



◆ **Make Plans for Attending the 2008 NASA OH Conference in Baltimore:** Plans are well underway for the [2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference](#). The conference will be held in the scenic Inner Harbor area at the [Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel](#). We encourage all OH personnel to consider attending. The conference provides training, discipline specific breakouts, and an opportunity to network with colleagues from other NASA Centers.

◆ **Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#):**

Registrant type	Completed HRA
Civil Service Personnel	1,324
Contractor	315
Other	< 50
Spouse, dependent, partner	< 50
Total	1,693

We will be holding a Campaign in 2008 to promote the Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth and the accompanying Health Risk Assessment (HRA). Our Campaign will begin on February 18, 2008 with an incentive offer to the first 1,000 employees who complete the HRA; this offer includes the previous year's participants. The current HRA will be closed on February 8. While the HRA is inaccessible for one week (February 8-17, 2008) the [EmbodyHealth web portal](#) will be fully accessible and operational. When marketing the 2008 Campaign to all employees at your Center, please place a particular emphasis on the Civil Service employees to improve their participation rate.

◆ **HealthierYou 2008 Update:** The latest pamphlet that was distributed was about [Care giving](#) and associated stressors. In conjunction with the outreach, Dr. Folkman from the University of California, San Francisco, [Osher Center for Integrative Medicine](#), will be presenting at our March 31 HPW ViTS. The Caregivers Project has developed a video to assist both the professional and the caregiver community.

◆ **Dr. Ray Christopher Begins in the OH Support Office:** In January Dr. Ray Christopher joined the OH Support Office team located at KSC. Dr.

Christopher brings 22 years of experience in occupational medicine to his role as Occupational Medicine Consultant. He is board certified in occupational medicine,



completing his residency at The University of Cincinnati. After retiring from the U.S. Navy as a Director of Occupational Medicine in 1998 he has served as Medical Director of occupational medicine practices in Indiana and Georgia. Dr. Christopher is a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO) and Independent Medical Examiner (IME).



◆ **NIOSH Draft Offers Interim Guidance on Medical Screening of Workers Potentially Exposed to Engineered Nanoparticles:**

In December NIOSH issued interim [guidance](#) on the medical screening of workers potentially exposed to engineered nanoparticles in the manufacture and industrial use of nanomaterials. Since the topic has not been extensively discussed in the scientific literature, NIOSH has developed guidance to generate discussion, fill the current knowledge gap, and provide interim recommendations until further scientific information becomes available. Additionally, NIOSH is seeking comments on the strengths and weaknesses of exposure registries for workers potentially exposed to engineered nanoparticles.



◆ **Triennial Health Physics (HP) Conference Will Soon Be Here:**

Registration will soon be open for the triennial [HP Conference](#) scheduled for the week of May 12-16, 2008. The agenda will include elements of a Certified Health Physicist Preparatory Course, if you have suggestions for topics and or are interested in presenting please contact [Kurt Geber](#).

AIHce'08 | VISION. VALUE. IMPACT.
Minneapolis Convention Center | May 31 – June 5, 2008

◆ **Have You Registered for AIHCE 2008?** This year the [American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition \(AIHCE\)](#) will be held in Minneapolis, MN on May 31 – June 5. Last year over 40 NASA Center IH personnel attended this annual conference. Once again we will have a NASA IH meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday evening, June 2. More details to be forthcoming on that event. We also are attempting to have a significant number of NASA Center attendees participate in the [5K fun run](#) on Tuesday June 3. Sign up now for this annual [American IH Foundation](#) fundraiser.

◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- March 3 - 7 – Stennis Space Center
- April 21 - 25 – Michoud Assembly Facility

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- Special EAP ViTS – February 1, 2:00-4:30 PM EDT
- Health Physics – February 6, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Environmental Health – February 12, 10:30-11:30 PM EDT
- Workers' Compensation – February 20, 2:30-3:30 PM EDT
- EAP – February 20, 11:00-12:30 PM EDT

NASA OH Newsletter is published by the NASA OH Support Office

Send information, comments or questions to:

◆ E-mail – Bart.D.Geyer@nasa.gov ◆ Telephone – 321-867-3473

Find OH Monthly on the Internet at www.ohp.nasa.gov/newsletter/current.pdf