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# UNGLASSIFHED GONTROLLED NUGLEARINFORMATION <br> UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY <br> Safeguards \& Security Information Management System <br> Security Incident Notification Report 

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0030
Closed Notification

| Incident Number: | NPOY12-10/2021-0030 |
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| Status: | Closed Notification |
| Local Tracking Number: | Y22-002 |
| Facility Code: | 578 |
| Discovery Date and Time: | $10 / 08 / 20218: 55$ PM $\quad$ Time Zone: ET |
| Facility/Location of Incident: | Y-12 National Security Complex |
|  | BEAR CREEK ROAD |
|  | OAK RIDGE, TN 37830 |
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| Cognizant Security Office: | NPOY12 |
| Program Secretarial Office: | NA |
| Brief Description of the Incident: |  |

On Friday, 10/8/21, at 2055 hours, the $Y$ - 12 Fire Department reported spotting an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) overflying the $\mathrm{Y}-12$ site. Three witnesses saw the UAS fly in a southerly direction over the area of the $\mathrm{Y}-12$ Fire Hall (located within the $Y-12$ Protected Area) and disappear over the south ridge of the site. The UAS did not return, The witnesses were unable to determine if the UAS was a rotary wing or fixed wing craft. It appeared to be around three feet wide, had two flashing lights, and was estimated to be about 80 feet above ground level.

Flight tracking software showed a commercial airliner was in the vicinity around this time. However, it's flight path was 1,5 miles east of the plant and it was cruising at an altitude of 10,000 feet. It is unlikely that this could account for the sighting.

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Incident Category: Category A Topical Area Code: PMS

Incident Type: Suspicious Activity Interest Type: MI
Management Interest Notification Date: 10/08/2021

Incidents determined or suspected to be apparent surveillance of facilities or operations (studying, photographing, low over-flights, outsiders questioning employees to include protective force, unusual calls for information, etc.).
$\square$ Incident has or may result in increased Media Attention (Describe)
$\square$ Incident has association with Foreign Nationals


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| $\square$ E-Mail | $\square$ inside Firewall | $\square$ Visual |
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|  | $\square$ Outside Firewall | $\square$ Multimedia |
| $\square$ Facsimile | $\square$ Discussion (Audio/Verbal) |  |
| $\square$ Hard Copy | $\square$ Other (Describe) |  |

## Notification Point of Contact

 (b)(6)Name

Notification Classification Official (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Phone (b)(6)

Phone

| From: | (b)(6) |
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| Sent: | Monday, October 11, 2021 8:51 AM (6) |
| To: |  |
| Subject: | Draft Night Note |

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Subject: Y-12 National Security Complex (NSC) - Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Overflight
Issue: On 10/8/21, at approximately 2055 hours, Y-12 National Security Complex (NSC) Fire Department employees reported an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) overflight.

Context: On Friday evening, 10/8/21, at 2055 hours, the Y-12 Fire Department called the Operations Center to report a UAS spotted over the west side of the site. The witnesses could not tell if the UAS was a rotary wing or fixed wing craft. It had two flashing lights, appeared to be about three feet in width, and was estimated to be approximately 80 feet above ground level. It passed slowly over the fire station, in a straight line, and disappeared over the south ridge of the site. Total time was estimated at three to four minutes.

Significance: In December 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration 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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## Incident of Security Concern (IOSC) INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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## TIME, DATE AND INVESTIGATOR

## SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY



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| 10/9/21, continued | Flight Tracker: <br> (Note this is Web-sourced data, not true FAA data) <br> One flight was indicated at 2056 EDT ( 0056 UCT), which flew roughly 1.5 miles East of the plant site, towards the Southeast, 110 az , at roughly $10,000 \mathrm{Ft}$. Altitude AGL and 300 kts ground speed. It was Frontier Airlines, 9586, an Airbus A320-251N, registration N374FR. Although the flight timing and direction of travel appears to closely match, the altitude and distance from the plant site makes this seem unlikely to be confused with a drone which was estimated at 80 ft . Altitude. <br> Employee Witness Report: <br> Report from Y-12 Fire Dept. <br> (b)(6) via PSS telephone call, patched by $\square$ (b)(6) PSS/OC at 2215 EDT 08OCT21 <br> Two white flashing lights, one green flashing light Estimated three foot width <br> Estimated at 80 ft . altitude AGL <br> Couldn't tell aircraft configuration. Could not tell if it was a rotary or fixed-wing aircraft No sound at all <br> Moving slowly, passed over the 2005 fire station, and in a straight line up and over south station in about 3 or 4 minutes. It appeared to rise in order to cross over the South Ridge This was the only flight noted. <br> Two other firemen came out, after the initial siting, and also witnessed it as it flew towards the South Ridge. |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 0851,10 / 11 / 21,{ }^{(b)(6)} \\ & 1450,10 / 12 / 21, \end{aligned}$ | Draft night note sent to S\&S management for approval. <br> Incident entered into SSIMS for notification only. Inquiry closed. |

## From:

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## Subject:

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Saturday, October 9, 2021 12:19 AM
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UAS Sighting and CUAS System's Report

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Reported Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) overflight of Y-12.

## Summary

PSS/OC was contacted regarding an unscheduled Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) overflight at the West end of the plant at roughly 2055 EDT 08OCT21.

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## Detail Discussion

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Please let me know if you have questions.
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