



Science & Technology Facilities Council

Feedback and Actions from the MICE Oversight Committee Meeting of 13th May 2015.

1. The Committee thanked the Collaboration for their report and presentations. Overall, the Committee was pleased with the progress the Collaboration had made since the last OsC meeting and recognised the great progress with getting the software onto site. The data taking was a big step forward towards achieving the end goal of the experiment.
2. The Committee noted the delays to the PRY fabrication and appreciated the US deployment of US contingency funds to address the delays.
3. The US review of the RF work was positive and the Committee was pleased to see that there were no significant issues arising from this.
4. There had been good progress with the software and computing and the Committee urged the Collaboration to be mindful that there were still issues which could take a long time to resolve.
5. The Committee thanked the Collaboration for the risk retirement information and invited them to address the dates in the risk retirement register.
6. The Committee noted the power supply problems in relation to the focus coils and that this could impact on operations; therefore it was important that the origin of the power glitches should be clarified.
7. The recruitment issues relating to the RF work were significant and it was important that the Collaboration addressed this as a matter of urgency. It did not appear that this had been given the necessary priority, therefore the Committee would like written clarification of what was needed, of how the Collaboration plans to address this and the dates by which this work needs to be completed within by the end of May 2015. Alternatively the Committee was agreeable to this information being included in the bi-monthly report to the office which could then be circulated to the Committee.
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8. The Committee noted the risks regarding the lithium hydride absorbers and urged the Collaboration to take care with this and to undertake a cost benefits analysis.
9. It was agreed that the cost to completion review would take place in January 2016 as this would allow for a further understanding of the residual risks and for the availability of more physics results. The Collaboration should encourage the Universities to submit the proposals for bridging grants for a period of 6 months as soon as possible (but within 6 weeks) to enable STFC to process these in good time.
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Secretary's note: It has since been decided that STFC will issue bridging support grants for a period of 9 months to allow for adequate time to issue the new grants following the Cost to Completion Review.

10. The Committee encouraged the Collaboration to report any scientific progress from the June 2015 run to the office, and also to publish these results.

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11. The Committee recommended that STFC should consider any possible decommissioning costs and ownership issues which might arise at the end of the project noting that the cost should not be borne by the collaboration.
12. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 16th November 2015.