IceCube Upgrade 1.2.8 Field Seasons

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Upgrade Drill Team will resume work in Antarctica beginning with **2023-2024** season

Scheduling field season work on-Ice is complex. South Pole is a unique and very remote work environment

- 6-day workweek / 9 hour days / 54 hour week
- Field Season 1 Team will work in (1) shift
- Field Season 2 Team will split into (2) shifts Distribute work load & manage water circulation
- Field Season 3 Team will operate (3) shifts Drilling & instrumentation installation

Season Designations / Timeline

FS0 2022-2023 (Non-Deploying) FS1 2023-2024 FS2 2024-2025 FS3 2025-2026

FS4 2026-2027 (Retro)

Retrograde of Upgrade EHWD equipment – This season is off-project / season plan still to be determined

Field Season Sequence



First season is a **non-deploying** season

Followed by 3 deploying field seasons

Each season builds on the progress made in prior season



Field Season 0 - 2022/2023



This is a **non-deploying** season but cargo movement and coordination with ASC (Antarctic Support Contractor) for work on-continent will continue

- Cargo movement to Antarctica
 - Vessel Shipment November 2022
 - DNF Equipment Shipment (Do Not Freeze) ~ June 2023
- Major movement of Upgrade cargo from McMurdo to South Pole via Traverse
- Drill pad preparation at South Pole (hard-pack/groom snow at site)
- Generator#2 move off-site for repairs and service
 - TerraCat Caterpillar equipment dealer located in New Zealand
- Overwinter Storage heating electrical infrastructure installed by ASC
 - Storage for DNF Equipment



Field Season 1 - 2023/2024



Drill Team resumes work in Antarctica

- Projected Drill Team Personnel at South Pole 11
- Team will work (1) shift
- Season Start
 - Excavate drill components from storage berms
 - Set up worksite at the Cryo Facility
 - Groom Seasonal Equipment Site pad
 - Generators / Power distribution
- Subsystems repair and refit
 - MHPs, PHS, HPP, Water Tanks
 - TOS/Tower, Hose Reels and Cable Reels
- Commission Independent Firn Drill (IFD)
- Commission Antarctic Rodwell Apparatus (ARA Drill)
- Build up Seasonal Equipment Site
- Season End
 - Winterize and stow modules, equipment and cargo



Field Season 1 - 2023/2024



Subsystems Repair and Refit

- Begin with primary Seasonal Equipment Site (SES) components
 - MHPs and PHS, HPP, Water Tanks
- Follow with Tower Operations Site (TOS) components and ancillary equipment
 - TOS/Tower, Hose Reels and Cable Reels, ARA Drill, Independent Firn Drill
- Examples of Mechanical tasking at Cryo Facility include:
 - MHP and PHS heater flushing, pressure and operational testing
 - Condensate collection and disposal system replacement
 - Install Water Tank pumps, plumbing and protective housing
- Primary Electrical/Controls work to be completed at Cryo Facility includes:
 - Install DGH modules and new Gateway hardware
 - Mount new motor drives and softstart hardware
 - Install Estop boxes
 - Install Sensor hardware and I/O boxes
 - Validate repaired subsystems with Mobile Test System
 - Test Individual devices at time of install **and** test subsystems prior to moving to SES
- Independent Firn Drill (IFD) final repairs, upgrades, testing and commissioning
- Antarctic Rodwell Apparatus (ARA Drill) modifications, upgrades, testing and commissioning
- Hose heating system install and test
- Build out the SES, mount cable trays, connect and evaluate all interconnects

Field Season 1 - 2023/2024



Detailed schedule for on-ice activities

- Itemized list of all tasks to be completed
 - Broken out by Mechanical & Electrical tasking
- Sets the order for subsystem upgrade & repairs
- Sets the order for the Seasonal Equipment Site build up

