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◆ **EHR Announcement:** Earlier in June, Dr. Richard S. Willams [announced](#) the procurement of an Electronic Health Record System (EHR) for the Agency. This represents a major milestone for the NASA EHR Project. The selected EHR is an integrated Occupational Health (OH) software with both medical and environmental health modules. A demonstration of the EHR will be provided by [Medgate](#) at the EHR Breakout Session and the Industrial Hygiene (IH) Breakout Session at the 2008 NASA OH Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The EHR Project Team has participated in two teleconferences with Medgate to discuss the preparations for an initial face to face meeting in August. The meeting with Medgate will be a Gap Analysis and Implementation Planning meeting with participation from the EHR Project Team and field Center representation. In preparation for this meeting the clinic work flow process documentation will continue. The roster of Agency EHR Task Force members will be updated with input from the Medical COTRs. A survey of the data conversion requirements from existing electronic systems at the Centers is being conducted to identify the type and volume of records needing conversion to the new system.



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project and we look forward to your continued support as we begin the implementation stage. Please check the [EHR webpage](#) for future updates.

2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference



◆ **NASA OH Conference 2008 Update:** [Registration](#) remains open for the [2008 NASA Occupational Health Conference](#), with almost 110 Center OH personnel registered at the time of this newsletter. We look forward to a productive week of meetings and hope all attendees travel safely to Baltimore. If you have any questions regarding the Conference or your travel plans please contact [Gail Bantugan](#), the OH Support Office's Conference Coordinator.

◆ **Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth](#):** With 1,774 registrations and 1,689 completed HRAs, the 2008 Campaign will soon surpass last years total of 1,705 completed HRAs in just over 4 months! We are encouraged by the higher participation rate for contractors this year. Here is the breakdown:

Registrant type	Completed HRA
Civil Service Personnel	750
Contractor	899
Other	40
Total	1680

JSC leads the way with 346 completed HRAs, KSC has 304, and MSFC has 219. Please encourage your coworkers to take advantage of this free health assessment and education tool. As we gather information we are better able to define the impact of health-related risks and chronic conditions on our workforce. The Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth website](#) can help you manage lifestyle related risks such as nutrition, emotional health, and smoking cessation. Log on to a healthier 2008!

◆ **Recognizing Two New Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH):**

In May two Industrial Hygienists were notified they successfully completed the CIH exam. Congratulations to *Ray Gruben* from White Sands Test Facility and *Roy Deza* from the Goddard Space Flight Center on this noteworthy professional accomplishment.



◆ **Report from the IH Meeting in Minneapolis:**

Thirty Industrial Hygienists from NASA attended the 2008 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHCE) in Minneapolis, MN during the week of June 1 - 6. The week was packed full of a variety of educational sessions, workshops, meetings, and the product displays. In addition to a NASA IH meeting on Monday evening hosted by OCHMO the AIHCE fun run was also promoted. Eight IHs rose early in the morning to participate in this annual fundraising event for the [American Industrial Hygiene Foundation](#).



◆ **Laser Safety Officer Course to be Offered at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center:**

OCHMO is sponsoring a 2 day [Laser Safety Officer](#) (LSO) training course at NASA Goddard on August 12-13. The instructor will be Tim Hitchcock, CIH, CLSO, a recognized expert in this field. Please contact [Dan Simpson](#) or [Ted Simmons](#) if you would like more information concerning the course, and or would like to attend.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- August 19-22 – Dryden Flight Research Center
- August 25-28 – Ames Research Center

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health VITS:**

- Environmental Health – July 23, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Occupational Medicine – August 5, 2:30-3:30 PM EDT
- Health Physics – August 6, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT

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