsen (DK), Bruno Stocker (CH), Vilhjálmur Kjartansson (IS), Adalsteinn Svavarsson (IS) and 8 U.S. DVs from NEEM to SFJ by 109th.

J.P.Steffensen (DK), N.M.Steffensen (DK) and 4 Canadian Discovery T.V. crew from SFJ to NEEM by 109th.

Anne-Marie Engel (DK-DV), Nicholas Brown (U.S.), William Donovan (U.S.), Richard Hale (U.S.), Shahriar Keshmiri (U.S.), Carl Leuschen (U.S.), Ryan Lykins (U.S.), John A. Pritchard (U.S.) from NEEM to SFJ by 109th.

August 12:

Lars Berg Larsen (DK) from SFJ to NEEM by 109th.

J.P.Steffensen (DK), N.M.Steffensen (DK), Sigurdur Ragnarsson (IS) and 4 Canadian Discovery T.V. crew from NEEM to SFJ by 109th.

Martin Leonhardt (D), Tanja Fromm (D), Renato Winckler (F), Philip Schütt (D), Mads Peter Hemmingsen (DK), Vilhjálmur Kjartansson (IS) and Adalsteinn Svavarsson (IS) from SFJ to CPH by Air Greenland.

Nicholas Brown (U.S.), William Donovan (U.S.), Richard Hale (U.S.), Shahriar Keshmiri (U.S.), Carl Leuschen (U.S.), Ryan Lykins (U.S.) and John A. Pritchard (U.S.) from SFJ to Schenectady by 109th.

August 13:

Mathilde Thorn Poulsen (DK) from SFJ to CPH by Air Greenland

Sigurdur Ragnarsson (IS-DV) from SFJ to REY via Ilulissat by Air Greenland.

Movement of cargo:

August 11: 1255 kg Oil, plywood and spares from SFJ to NEEM by 109th.
2920 kg Science equipment, long drill boxes from NEEM to SFJ by 109th.
5830 kg 28 drums Jet A-1 from SFJ to NEEM by 109th.
2730 kg Kansas UAV and 1680 kg ice cores from NEEM to SFJ by 109th.

August 12: 2915 kg 8 drums Jet A-1 and 6 drums of Mogas from SFJ to NEEM by 109th.
4545 kg drilling equipment, red dome 1, rubbish and ATO from NEEM to SFJ by 109th.
3230 kg Kansas UAV from SFJ to Schenectady by 109th.

Activities:

This week the main activities in camp have been packing, the reception of three flights and a significant drop in camp population from 23 to 7. The Kansas UAV group packed their UAV and radar equipment. The German and Danish drilling equipment was packed down, and the last science equipment was packed. Camp received a DV visit by U.S. and Danish DVs on Thursday, and after this visit the last items from the science trench and drill trench were packed down. The white weatherport over the entrance was removed Sunday and the trenches sealed for winter. Snow hills have been built for overwintering cargo. All small weatherports have been taken down for winter. Red dome 2 remains as storage for bunk beds. Snow has been pushed up around the dome sled frame and the skis buried. This has created a "basement" under the dome. A hatch in the floor in the dining area has been made to allow access to the basement. Sunday, food for the camp opening next year was stored in the basement. Final packing down will continue until Tuesday when the final flight to NEEM this year is scheduled.

Skiway:

The skiway has groomed and tilled for the flight this week. Substantial amounts of new snow and low contrast made grooming a difficult affair. Camp had to receive the planes on Thursday and Friday on a skiway that was far from perfect. Luckily, the missions went well although the mission planned for Wednesday was postponed to Thursday due to bad visibility.

Drilling:

Drilling activities have ended for this season.

Science:

With packing down of the Japanese aerosol station on Monday, the science activities of this season have ended.

Weather at NEEM:

The weather was fine with blue skies until Tuesday when the 109th arrived to Greenland. The rest of the week weather has been cloudy with substantial snowfall and occasional fog. Snow and fog often reduced visibility to few hundred m. The constant dense cloud cover caused almost no surface contrast at all, and it made it difficult to groom the skiway and to make the berms for overwintering cargo. Temperature: -13C to -1C, Wind: 4 to 18 knots from first W later S. During the week wind directions made two and a half clockwise rotations of the compass.

NEEM camp population: 7**NEEM iridium numbers:**

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Kangerlussuaq Activities:

Several loads of rubbish and metal scrap have been handed in at the local tip. Many spent batteries and waste oil were handed in for special treatment. Cargo arriving from NEEM has been unpacked and sorted. Field clothes have been unpacked and sorted. Lights in the ware house have been repaired.

Weather in Kangerlussuaq/SFJ:

Mostly sunshine with few showers. On sunny days temperatures up to 20 C. Night time temperatures around 5 C with dark nights and aurora. Mosquitoes are gone. Mushrooms, blueberries and flowers everywhere. Leaves on plants are beginning to show the approaching autumn.

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