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L2	WBS	Task Name	Duration	Start Date	E
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3	Main Heating Plants (MHP)	23d	11/14/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.1	MHP Relocation Support (USAP)	1d	11/14/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.2	Install MHP Fall Restraint Towers (USAP)	1d	11/15/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3	MHP1	9d	11/15/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1	Mechanical Refit & Repairs (MHP1)	9d	11/15/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1.1	Heater Flush and Pressure Test	4d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1.2	Plumbing Upgrades & Repairs	3d	11/22/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1.3	Fuel System Upgrades and Repairs	1d	11/15/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1.4	Exhaust System Upgrades and Repairs	1d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1.5	MHP Subsystem Evaluation	1d	11/28/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.1.6	MHP1 Mechanical Complete	0	11/28/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2	Electrical/Controls Refit & Repairs (MHP1)	6d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.1	Install PLC-to-DGH Gateway in Network Box, Install M-DGHs, & Test	1d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.2	Install Refurbished Heater Control Assemblies on All Heaters (M-DGHs	3d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.3	Replace Thermostats in Heaters & Test	2d	11/21/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.4	Reconfigure MHP E-stop Panel to Function with N.C. Slap Switch	1d	11/17/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.5	Test E-stop and Heater Controls with No Water	2d	11/20/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.6	Test Flow Sensor Operation with No Water	1d	11/22/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.7	Install Ethernet Switch, Connect to Network Box, Route Cable to DCC &	1d	11/24/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.3.2.8	MHP1 Controls Complete	0	11/24/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.4	MHP2	11d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.4.1	Mechanical Refit & Repairs (MHP2)	11d	11/16/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.4.1.1	Heater Flush and Pressure Test	3d	11/22/23	
1.2	1.2.8.5.6.3.4.1.2	Plumbing Upgrades & Repairs	3d	11/28/23	
12	128563413	Fuel System Ungrades and Repairs	1d	11/16/23	

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Field Season 2 – 2024/2025

Systems Integration and Test

- Projected Drill Team Personnel at South Pole 14
- Team will split in (2) shifts for part of the season
- Season Start
 - Excavate and establish SES as primary worksite
 - Maintain Cryo Facility as secondary worksite
 - Finish all remaining subsystem upgrades from FS1
- Integrate subsystems
 - Drill Control Center (DCC) computer and network components install and connected
 - Install remaining system interconnects
 - Integrate all subsystems into fully functioning Enhanced Hot Water Drill (EHWD)
- System Operation
 - Energize entire system begin water circulation and system testing
 - Complete and demonstrate full controls system capability
 - Cable/Hose Reels load share tuning
- Firn Drill (9) holes 7 for Deep, 1 Condensate, 1 Rodwell
- Final generator integration and commissioning
- Perform Full System Wet Test
- Install drill hose on Main Hose Reel, prepare for winter-over heating with TOS1, TOS2 and DCC
- Season End Winterize and stow modules, equipment and cargo





Field Season 3 – 2025/2026



Drill and Install 7 Holes

- Projected Drill Team Personnel at South Pole 29
- 3 Shifts of 9 Drillers + Drill Manager + Safety Officer
- Team will work (3) shifts
- Season Start
 - Excavate, power-up, initiate Rodwell and circulate water
 - Prepare Seasonal Equipment Site and Tower Operations Site for drilling
 - Complete systems safety testing and readiness review
- Drill (7) deep holes
- Install instrumentation (7) strings
- Season End
 - Decommission, winterize and disassemble EHWD for storage and retrograde

