



Happy Holidays to all NASA OH personnel!

The OCHMO and OH Support Office wish everyone a happy holiday season. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous and safe New Year!!



◆ **Healthier NASA Update:** The Healthier NASA campaign is well underway. Its "HealthierFeds Physical Activity Challenge" component ended on December 10th. Close to 30,000 civil servants and contractors participated in this event. NASA had 992 registrants with a 17.24% completion rate, the top government agency completion rate was 27.59%. To help everyone better understand the current campaign and its various elements a Healthier NASA [schedule](#) has been posted to our website.



◆ **2005 NASA Occupational Health (OH) Conference Update:** Instructions for the 2005 OH Conference Poster Presentations will be disseminated to the NASA OH community in early January. The instructions will also be posted on our website at that time. We will be requesting a short abstract be submitted to [Sandy Kreer](#) by April 1. We are encouraging NASA OH personnel in all disciplines to consider presenting a poster, as it is an excellent vehicle for us to share information between our NASA Centers.

◆ **Electronic Health Records System (EHRS) Update:** This has been an exciting year for the project, which culminated in the selection of a system, and clear-cut direction for near-term work to be completed. We look forward to working with clinic staff more closely in the upcoming year as we prepare to make this system a good fit for the Agency's healthcare delivery needs.

◆ **New CDC Guidance on Tuberculosis:** The CDC has posted a [draft](#) of the revised guidelines entitled "Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings, 2005." The CDC is currently seeking public comment on this document.

◆ **Workers' Health Chartbook 2004:** The NIOSH *Worker Health Chartbook 2004* (DHHS [NIOSH] Publication No. 2004-146) is now available in printed form (Email pubstaff@cdc.gov or call 1-800-356-8573). The Chartbook consolidates information from the network of injury and illness surveillance tracking systems in the U.S. and is designed for agencies, organizations, employers, researchers, workers, and others interested in numbers of and trends in occupational injuries and illnesses. The document presents the data in an easy-to-read, visually compelling format. The Chartbook is also accessible in electronic [form](#).



◆ Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) Preparatory Course Opportunity for NASA Center IHS:



Anyone who is interested in attending the CIH prep course should contact [Bart Geyer](#). The widely recognized [Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah, is the choice for the course venue. The course will be held from March 7 -11, 2005.

◆ **Recognizing a New Certified Physician Nutrition Specialist:** Dr. Marleece Barber, Director of Medical Services and Workers' Compensation at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility, has received her Board Certification as a Physician Nutrition Specialist.

Congratulations to Dr. Barber on her recent accomplishment!
◆ **Glenn Research Center Hires a New Dietitian:** The NASA Family welcomes Nancy Fisco Miller MS, RD, LD. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association and a graduate of Case Western Reserve University. She has many years of experience in clinical nutrition, teaching in the field of nutrition, as well as corporate health. Welcome Nancy!

◆ **John Henshaw is Leaving OSHA:** On October 8, 2004, Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao [announced](#) the resignation of Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, John L. Henshaw. Henshaw is departing his post at the Department of Labor on December 31, 2004. Under Henshaw the agency has consistently exceeded inspection goals, and created hundreds of alliances and partnerships with business, labor and community groups to foster safety and health.



◆ **2005 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHCE):** The AIHCE will be held May 21 – May 26, 2005, in Anaheim California. [Hotel information and registration](#) for the meeting is now on the AIHA website. As a part of this year's meeting we are planning an extended NASA IH meeting on Monday May 23. We are also planning on a technical tour of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 25. As part of the technical tour at JPL there will be a presentation on the IH program at JPL.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- January 10 – 14 – Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- ◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**
- EH Monthly ViTS – January 19, 11:00-12:00 PM EST
- Obesity and New Treatment Options Speaker: Jarol Boan, M.D. – January 19, 3:00-5:00 PM EST

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