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91ST MISSILE WING INTELLIGENCE (91 MW/IN)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This week's developments underscore the increasing global instability and potential threats relevant to the 91 MW. Key concerns include the continuing government shutdown's impact on the nuclear enterprise, highlighted by the potential furlough of NNSA personnel. Heightened tensions with Russia, fueled by discussions surrounding long-range missile deployments to Ukraine, coupled with Russia's military expansion into the Arctic and the US decline for Arctic dominance. China's growing strategic capabilities, particularly its missile forces and advancements in undersea surveillance technology, pose a long-term challenge to US strategic dominance. Monitoring and adapting to these evolving threats are crucial for maintaining the 91 MW's mission readiness.

SCOUT'S INSIGHT

Beware the Sock Puppets! Given increased adversary interest in personnel security under constant surveillance, consider the use of fake social media profiles and "sock puppets" to gather information. It's essential to verify the authenticity of online contacts and news sources. Beware of accounts pushing divisive narratives or requesting sensitive information. Always cross-reference information from multiple reputable sources before sharing or acting on it. Report any suspicious online activity to your security manager to protect your operational security and the integrity of the 91 MW mission.

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KEY STORYLINE 14-20 OCTOBER



Trump Warns Zelensky: President Trump, during a White House meeting with Ukraine President Zelensky, warned of Russia's intent to "destroy" Ukraine if its terms weren't met. This development, coupled with the rejection of Tomahawk missile sales to Ukraine, impacts US and NATO strategies in Eastern Europe. These discussions influence AFGSC resource allocation and strategic planning for potential contingencies and require vigilant assessment.

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Nuclear Agency Faces Furloughs: The ongoing government shutdown is forcing the NNSA to furlough a significant portion of its workforce (80%), potentially impacting nuclear stockpile maintenance and modernization.

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B-1 Bombers Deploy to Japan: Dyess AFB-based B-1B bombers have deployed to Misawa AB, Japan as part of a Bomber Task Force (BTF), signaling ongoing US commitment to Indo-Pacific deterrence. BTFs are essential to understand how to maintain strategic deterrence capabilities in a contested environment.

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NATO Airspace Incursions: NATO has experienced recent incursions into its airspace by Russian drones and military jets, highlighting a need for increased vigilance and enhanced air defense capabilities. This underscores the need for persistent situational awareness and effective response mechanisms.

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China's Undersea Sensor Net: China is developing an advanced "Transparent Ocean" undersea sensor network, which increases the threat to submarines in the Indo-Pacific and surrounding U.S. allies. Therefore, the missile wing needs to understand and prepare for how new strategic weapons can be impacted.