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FE Warren AFB passes nuclear re-inspection

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F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. – The 90th Missile Wing at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., received an overall grade of “Satisfactory” during a Limited Nuclear Surety Inspection (LNSI) on March 11-13, 2009. The wing remains certified to perform its strategic mission. Only a "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory" rating is given as a final overall rating for a LNSI or a Nuclear Surety Inspection (NSI).

Approximately 12 inspectors from Air Force Space Command conducted the inspection, with oversight provided by the Air Force Inspection Agency and the U.S. Strategic Command. This limited scope re-inspection of the 90th Missile Wing was prompted by a December 2008 NSI that observed deficiencies in the organization.

In accordance with Department of Defense and Air Force guidance, a LNSI is a smaller scale, or targeted, inspection and is required within 90 days of an NSI that found areas needing improvement and resulted in an overall rating of “unsatisfactory.”

“We have a long history with nuclear surety inspections and traditionally they are extremely difficult to pass—especially since we have increased the intensity, depth and rigor of our inspections,” said Col. Scott Gilson, AFSPC Inspector General. “Part of reinvigorating the nuclear enterprise is demanding the absolute highest standards of compliance and accountability. Perfection is the standard for the nuclear enterprise and is the benchmark to which operations are evaluated during these inspections.”

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