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1.2.8.7.9.3	DRILL HOLE 2 / String 88		
1.2.8.7.9.3.1	Drill Hole 2 / String 88	,	
1.2.8.7.9.3.2	Hole 2 Drilling Complete, Turn Over to Installation Team		
1.2.8.7.9.3.3	Installation - Hole 2 / String 88 - Driller Supported		
1.2.8.7.9.3.4	Relocate Hose, Cable Reels to Hole 3 / String 89		
1.2.8.7.9.3.5	Heavy Support for Main Hose Reel Relocation to Hole 3 / String 89 (USAP)	i	
1.2.8.7.9.3.6	Relocate Sensor Handling Structure to Hole 3 / String 89	lill l	
1.2.8.7.9.3.7	Uncover Hole 4 / String 90		
1.2.8.7.9.3.12	Prepare MCA (Mount on TU20, test slip ring) - Prep for Hole 4 / String 90		
1.2.8.7.9.3.13	Heavy Support for Main Cable Loading - Hole 4 / String 90 (USAP)		
1.2.8.7.9.3.8	Closeout & Relocate Tower & TOS2 to Hole 4 / String 90		
1.2.8.7.9.3.9	Heavy Support to Relocate Tower & TOS2 to Hole 4 / String 90 (USAP)	· · · ·	
1.2.8.7.9.3.10	Trench & Install Reel Anchors at Hole 4 / String 90		
1.2.8.7.9.3.11	Trenching Support at Hole 4 / String 90 (USAP)		
1.2.8.7.9.4	DRILL HOLE 3 / String 89		
1.2.8.7.9.4.1	Drill Hole 3 / String 89	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
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1.2.8.7.9.4.7	Uncover Hole 5 / String 91		ļ
1.2.8.7.9.4.8	Closeout & Relocate Tower & TOS1 to Hole 5 / String 91		.
1.2.8.7.9.4.9	Heavy Support to Relocate Tower & TOS1 to Hole 5 / String 91 (USAP)		ij
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1.2.8.7.9.5	Operational Debrief / Drill Maintenance		
1.2.8.7.9.6	DRILL HOLE 4 / String 90		

Field Season 3 – High Level Drill Cadence



SmartSheets Schedule Drilling Start: 12/15 Install End: 1/13 Includes days off Overall duration: 28.3 days

Independent Detailed Exercise

"Nominal" schedule Includes days off Overall duration: 24.6 days

WBS Task Name		Start Date	End Date		Dec	14				Dec	21				De	c 28					Jan	14				Jar	n 11
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1.2.8.7.8	EHWD: Drill Commissioning	11/25/25	12/15/25	24																							
1.2.8.7.9	Deep Drilling FS3	12/15/25	01/13/26																								
1.2.8.7.9.1	DRILL HOLE 1 / String 87	12/15/25	12/20/25	j		- -	12.7																				
1.2.8.7.9.2	Operational Debrief/Drill Maintenance	12/20/25	12/21/25					4																			
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1.2.8.7.9.10	DRILL HOLE 7 / String 93	01/08/26	01/13/26				Ш																j.				
1.2.8.7.9.11	Drilling & Installation Complete	01/13/26	01/13/26																								



Schedule currently has overall drilling duration ~15% longer than nominal

Continuing to work on increasing this as much as possible



Questions?





FS1 Workflow Diagrams April 2022

Workflow Diagrams





Tower Operation Site buildup

- (3) Teams working independently and concurrently
- Alternating between TOS1 & TOS2 allows teams to share limited workspaces

Team #	Task 1	Starting Location
1	Install Motor Drives	TOS1
2	Install Estop Box	TOS2
3	Evaluate Structure	TOS1

TOS1





TOS2











ARA Drill Work





Field Season 2 – 2024/2025



Systems Integration and Test

Primary Electrical/Controls tasks

- Work to be completed at Seasonal Equipment Site
 - Prep site power, water, and fuel systems
 - Water Tank 1&2 test controls
 - Fuel Tower install new Point I/O, connect to DCC, and configure/troubleshoot
 - Generators and Power Distribution Module integrate new generator into PDM controller & Point I/O
 - Load test generators using resistance heaters
 - Drill Control Center (DCC) & Tower Operations Site (TOS1 & TOS2)
 - Estop controllers install and test
 - Mount new motor drives in DCC
 - Computer and network components install and connected
 - Install core PLC and SCADA systems
 - Install and commission latest software for SCADA and Database
 - Connect & configure I/O and motor drives
 - Connect to Reels test operation and perform QA checkout of controls
 - Connect to Drill Head test data chain
 - Install remaining system interconnects
 - Integrate all subsystems into fully functioning Enhanced Hot Water Drill (EHWD)
- System Operation
 - Readiness Review, Safety Refresher, Emergency & Safety Systems Tested
 - Full System Wet Test with Drill in Rodwell location
 - Complete and demonstrate full controls system capability thorough QA checkout procedure

Field Season 3 – Schedule Example



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