



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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## ◆ 2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference:



The 2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference will be held at the [Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore](#) in Baltimore, Maryland on July 7-11. At the Conference location you will be steps from Inner Harbor restaurants and shopping, the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center and USS Constellation. The hotel is also within easy walking distance of downtown, Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium sporting events.

## ◆ Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#):

Registrant type	Completed HRA
Civil Servant	1,217
Contractor	106
Other	< 50
Spouse, dependent, partner	< 50
Total Completed HRAs	1,314



The annual influenza vaccination drive is an extremely visible preventive health campaign element through out the Agency. The average vaccination number is slightly over 19,000/year or about 30% of the employee population. The CDC recommends immunization of all healthcare workers. In time, we hope to see the same familiarity and usage with the Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#). As we mature and learn more about the Mayo Clinic product, we can better assist the employees in its utilization. Please promote the [Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth](#) web portal to all civil servant and contractor population. We are aiming for at least 1,500 completed HRAs in order to analyze the health and productivity data.

◆ **2008 NASA HealthierYou Calendar is Almost Here!** The 2008 NASA HealthierYou Calendar is currently in the printing cycle and is expected to be shipped to the NASA Centers before the end of October 2007. The calendar focuses on two issues: 1) complexities of the many roles and responsibilities each individual faces in their daily life, and 2) influence of lifestyle choices on health and well being with a particular emphasis on healthy aging. The NASA HealthierYou Calendar in 2008 features pictures of space taken primarily from earth, by photographers from across the globe, and includes images such as this picture of the moon.



◆ **EHR Update:** The NASA Electronic Health Record System (EHRS) Project Team has begun an evaluation of available Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) Occupational

Health EHRS software. All EHRS are being evaluated based on a defined set of technical and functional requirements. Consistent with the EHRS project's current direction the team continues to communicate with the NASA Data Center (NDC) regarding the implications for a web based COTS EHRS.

## ◆ OSHA Solicits Public Input on Possible Comprehensive Emergency Response Standard:

On September 11, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a Request for Information seeking input from the public to determine what action, if any, the Agency should take to further address emergency response and preparedness. The Request for Information was published in today's [Federal Register](#) and OSHA is accepting comments from the public until 12/10/2007.



◆ **IHs Attend Future Leaders Institute:** For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, and since the program's inception in 2005, IHs working at NASA Centers were selected to attend the prestigious [Future Leaders Institute \(FLI\)](#). The FLI sponsored by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) was held in Chicago, IL, on September 14-16. The FLI is a two and a half day learning experience which focuses on the following four areas: broadening interpersonal perspectives, broadening organizational perspectives, collaborative/ teamwork efforts, and managing your future. This year's attendees were Angel Plaza from Johnson, Brian Vandevender from Langley, and Mike Cooper from Goddard. Congratulations to all three for being selected.



◆ **Make Plans to Attend the Triennial NASA Health Physics Meeting in 2008:** In June of 2005 NASA Health Physicists who have responsibility for both ionizing and non-ionizing radiation programs gathered in Cocoa Beach, FL. Again in 2008 a Health Physics meeting will be Sponsored by OCHMO in Cocoa Beach during the middle months of calendar year 2008. Planning has begun for this meeting and your input is welcomed. If you have input, comments or questions, please contact [Kurt Geber](#) in the Occupational Health Support Office.



## ◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- October 22 - 24 – Headquarters

## ◆ Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:

- Fitness Coordinators – October 4, 12:00-1:30 PM EDT
- Environmental Health – October 10, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- EAP – October 18, 11:30-1:00 PM EDT

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