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# LANSCe Module 1 Capacitor Room Failure

ALDPS – AOT Division  
When things go right



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# ***To achieve Simultaneous Excellence, a strong safety culture is required...***



***How we do our work is as important as *what* we do***

# The *how* is defined by our *behaviors*

- **Collaborative Problem Solving**

- Demonstrate initiative and willingness to work with others and be inclusive

- **Continuous Learning**

- Proactively develop, adapt and transform oneself and shares lessons learned; apply feedback and lessons learned.

- **Shared Outcome**

- Demonstrate a shared purpose within the Lab. Respect others and maintain a positive/responsive attitude. Encourages and supports security and safety.

- **Trustworthy**

- Communicate openly, honestly, and with integrity. Demonstrates follow through.

- **Commitment**

- Stay motivated, focused and dedication to a position or plan of action.



These principles help us all have a shared understanding of the need to plan, execute, and evaluate critically.

They reinforce the need to:

- Stop when unsure
- Protect yourself
- Be your co-worker's keeper

# Summary of Event

- At ~3:30 am on Sunday, high-voltage line in capacitor room **overheated** to the extent that **the poly insulating material caught fire** and dripped melted insulation onto equipment below.
- **LAFD responded** and, per pre-incident planning, **waited for AOT personnel** to respond to the area.
- **AOT personnel, safed equipment and waited with LAFD for fire to “burn out”.**
- **Using an IWD, AOT personnel safely re-entered the area after conducting hazards analysis and engaging SMEs** re: controls for combustion products and COVID-19 hazards.
- Recovery action took several days with **a focus on getting it right**
- Beam re-start **decisions were made with impacted organizations and considering AOT-RFE personnel**



Beam was restored at reduced capacity yesterday and full capacity four days post event; if necessary, repairs will occur in November



# Response and Recovery Actions



- **SMEs and RLMs were engaged**
- **Safety of personnel, understanding what occurred to prevent recurrence were priorities**
- **Hazards analysis and controls verification** were executed prior to re-entry
- **Extent of condition** for other cap banks **evaluated prior to re-start**
- **Designated stop times** were identified,
- **Not unanticipated failure**
- **Pre-incident planning paid off** – LAFD waited for AOT personnel



# Backup