

NSTX Startup Schedule

The closeup and pumpdown of the vacuum vessel will be delayed from the scheduled Nov 13th in order to complete additional in-vessel activities during the current budgetary uncertainties.

Current planning indicate a pumpdown date of November 21st is possible. Successful pumpdown must be complete by December 2nd.

Vacuum Vessel bakeout would start the week of December 9th, restricting test cell access for several days that week.

MPTS calibrations the following week will also require test cell access restrictions. No work planned over the December holidays but....

Coil/Power testing to start on Thursday, January 2nd, immediately followed by plasma operations (January 8th?). First full week of plasma ops will start on January 13th.

He Refrigerator Ops an beamline cooldown will begin on January 2nd. Neutral Beam injection operations expected to begin on January 27th.