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### **Oboe 9 Subcritical Experiment Delayed Again**

Due to a technical problem, the Oboe 9 subcritical experiment planned for June 6, 2002, has again been delayed until June 7, 2002.

The experiment is designed to answer questions related to material properties of plutonium. The scientific data produced from these experiments supports the National Nuclear Security Administration's Stockpile Stewardship Program to maintain the safety and reliability of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile without conducting underground nuclear tests.