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Pending Expedition Permit D-26-91764 – SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) no. 05, Sunday 31 May 2026

This SITREP covers the period May 25 - May 31, 2026 (inclusive). Fifth SITREP for 2026 season.

Movement of personnel:

26 May Marie Kirk (DK) and Jørgen Peder Steffensen (DK) from Kangerlussuaq to Copenhagen by Air Greenland.

Movement of cargo:

No movement of cargo.

Fuel:

No fuel received.

GRIP camp activities:

The camp has been busy setting up infrastructure of the camp most of the week.

Monday the team finished building the new part of the drill tent, continued working on the cook's balloon freezer and mounted the first solar panel on the dome.

Tuesday the wind started to pick up and lasted until the weekend. The solar panel project thus had to be put on pause. In the meantime, the work on the cook's freezer continued and the process of making cable trenches between our infrastructures started. In the drill site area, the drillers' tools were organized and the upper part of the borehole casing was inspected.

Wednesday the cook's freezer was finished and all food moved to the new food storage facility. The drillers dug down 2.5m of the inclined trench and removed the two uppermost casing sections. In the meantime, the process of getting the second part of the drill tent (the old white garage) ready for moving started.

Wednesday until Friday work on getting the internet system from OneWeb/Tusass operational went on, with the system ending up fully operational and connected to the camp internal network.

Thursday one of the camp skidoos was serviced and the pole for the heating power cables for skidoos were raised. Work on cable duct to the drill tent continued, and the drillers finished making foundation for winch and tower in the drill tent.

Friday, preparation work for moving the second half of the white tent continued and for getting the winch into the drill tent. The drillers' cabin was started to be built. Smaller tasks, but important tasks too, were equipping all weatherports with mattresses, re-stocked safety boxes and repairing the locking mechanism in the washing machine door.

In the weekend, the team finished assembling the drillers' control cabin and pulled the winch into the drill tent. Furthermore, initial work on the borehole logger started. A Pistenbully was used to level the surface around the dome, facilitating the setup of the scaffold for the solar panel project. Excavation and casting of power line trenches continued.

Drilling:

No drilling yet.

Science:

No science activities yet.

GRIP Camp Population: 13.

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Weather at GRIP:

Monday, cloudy conditions in the morning giving way to progressively larger sunny spells during the day. Temp from -28C to -16C, gradually decreasing all day. Wind 3-11 kts turning from WSW to WNW and back to W.

Tuesday, clear conditions with some low-level snow drift forming as the day progressed. Temp from -34C to -26C. Wind increasing from 5 kts to 17kts and turning from W to NNW during the day.

Wednesday, clear conditions with some snow drift forming during periods of higher wind. Temp from -35C to -26C. Wind between 10 kts and 20kts turning from NNW to N during the day.

Thursday, mainly cloudy conditions with snow drift all day. Temp from -35C to -26C. Wind between 9 kts and 19 kts from N.

Friday, mainly cloudy conditions, but with some sunny spells. Temp from -23C to -14C. Wind between 14-18 kts in the morning, decreasing to 8-14 kts in the evening, gusts 16-20kts all day. Wind from NNE.

Saturday starting windy and cloudy, but with the sun dominating from the afternoon, Sunday sunny all day. Temp from -23C to -7C. Wind 10-14 kts, gusting 19 kts until the afternoon Saturday, then decreasing to 3-8 kts in the evening, and Sunday until the evening when we had complete calm. Wind between NNE and ENE all weekend.

Kangerlussuaq activities:

Monday, May 25, all EGRIP radar equipment were organized and put out for drying. In the afternoon, the FOMs participated in the "borgermøde" in town regarding the present of the Danish military and the future. It was a very informative meeting. Tuesday, May 26, packing of AF pallet for the next flight period started and cleaning up in the cargo in the warehouse. Kept drying retro equipment from camp. Rest of the week was used to sort out cargo, purchase equipment for next flight period and packing and netting two AF pallets for the coming flights from mid-June, including 4 drums of mogas for camp.

Weather in Kangerlussuaq/SFJ:

Monday and Tuesday were partly cloudy but else nice sunny days rest of the week with blue sky. Mud in front of the warehouse almost gone. Temperatures between 0°C and 12°C (but up to +25C in the sun).
Mosquito situation: None.

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