

DOE review closeout comments by Jack Ritchie on November 8, 1999:

Since the last DOE review in June, impressive technical progress has been made on both CDF and D0. Even more dramatic has been the progress toward developing meaningful schedules.

DOE is pleased to see that Fermilab management has stepped up to the plate, is providing the necessary manpower and resources, and has taken ownership of the Fermilab schedule which has Run II beginning March 1, 2001.

It is now time for the collaborations to take ownership of their schedules. Some people I have talked to still view these as goals. They should now be viewed as commitments.

All of us, the DOE, Fermilab management, and the collaborations, are on the same side. We want good physics from Run II. But it is also important to demonstrate that we use our resources efficiently and manage our projects well. The CDF and D0 Upgrades are large and expensive projects, and the delays thus far have put the Lab's credibility at risk. Having a new Director provides a new beginning, but now the new Director's credibility is at stake. If that is lost, it will damage both Fermilab's future and our field.

Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to maintain the new schedule, and the DOE expects it to be maintained. If CDF or D0 begins to fall behind, so that the full detector cannot be delivered on time, then it will be necessary to reduce scope to maintain the schedule.

Good luck, and we will help in any way we can.