

Lab Updates (from LLC meeting)

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- Employee Advisory Board being reconstituted and subsumed into Inclusion Council
 - DEI is major focus of IC, but IC will represent all parts of workforce
 - IC will also be avenue for airing concerns of entire workforce
 - Recognition by Directorate that communication between Directorate and rest of Lab needs improvement
 - Looking for people who would be willing to serve on IC; **please let me know asap if you are interested**
- Fusion Power Associates meeting this Wed and Thurs
 - <https://fusionpower.org/RegistrationForm.html> (registration)
- PEMP scores will be released tomorrow (12/14), but are embargoed until 12/22
- Lab closure 12/23-1/2
 - Bare minimum to be onsite
 - Need testing for re-entry into Lab after; email on this will be sent today or so

- Lab re-opening
 - DOE has issued re-opening plan for national labs
 - PPPL revising their own plan to follow guidelines of above
 - Includes domestic travel guidelines; international travel still needs DOE approval
 - Re-opening planned for Jan-Feb time frame (specifics will be sent when plan revised)
 - Presently in a surge that is not even Omricon-based
 - Most cases for vaccinated are mild
 - Need to get past surge (Omricon surge also?)
 - Final decisions for when to reopen will be local and depend on local conditions
 - Some aspects will be covered in State of the Lab address on 12/17