



◆ 2007 NASA Occupational Health Conference:



Over 115 personnel attended the [NASA Occupational Health Conference](#) this past week in Denver! It was the highest NASA OH Conference attendance on record. In concert with the conference theme, the Mile High City's mountainous backdrop was a perfect setting to discuss the challenges our OH programs will be facing over the months and years to follow. A wide variety of OH topics were presented at the PDC's and Plenary Session. The luncheon speaker gave an inspirational message related to his personal experience of climbing Mt. Everest. Most all [presentations](#) are posted to the OH website, in addition to all the continuing education information for certified professionals. We look forward to seeing you at the 2008 NASA OH Conference being held near the Baltimore, Maryland, Inner Harbor July 7-11.

◆ Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#):

User type	Completed HRA
Civil Servant	1,164
Contractor	58
Other	< 50
Spouse, dependent, partner	< 50
Total Completed HRAs	1,247



In order to analyze the Health and Productivity Questionnaire, otherwise known as the WLQ, we need to have at least 1,500 HRAs completed. In order to meet NASA's goal of having 15% of the eligible population to complete an HRA, we ask that you please advertise and market the product at your respective center.

◆ Former DFRC Chief Nurse Honored:

At an awards ceremony on July 26, 2007, Dr. Gregg. Bendrick presented Claire Sleboda, RN, COHN the **Exceptional Public Service Medal** for her nearly 20 years of service in the Dryden Flight Research Center (DFRC) Health Unit. Claire was the Chief Nurse at DFRC prior to her retirement. Congratulations Claire!

◆ EHRs Update:

The Indian Health Services (IHS) RPMS/EHR, successfully installed at the NASA Data Center (NDC) in Huntsville, AL last month, is in the pilot testing phase. During this time the connectivity is being tested during slow and peak network traffic times. Over the next several months the application software will be tested.

◆ **Welcome New IH Staff at ARC:** In the last few months Ames Research Center (ARC) has added a couple new EH staff, *Tim Walker* and *Jan Babcock*. Tim graduated from the University of Massachusetts with an MSPH and recently retired as a Commander from the U.S Public Health Service. Tim worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 1991-2006. He also responded to numerous public health events including September 11th, Katrina, and the Anthrax response.

Jan has also recently joined the EH team at Ames as the program manager for the H&S support contract. Jan brings over 25 years of EH&S management experience to Ames.

◆ **Tad Blanchard Retires from GSFC:** After 23 years of service, Tad Blanchard is leaving Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). Tad came to NASA following a successful 20 year career in the US Air Force. Evidently Tad is older than he looks. He served in many roles in the Health Physics Office at GSFC including Radiation Safety Officer on both of the



Center's radioactive materials licenses and Laser Safety Officer. These were challenging positions that Tad managed with dedication and commitment. During his long career at GSFC he supported over 85 flight experiments and missions, but one of the most exciting brought him down to the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) for the launch

of the Cassini spacecraft to Saturn. Tad says that the last four years at GSFC have been the most enjoyable and he will miss all of the great OH professionals and scientists that he has worked with over the years. We'll miss you too Tad, good luck.

◆ **KSC IH Wins American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Volunteer Award:** Congratulations to *Gary Bergstrom* from KSC on receiving an Outstanding Volunteer award from the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) following the selection of the AIHA Noise Committee as an Outstanding Committee. Gary has been an active member of the AIHA for several years and an active member of the Noise Committee for six years.



◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- August 13 - 16 - Marshall Space Flight Center

◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTs:

- Workers' Comp - August 1, 1:00-2:00 PM EDT
- Environmental Health - August 8, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Occupational Medicine - August 29, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Physics - September 12, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Promotion - September, 26, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT

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