



◆ **2007 NASA Safety Directors / Occupational Health Managers Meeting:** The dates and location for the 2007 NASA Safety Directors / Occupational Health Managers Meeting have been set, it will be February 27 – March 1 at the [Cocoa Beach Doubletree](#).

This annual meeting brings together leaders from both NASA safety and health organizations from all 14 NASA Centers and Facilities to discuss current issues. The [online page](#) for this meeting will soon be open for registration.



◆ **EHR Update:** The EHR Project continues to advance through substantial formulation and approval processes while progressing towards implementation. Recently, the EHR Project's "proof of concept" expectations and scope were sufficiently clarified and agreed upon. For testing purposes, the EHR will be hosted from the NASA Data Center's Citrix™ server-farm to Kennedy Space Center. Because of the collaborative nature of the NASA EHR Project, this testing activity will be beneficial to multiple stakeholders in this Agency-wide project. This significant testing phase of the EHR Project will serve to characterize the project's progress and evolution. As a reminder, please visit the [EHR webpage](#) for more information and expect to learn more about the EHR Project in the very near future!



◆ **Welcome New EH Staff at Goddard:** In the past two months the GSFC Industrial Hygiene staff has added three new individuals and the GSFC health physics program has added a new Radiation Safety Office (RSO). In the IH office both Aaron Miller and Roy Deza started in late July, and Mike Cooper started in September. Dan Simpson, the new RSO, started in early September. We welcome these new EH staff to the NASA OH Program at GSFC and look forward to the contributions they will make in the future to the NASA OH program!



◆ **Nanotechnology Update:** Nanotechnology is the manipulation of matter on a near-atomic scale to produce new structures, materials, and devices. In the case of nanomaterials, the uncertainties are great because the characteristics of nanomaterials may be different from those of the larger



materials with the same chemical composition. Safety and health practitioners recognize the critical lack of guidance on the safe handling of nanomaterials—especially now, when the degree of risk to exposed

workers is unknown. NIOSH's [nanotechnology topic page](#) is an excellent source of information regarding current research efforts and guidance on working safely with nanoparticles. An EH ViTS is being scheduled in the near future that will focus on developing a Health and Safety program that addresses nanoparticle exposure.

◆ **Nursing Spectrum Unlimited CE Cards Update:**

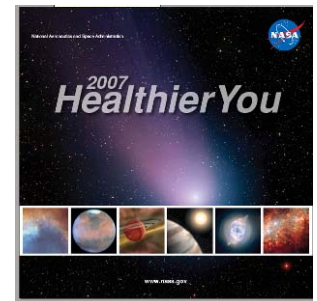
The cards offer unlimited access to over 400 online ANCC accredited courses. To utilize, the individual must register on line by following instructions on the back of the card. The cards are good for 365 days from the date of activation. After



completion of a course, a certificate must be immediately printed.

◆ **HealthierYou 2007 Calendar-** The widely recognized and much anticipated 2007 OH wall calendar is at the printers.

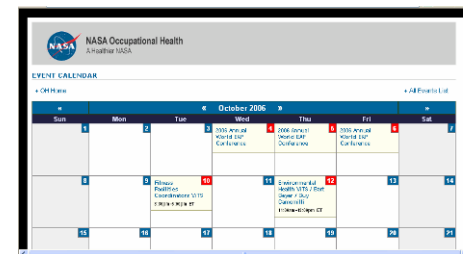
The 2007 version features pictures taken from NASA's Hubble telescope. The HealthierYou 2007 calendar focuses on the influence of the work environment on health and lifestyle choices. The calendar includes a self-reflective tool titled "Health Awareness Journal". We encourage you to observe the monthly health actions and tips and take time to complete your Journal. We hope to ship a supply to each NASA Center by late November.



◆ **Special Agency Pandemic Flu ViTS:** Dr. Williams has re-scheduled the Pandemic Flu ViTS for Wednesday, November 15, from 2:30 – 3:30 PM EDT. Please plan on attending this ViTS if you have a role in preparing your Center in the event of a Pandemic Flu event.

◆ **Have You Visited the Online OH Calendar Lately?**

The new [OH calendar](#) is now online. This calendar lists all OCHMO sponsored events such as ViTS, conferences and training courses. It also lists many OH discipline professional meetings. The calendar can be viewed in two different modes and information on the calendar can be filtered by discipline.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- October 31 - Nov 2 – White Sands Test Facility

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- Fitness Coordinators – October 10, 3:30-5:00 PM EDT
- Environmental Health – October 12, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- EAP – October 25, 11:00-12:30 PM EDT

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