



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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◆2012 Annual Occupational Health Meeting:

If you have not registered for the 2012 Occupational Health Meeting at the Kennedy Space Center, August 27-30, please go to the [OH website](#) and do so. As soon as the meeting agenda is finalized, it will be posted. There is no registration fee to attend, but attendees are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses. As in the past, a No-Host Networking Get-together is planned and details will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

◆Laser Safety PDC:

The Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer is sponsoring a 2-day Laser Safety PDC as part of this year's Occupational Health Meeting. The course is suitable for a broad audience from certified laser safety officers seeking recertification points to laser users, to uncertified laser safety officers and other environmental health professionals or managers with laser safety responsibilities. It will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 27 and end at 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 28 and encompass the following areas: an overview of laser output characteristics, bioeffects, maximum permissible exposure (MPE) limits, classifications, control measures, and hazard evaluation.



◆Employees at NASA's Independent Verification & Validation (IV&V) Facility Are Running for the Hills!

West Virginia is known for its beautiful, rolling hills. NASA [IV&V](#) employees are no strangers to the terrain and have established a Running Club to embrace and conquer the challenges. The goals of the Running Club are to create an awareness of and promote opportunities to engage in social activities that directly benefit personal health and well-being. A group of people from IV&V gather every week at a local State Park Rails-to-Trails path. Some walk, some jog and some run the trails, but all enjoy the activities from beginning to end. The IV&V Running Club has



sparked an interest in other areas of wellness and healthy living such as a weekly Weight Watchers program, weekly basketball games and participation in local softball and roller hockey leagues. This year, the Inaugural NASA IV&V Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) [5K Run/Walk](#) and Kid's Race will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 to benefit the CFC.

◆EHRS Update:

The Health Unit and Industrial Hygiene staffs at the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) were trained on Medgate Medical and Industrial Hygiene modules in June. Both are now live and doing great. Preparations are underway for the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) training the week of July 30 with the roll-out scheduled for Aug 3. The roll-out stage of the EHRS will be completed ahead of schedule with the KSC roll-out currently planned for the week of September 10-14.



◆New HP at GSFC:

OCHMO extends a warm welcome to Jim Dillard who recently joined the Occupational Safety and Health Division at the Goddard Space Flight Center. Jim started his radiation safety career in 2005 as a health physicist for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). With the DEP, he conducted inspections of various licensees and registrants throughout the central region of the commonwealth. At that time, DEP was transitioning into an Agreement State and he was fortunate to have the opportunity to conduct joint inspections with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 2008, Jim accepted a position as Health Physicist for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center



(ATC), at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD where a year later, he became the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and Laser Safety Officer and responsible for three NRC licenses. He is currently working on a Master Degree at Johns Hopkins University and has a special interest in Subsurface Fate and Transport of Radioactive Materials through the environment. Jim's education and experience make him a true asset to Goddard. Hopefully, Jim will be attending the annual NASA OH Meeting where we can all meet and greet him.

◆Federal Workers' Compensation – E-COMP:

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NASA and the Department of Labor (DOL) to enable NASA's electronic filing of CA-1 and CA-2 forms, as well as to enable access to other new case information. NASA's Federal Workers' Compensation (FWC) Coordinator will be undergoing training with the DOL within the next month to set up and customize the web-based system. Training will be conducted by the DOL on August 28 and by the FWC Coordinator on August 29-30 for all NASA Center FWC case managers during the Annual Occupational Health Meeting at KSC.

◆HPM Receives Contractor Excellence Award:

HPM Corporation has received the MSFC 2011 Contractor Excellence Award as a Small Business in the Service category. "This selection recognizes HPM Corporation's leadership and commitment to achieving high standards of quality, as well as their commitment to the continuous improvement process," said Arthur Goldman, Acting Center Director at MSFC. Companies applying for this highly-competitive award are evaluated on their technical performance, schedule performance, cost performance, customer satisfaction, leadership and quality improvement, research and development and/or innovative technology breakthroughs, and items of special interest to MSFC. "This award reflects the leadership, professional excellence, quality, and teamwork that HPMC employees at Marshall bring to their jobs every day," said Hollie Mooers, President, HPM Corporation.



◆IAQ during Building Renovation:

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) held its quarterly meeting on June 6, 2012. The main speaker for the meeting was Ed Light, CIH from Building Dynamics, LLC who gave a presentation entitled *Managing IAQ During Construction in Occupied Buildings*. Mr. Light has specialized in IAQ investigations and control for 30 years and wrote a Best Practices Manual on managing IAQ during construction for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) which was transformed into an ANSI standard that is now referenced for USGBC-LEED credit. To view a copy of his presentation or to listen to it, go to the [CIAQ website](#) and click on the links listed under Presentation Slides.

◆Upcoming OH ViTs & Webinars:

- Health Physics ViTs – July 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EST
- Environmental Health ViTs – July 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST
- Chief Health and Medical Officer Quarterly Medical Community ViTs – July 11, 2:30 p.m. EST
- JSC Fitness & Nutrition ViTs: *Exercise is Medicine*, presented by Greta Ayers - July 25, 11:30 a.m. EST
- JSC Fitness and Nutrition ViTs: *Supplements: Be an Informed Consumer*, presented by Glenda Blaskey – July 30, 1:00 p.m. EST
- Federal Workers' Compensation Quarterly ViTs – August 7, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EST



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