

suspended on August 25, 2009. The work resumed on October 13, 2009, and the majority of that work was completed by the end of November 2009. After that, the workshop was used for FB section and stiffener grinding with a reduced level of manpower until December 22, 2009. ABF states that Lift 12 FB fabrication started on the day after Lift 10 FB welding completed on May 26, 2009. However, this date is in conflict with another starting date indicated in ABF-CAL-LTR-001243, dated September 25, 2009, which reported that Lift 12 FB fabrication started July 19, 2009. The Department agrees with the July 19, 2009, starting date for Lift 12.

The Department agrees that the average FB production rate is 8 sets per 32 days for Lifts 1 through 11, not counting the repair time.

The Department acknowledges that shop drawing delivery for Lifts 12, 13 and 14 has impacted moving forward with fabrication at ZPMC and has been working with ABF to mitigate delays. In order to avoid future discrepancies with workshop utilization records, the Department recommends ABF and Department Representatives in China jointly assess and document the status of workshop utilization.

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