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Subject: Y-12 National Security Complex – Unmanned Aerial System Overflight

Issue: On June 30, 2021, at 2215 hours, the Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12) Operations Center reported an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) overflight.

Context: On Wednesday evening, June 30, 2021, at 2215 hours, a Y-12 employee reported seeing a UAS over Building 9201-02 located in the Property Protection Area. Protective Force (PF) patrols could not independently verify that sighting. At 2304 hours, PF reported a UAS sighting in the vicinity of the south ridge, travelling east to west. From 2335-0006 hours, PF observed as many as three UASs in various locations circling the Y-12 at varied elevations. The UASs were described as 4-rotor or “Quad Blade” with no observed attachments. Visual surveillance was lost at 0006 hours when the UASs disappeared traveling north towards Oak Ridge.

No video surveillance was captured. The PF initiated appropriate response measures to include a request for assistance from the Oak Ridge Police Department, who verified the off-site sightings in the vicinity of Union Valley Road and Commerce Park.

Significance: In December 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) directed that drone flights be restricted over all DOE facilities for the welfare of national security. These restrictions include nuclear assembly facilities, laboratories, and research centers.

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