



◆ **Happy Holidays:** A team of over 400+ civil service and contractor employees are involved with providing a comprehensive OH Program at the 14 NASA Centers and Facilities. Numerous unique disciplines make up the NASA Occupational Health program, but all of them work to ensure and improve the health of the NASA workforce. The Agency OH Office would like to wish everyone on the team a **Happy and Healthy Holidays** and **thank all of you** for your individual efforts throughout 2007!



◆ **2008 NASA Safety Directors/Occupational Health Managers Meeting:** The location will be Cocoa Beach, FL and the week of March 10-14 are the dates for the 2008 meeting. Please plan on attending this annual event that brings together Safety and Health managers from all Centers. More information will be forthcoming.

◆ **Continuing Education Credits from CDC:** The CDC's Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) will be offering Continuing Education Credits (CME, CNE, CEU, and CHEC). To subscribe to their list server please go to the [registry page](#).

CDC Clinician Communication
Information from Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)

◆ **Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#):**

Registrant type	Completed HRA
Civil Servant	1,294
Contractor	253
Other	< 50
Spouse, dependent, partner	< 50
Total	1,595

3,035 employees have registered on EmbodyHealth, 53% of whom have completed the HRA (1,595). An analysis of the Work Life Questionnaire will be presented during the HPW ViTS 3/13/2008 at 11:00 am EST. [2007 HRA Data in Review](#) was presented by Kurt Hobbs and summarized in the [HPW minutes](#) 12/7/2007. Please continue to promote EmbodyHealth at your Center.

◆ **Mayo Clinic Embody Health 2008 Encore:** EmbodyHealth will be re-introduced in 2008. The exact dates and details of the Agency Directed Campaign will be communicated by January. When developing your communication plan please review the [success story](#) at Stennis presented in December at the HPW ViTS.

◆ **EHR Update:** The EHR Project Team continues to review available Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) Occupational Health (OH) Electronic Health Record Systems (EHR). Recently, the team has participated in two EHR demonstrations and evaluated the software based on a pre-defined set of technical and functional requirements.

◆ **Spotlight on the Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN) Certification:**

The [American Board for Occupational Health Nurses](#) (ABOHN) was established as an independent nursing specialty certification board in 1972. ABOHN was formed to develop and conduct a program of certification for qualified occupational health nurses. ABOHN is the sole certifying body for occupational health nurses in the United States and awards four credentials: Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN), Certified Occupational Health Nurse - Specialist (COHN-S), Case Management (CM), and Safety Management (SM). Over 12,000 occupational health nurses have been certified by ABOHN. The Agency OH office is currently reviewing COHN preparation material and will be making a decision soon regarding their purchase. Please Contact [Mae Hafizi](#) if you have any questions regarding these materials.

◆ **Are You Pursuing a CIH or CHP Certification?**

Recently the Agency OH office has procured a number of resources designed to aid a person preparing for the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) or Certified Health Physicist (CHP) exam. Preparation software for both exams has been purchased and can be obtained by contacting either [Bart Geyer](#) for the CIH software, or [Kurt Geber](#) for the CHP software. The OH Website also

provides a [listing](#) of current CIHs and CHPs that work at NASA Centers.



◆ **Triennial Health Physics (HP) Conference Webpage is Online:**

Plans are rapidly moving forward for the triennial [HP meeting](#) scheduled for the week of May 12-16, 2008. OCHMO is providing an opportunity for Health Physics professionals to share programs, review new issues and requirements, discuss situations that occur at the Centers and how they are handled, and network with their peers at the oceanfront DoubleTree Oceanfront Hotel in beautiful Cocoa Beach, FL. A welcome and networking reception will be held at the conference hotel the evening of May 12. Contact [Kurt Geber](#) if you have any questions about the conference.



◆ **Finding Past OH ViTS information on the OH Website:**

Past OH ViTS presentation material can be found online. The IH and HP ViTS can be found on the [EH ViTS archive page](#), and the Health Promotion and Wellness [ViTS information](#) can be found on the Health Promotion page.

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- Environmental Health – January 9, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT

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