



Occupational Health Program

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◆ NPG 1800.1 NASA Occupational Health Program Procedures Approved:

The Procedures have been approved and can be found on the Agency Website (<http://ohp.ksc.nasa.gov/policies/index.html>). This document provides guidance on meeting the goals of the OHP: Promoting and maintaining a physically and psychologically safe and healthy work environments for employees. The document provides the processes for implementing and managing program elements and standardizing the programs across the Agency. Each section provides a process description, responsibilities and flow charts.

◆ **Consensus Standard Activity** - For many of the Occupational Health disciplines consensus standards are taking an ever-increasing role due to a variety of reasons, including a lack of regulatory action in a given area. Here are a couple of important standards in the Industrial Hygiene area that have current developments; ANSI/AIHA Z 9.5 – 2002 *Laboratory Ventilation Guidelines* were just finalized, ANSI Z88.2 *Practices for Respiratory Protection* is not expected to be finalized until late 2002 or early 2003. If you need to obtain a standard of any type; ANSI, AIHA, ISO, ASTM, etc. you are able to receive them **free** from this website <http://standards.nasa.gov/NPTS/login.taf> The Agency-wide Full-Text Technical Standards System (NASA Preferred and other technical standards products) is made available for use by all NASA employees and supporting contractors within the [nasa.gov] domain.

◆ NASA Health Promotion and Wellness

Team: The December 3rd ViTS will focus on the current quarter's promotions, influenza immunization and prostate cancer. For the 2nd quarter FY 2003 the focus will be on an occupational related topic, Ergonomics. The Centers will be receiving preventative and disease oriented health promotion materials to support the campaign on Ergonomics.

◆ **AED Program Success:** Congratulations to JSC who had another successful emergency response requiring the use of the AED. We always love to hear and share the success stories from the Centers. Please contact the NASA OHP Support Office with any event happening at

your Center.

◆ **NASA Occupational Health Professional Spotlight:** In the October edition of the AIHA's **Syn-ergist** Publication there is an article written by NASA White Sands Test Facility IH, **Ray Gruben**. The article is entitled *You Should Sweat the Small Stuff: IH and Small Business*. Ray is a CSP with 17 years experience in Health and Safety, a B.S. in chemistry, and an M.S. in Industrial Hygiene. It is great to see our NASA OH professionals being involved professionally by authoring articles for technical journals.

◆ **OHP Website Improvements:** The Agency OHP website is currently undergoing a gradual layout redesign. The conference information and registration section of the website is the first section to undergo this redesign phase. It is anticipated that the entire site will eventually be changed to reflect this new graphical layout. We welcome any comments and suggestions from everyone visiting the website as we attempt to make our website more user friendly.

◆ 2003 NASA Safety Managers and Medical and Environmental Health COTR's Meeting:

The 2003 Conference is scheduled for February 3rd to 7th at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Cocoa Beach, Florida. For more information and to register for the Meeting please go to http://ohp.ksc.nasa.gov/conference_info/2003/sh_conf/index.html

◆ Agency OHP Sponsored Training

- HSE Leadership and Communication at GRC 12/10
- Non-ionizing/RF Course at JPL 12/17, 12/18

If interested in attending any of these courses please contact Bart Geyer.

◆ OHP NASA Center Evaluation Calendar:

- December 3 – 6, Stennis Space Center

◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Health Promotion ViTS-Dec. 3rd, 3:00-4:00 EST
- EAP ViTS – December 11th, 3:30-4:30 EST
- HP ViTS - Dec. 13th, 1:30-2:30 EST
- EH ViTS - December 20th, 2:00-3:00 EST

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