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Daily Action Item List

1. Conditioning equipment testing

- Modify fixture for temporarily securing TV camera - completed by Jeff Pope and Jim Viebrock
- Continue testing of work station #4
 - Install the spent fuel and damaged canister on work station - Work is nearly completed. The lifting fixture for the canisters needed some work to get the canister to hang straight, which is important for ease of getting the canister properly indexed into the work station.
 - Examine more fuel rods from basket 173 & record - not done
 - Clean other fuel rods (basket 105) with work station cleaner & record - One additional rod was withdrawn, inspected, cleaned, and re-inspected. The rod appears ready to can.

2. Sludge collection

- Continue sludge collection in two filters - The first activity was to lower lights into the settling tank to visually check the depth of the remaining sludge. Mike Miles and Butch Hamilton, assisted by Jim Faughnan lost sight of the light before they could see the top of the settled sludge. In the afternoon, they pumped three drums full of sludge from the third compartment of the settling tank. They were unable to find any sludge left in the first compartment.

3. Measure radiation areas around baskets in work stations: Jim Faughnan performed the survey and found no problems.

4. Personnel problems: Recently there have been several instances of physical

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One of the rods examined on Saturday was missing the majority of its cladding. We