All,

Here is the on-ice report for January 29-30, 2013 from the WISSARD Borehole Drill Contractor (WBDC), also known as the UNL Science Management Office Drill Team for the WISSARD Project. I'm sending this report to the WISSARD PI and STLS groups, as well as key stakeholders at LM-ASC and NSF, on behalf of the UNL on-ice team.

If anyone on the list does not want to continue to receive these reports, please let me know.

Best regards,

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SLW hole enlargement started at 7 A.M. on 29 Jan. and was completed at 6 A.M. on 30 Jan. The drill head and return pump are both back on the surface and the drill is being shut down for the season. One multi-corer run has been completed so far, returning two 60-cm cores. Another run is currently on its way back to the surface. After this, the Niskin and CTD casts will resume until the end of the science schedule. Problems with the DOER winch have prevented any of the heavier science tools from being deployed successfully.

The drill team was finally able to breathe easy once the corer reached the...
bottom, as it signaled the end of the drill season. We hope to have the drill winterized in 2-3 days; we are scheduled to fly back to McMurdo on 4 February.

Slawek is planning on leaving a string of permanent sensors in the hole once science operations are complete.

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