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— INSIDE HIGHLIGHTS —

<p>Senate appropriators expressed concern last week about the NNSA's ability to effectively manage the high-profile construction projects the Obama Administration is planning. 2</p> <p>While Congressional appropriators voiced broad support last week for the huge increase in requested funding for the NNSA's nonproliferation activities, their endorsement was laced with worries that the agency might not be able to actually spend the funds. 3</p> <p>The confirmation of former Lockheed Martin executive Don Cook to head up the NNSA's Office of Defense Programs remains tied up due to "paperwork," though Cook's nomination does not appear to be in danger. . . 4</p> <p>With no nuclear power utilities under contract to use mixed-oxide fuel from the \$4.86 billion MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility, the NNSA is turning to an experienced MOX hand for help. 5</p> <p>Construction on the NNSA's new Kansas City Plant is not expected to start until August, according to the latest schedule released by the General Services Administration. 6</p>	<p>The first Suppliers Forum for the Uranium Processing Facility drew a full house to the Y-12 National Security Complex and then some. 7</p> <p>The United States and Russia continue to work to complete negotiations on a replacement to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, but the Obama Administration won't make sacrifices to complete the treaty before the President's much-anticipated Nuclear Security Summit next month. 9</p> <p>Some ill nuclear workers and survivors continue to struggle with the claims process for compensation from the federal government. 10</p> <p>At the Weapons Laboratories/DOE Sites 11 At Los Alamos Lab Responds to NNSA Safety Concerns 11</p> <p>At Oak Ridge Financing Plan for Command Center in Question . . . 11 StratCom Advisory Group Visits Y-12 12 Company to Market ORNL Neutron Detector 12</p> <p>Wrap Up 13</p> <p>Calendar 14</p>
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