



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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◆ **Annual OH Training Needs Survey:** The FY 2008 OH training needs survey has just been completed. Over 130 Occupational Health professionals from all 14 Centers provided input on the annual online survey. This feedback is vital for our Agency Office in planning needed educational and training offerings throughout the year. In FY 2007 the Agency Office sponsored over 40 training events in all the OH disciplines including conferences, onsite classroom courses, ViTS, and web based training opportunities. Professional development is vital in building and maintaining a robust NASA Occupational Program across all of NASA. The online [OH calendar](#) is a good place to view Agency sponsored training events.

◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth:**

Registrant type	Completed HRA
Civil Servant	1,257
Contractor	197
Other	< 50
Spouse, dependent, partner	< 50
Total	1,492

The current numbers are reflective of your continued efforts to market Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth. Between the Civil Service Employees and Contractor subgroups we have 1,454 Health Risk Assessments (HRAs). This is the group we will focus on for the Work Life Questionnaire (WLQ) analysis because the analysis looks at health impairment at work. Therefore, we need only 46 more HRAs to be completed by Civil Service Employees and Contractors to have a statistically valid analysis of the WLQ.

◆ **December HPW ViTS Has Been Changed:** The December HPW ViTS has been changed due to a time conflict with the ViTS office. The new date and time are Friday 12/7/07, at 1:00 PM EDT. Kurt Hobbs, from the Mayo Clinic, will provide a comprehensive review of the NASA statistics with ample time for Q&A following the presentation.

◆ **2008 NASA HealthierYou Calendar:** We received notice that the [2008 Calendars](#) were shipped on October 26. They will be arriving at your Center any day now. It is an attractive calendar that is packed full of useful information concerning important health issues. Please give us your feedback by completing the [online survey](#).



◆ **EHR Update:** The Agency continues to score “Green” on the Presidents Management Agenda (PMA) Health Information Technology (HIT) Scorecard.

◆ **NASA Headquarters (HQ) Health Unit Recognized:**

The Health Unit at NASA HQ’s received the Federal Occupational Health (FOH) Outstanding Health Center award. They were selected from nearly 300 FOH clinics nationwide and recognized for providing outstanding clinical care and customer service. Congratulations to Dr. Crarey and his staff!



◆ **JSC EH Manager Wins Spaceflight Awareness Award:**

During the week of October 23, Denton Crotchett was at KSC for the STS-120 shuttle launch as a recipient of the [NASA Spaceflight Awareness Honoree Award](#). Denton is the EH Manager at JSC and is employed by Wyle Labs, where he has been employed in this capacity since 2000. Denton is a CIH with over 30 years of engineering, technical, and management experience. He received his BS in 1971 from San Jose State, and a MS in IH from the University of Pittsburgh in 1979. Quoting from his award... “Denton has worked tirelessly during the past 7 years as the EH Department Manager to ensure the health of workers at JSC both on the ground and in the air.” Congratulations to Denton!



◆ **Marshall Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Visits KSC:**

Phillip Brown, RSO at MSFC came to KSC for a week during October to shadow the KSC Health Physics staff. Phillip was interested in learning more about the KSC Health Physics program, specifically the non-ionizing program. To the right is a picture of Phil in front of the orbiter Endeavor taking an RF measurement. A Center visit can be a cost effective way to receive real time training on the design and implementation of an OH program at another Center.



◆ **Health Physics Society (HPS) Meeting Focuses on Radiation-Generating Devices:**

The 2008 HPS Midyear Topical Meeting “[Radiation-Generating Devices](#)” will be held at the Oakland Marriott Convention Center January 27-30, 2008. These types of devices have widespread use across NASA and much of the meeting’s content will be applicable.



◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- Environmental Health – November 14, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Occupational Medicine – November 28, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT

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