



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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## ◆ Mark Your Calendar for the Next NASA OH Conference:

In 2007, the NASA OH Conference will be held in Denver, the "Mile High City", at the [Warwick Hotel](#) on July 23-27. Make plans now to attend. Presentations from this year's Conference in Charleston held in July are available on the [Conference Page](#) of the OH website.

◆ **HealthierNASA:** The annual influenza vaccination drive is a hallmark of NASA's agency wide health promotion campaign. Please provide the [OH Support Office](#) with your final vaccination data from the 2006 campaign.



◆ **EHRIS Update:** The collaborative EHRIS Project between NASA and Indian Health Services (IHS) was highlighted when IHS representatives, Dr. Howard Hays and Captain David Taylor, presented at the 2006 NASA OH Conference in July. Additionally the project lead had the opportunity to participate at the IHS Clinical Information Management and Technical Advisory Council's meeting in Albuquerque, NM. The EHRIS Project continues to advance through project formulation and approval processes while progressing toward implementation. As a reminder, please visit the [EHRIS webpage](#) for more information .



◆ **NASA OH Policy Update:** In the last month, both the [Hearing Conservation](#) policy, and the [Health Services for International Travel](#) policy have been approved. The Hearing Conservation Policy, formerly a stand alone policy NPR 1820.1, was updated and rolled into the primary OH policy document NPR 1800.1A as section 4.9. The International Travel Policy is also a revision and remains as NPR 1810.1A.

◆ **Welcome New EH Staff at Ames!** In the past couple of months Ames has hired 3 new EH personnel, *Allen Cooley*, *Todd Nemeck* and *Eric Packard*. *Allen* is a CIH and CSP, with 15 years experience and a BS in Chemistry. Most recently *Allen* worked at Versar, Inc. in Springfield, VA, providing IH project management and corporate safety and health program oversight. *Todd* has 5 years experience, a BS in Environmental Health Science, and an MPH in Environmental and

Occupational Health. *Todd* has provided EH&S support in the semiconductor equipment and chip manufacturing industry. Both *Allen* and *Todd* will be supporting the IH program. *Eric* has a BS in Health Physics and has experience in reactor engineering and emergency planning at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Facility and has worked as a Radiation Control Specialist at Hanford, a DOE Site. *Eric* will be supporting the Ames Health Physics program. Welcome to the NASA Occupational Health program! Below is the 65 year anniversary banner for Ames.



◆ **Agency Office Visits Ames and Dryden:** As part of the formal biennial OH Program Audit the Agency OH team recently completed their visits of both Dryden and Ames. In this picture the team is in front of a historic NACA sign at Ames. A sincere thanks to both the Dryden and Ames OH staff who hosted the agency team.



## ◆ The New OH Website is Now Online:

The new and improved [NASA OH website](#) is now online. In addition to the many new graphics the information has been structured and arranged in a manner more consistent with other NASA sites. If you have not visited the website since the facelift, take a look!



◆ **Special Agency Pandemic Flu ViTS:** Dr. Williams has tentatively scheduled a ViTS for Wednesday, September 6, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT, subject to further Shuttle launch schedule change. The subject of the program is related to pandemic flu: planning and response. Topics to be discussed may include: Teleworking during pandemic and CDC/OPM/ NASA guidance on workers becoming ill, and employee responsibilities in limiting potential exposures.



## ◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- September 26-29 – Langley Research Center

## ◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Pandemic Flu – September 6, 2:00-3:00 PM EDT
- Health Promotion – September 7, 11:00-12:30 PM EDT
- Environmental Health – September 14, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Physics – September 19, 3:00-4:00 PM EDT

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