

Everyone:

The site survey went fairly well. We all knew this location would be a challenge, and the site survey did nothing to change that opinion. We will save the details for the upcoming PASE Science meeting in Boulder, but we need some specific information regarding shipping right away. The negotiations for the military cargo flights continue to be promising, but we will be giving the highest priority on space to the heavy lift EOL support equipment. Based on our visit, I no longer believe that surface transportation of these large heavy pieces to the island is feasible. Current estimates indicate that we will be able to accommodate roughly 2 military freight pallets (970 cu ft - 17K lbs) of User supplied equipment. Some extra space is likely to be available, but don't count on it. As part of our discussion, the military wants to know what sort of hazardous materials will be included in this shipment (including all compressed gases). This means of transport should be used only for the most essential components. We will be providing contact information for alternate means of shipping, but all of those arrangements and costs will have to be covered by the individual Users.

The biggest issue impacting the science is the transportation of dry ice to the site (required by the fast O3 analyzer). At this time we do not have a reliable means of making regular shipments to the island during the deployment. We are looking into other possible support option for this measurement.

See you in early February:

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