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NNS Message Concerning KSO Contract Conclusion

Newport News Shipbuilding has been informed by the Naval Nuclear Lab (NNL) leadership that, upon completion of the S8G Refueling Overhaul (ROH), the site will change its prototype maintenance strategy and a permanent on-site shipyard production workforce will no longer be required. As a result Newport News Shipbuilding's work associated with prototype maintenance will come to an end at the Kesselring Site and is expected to be complete shortly after the completion of the S8G ROH in about two years. We are beginning to start a transition plan for our employees who are supporting this project once the work is finished.

It is important to emphasize that we are only in the initial stages of this transition and we still have a lot of critical work left to perform before we complete the ROH. Once we complete the ROH, the Kesselring Site will be positioned to train Navy nuclear operators for the next 20 years. Every site employee is directly contributing to and should feel proud to be part of this legacy building program.

This change is not a result of performance – it is based on work requirements after the refueling is finished. With MARF shut down the site will transition to a single training prototype that will be supported under a surge model similar to that used at the other Naval Nuclear Training Unit. Additional information will be communicated directly with our Kesselring Site employees in the coming weeks and months.

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