



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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## ◆ 2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference:



The annual [NASA Occupational Health Conference](#) will be held in scenic Denver, Colorado this summer from July 23 – 27, at the [Warwick Hotel](#). The mile high city sits at the foot of the majestic Rocky Mountains which climb to over 14,000 feet just to the west of Denver. This year's conference theme is "Moving Toward The Summit: Occupational Health Challenges" The conference speakers and topics will be focused on the challenges that many OH programs are facing in NASA today. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for NASA OH staff to interact with other staff from across NASA during a variety of conference events. Registration will be opening up soon so make plans now to attend this year annual Conference!

## ◆ A New Resource from the Mayo Clinic -

**EmbodyHealth:** A new Health Promotion Program for NASA Civil Servants: *Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth*, a private health information portal, was officially launched on January 30, 2007. The Agency wide email was distributed on February 6, 2007. As of today, we have had 1571 individuals register on the site and 896 have completed the HRA. Please continue to use all available means to promote *Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth* at the center level because the success of the program greatly depends on your efforts. All employees in the OH disciplines have access to this program. Aggregate data will be shared at a future HPW ViTS.

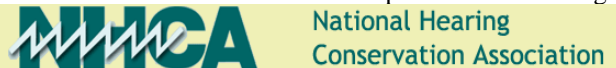


◆ **HealthierYou 2007:** In support of the [HealthierYou 2007 Health Promotion Campaign](#) two sets of Fast Facts/educational pamphlets were mailed to you: 1) Men's Health and 2) Health and Wellness for Women over 40.



If you have not done so already, please notify our [office](#) with the final influenza vaccination data. This is a reportable statistic to OCHMO.

◆ **New IH Staff at JSC:** [Terrance Moore](#) and [Harold Silas](#) both recently join the JSC IH staff. Harold has a BS in Biology from Xavier University and an MSPH (Industrial Hygiene) from Tulane University. He had worked as a Pharmacy Technician and Pharmacy Technician Instructor and as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist while pursuing his education. Terrance has an AS in Chemistry from Houston Community College and a BS Environmental Safety and Health, Texas Southern University. He most recently worked at United Parcel Service (UPS) as the Safety Supervisor for their Houston operation before hiring on at JSC. Welcome to the NASA Occupational Health Program!



## ◆ OH Staff Attend National Hearing Conservation Conference:

One of the most important Occupational Health programs at NASA is the Hearing Conservation Program. Last year the Agency policy was revised and protecting employees' hearing is a concern at all Centers. From February 15 - 17, 2007, the National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) had its 32nd Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia. Three NASA Center personal attended. Beth Cooper from Glenn, Dr. Dick Danielson from Johnson, and Gary Bergstrom from Kennedy.



◆ **A New Radiation Symbol:** A [new radiation warning symbol](#), to supplement the existing trefoil symbol, has been published by ISO as Standard #21482 -



Ionizing-Radiation Warning—Supplementary Symbol. The trefoil symbol has no inherent meaning and only those people who have been educated in its meaning have knowledge that it represents the presence of ionizing radiation. The new symbol is the completion of a multiyear effort by the IAEA to develop a universal radiation warning symbol with the message of "Danger-Stay Away" that anyone anywhere will understand.



◆ **Would You Like a Copy of a Past OH ViTS?:** If



you ever would like to receive a copy of a past ViTS just contact the [OH Support Office](#). For ease of viewing DVDs are now being recorded and sent out in place of VHS tapes.

## ◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- April 3 - 5 – Wallops Flight Facility
- April 9 - 13 – Goddard Space Flight Center

## ◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Health Promotion – March 8, 12:00-1:30 PM EDT
- Environmental Health – March 14, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Physics – March 15, 11:00 -12:00 PM EDT

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