



◆ **The EHRS Project Update:** The EHRS Project continues to move forward with great progress made on the development of database tables and the initial demographic feed. We appreciate all the input and quick turn-around time the Center's have provided for the database tables. The Project Plan has been finalized and IT Safety and Privacy issues are being addressed according to Agency requirements. Weekly meetings are held with the Medgate IH and Medical Team to review progress and answer questions specific to the modules being worked on. Weekly meetings are also conducted with the Integrated Product Team to address project issues. The EHRS Task Force met in October and the next EHRS Task Force ViTS is scheduled for November 4, 2008. We will continue to solicit input from the Agency EHRS Task Force team for their specific Center's needs.

◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth:**

2,056 total Health Assessments completed year to date:

- 923 Civil Service Employees
- 1069 Contract Employees
- 64 Other, Spouse, Children



Please continue to spread the word about the Health Assessment and the wealth of other information on this web portal. Have you been accessing the Report Suite to keep track of your Center's engagement data and health profile? If you are having any issues, please contact [Mae Hafizi](#).

◆ **Walk to Wellness:** 151 employees are participating in the Walk to Wellness Campaign which ends on November 17th. Thank you for marketing the campaign as it also helped increase Health Assessment completion rate.

◆ **2009 HealthierYou Calendar Shipped:** The 2009

HealthierYou Calendars were shipped to the NASA Center Clinics on October 28 and 29, 2008. Look for the new calendars at your Center in the next week!



◆ **The Value of Industrial Hygiene/Occupational Health (IH/OH):** To achieve its mission and to effectively

communicate the value that the IH/OH profession brings to business, American Industrial Hygiene Association ([AIHA](#)) awarded a contract that would identify and quantify links between IH investment and business value. The contractor developed and tested a strategy, the Strategy for Demonstrating the Value of IH (*IH Value Strategy*) that enables IH managers and professionals to conduct practical and credible business case analyses that demonstrate the value IH programs and activities bring to business at the facility, business unit, and enterprise levels. In addition, a survey was conducted to identify components of management systems that have demonstrated the value that



IH/OH program practices can bring to an organization's business results. The [full report](#) can be found at AIHA's website.

◆ **NIOSH Education and Resource Centers (ERCs)**



In the 1970's awareness of occupational hazards and interest in worker protection was increasing in the public and private sectors. Through needs assessments conducted at NIOSH, it was apparent there was a shortage of qualified industrial health and safety specialists to meet the challenge of worker health and safety. In

response to federal goals, and in an effort to alleviate manpower shortages, NIOSH established 12 Centers of Learning at selected Universities across the country. The ERCs provide a variety of continuing education opportunities to Occupational Health professionals. There are currently 17 University-based NIOSH ERCs. Search [by topic](#), [by center](#), by course title or [download the entire catalog](#). Many of us have attended courses sponsored by the ERCs and often these ERCs are great sources of occupational training and information in our geographical areas.

◆ **OCHMO OH Program Audit (Review) Update:**

The NASA Center and Facility OH Reviews are conducted to ensure Center compliance with programmatic, statutory, and regulatory guidelines and policy implementation. For the past 10 years, OH Reviews have been conducted every other year. Based on the triennial review schedule used by Environmental and Safety, the results of discussions at the annual OH Conference in Denver, and other factors, OCHMO will be implementing a triennial OH Review cycle. This schedule change will begin in 2009. A list of the Centers to be visited will be provided in an announcement memo and also in the upcoming revised NPR 1800 Chapter 7.



◆ **Annual OH Training Needs Survey:** Thanks to

everyone who participated in our annual OH training survey. We had excellent response in the three survey areas; Occupational Medicine, Health Physics, and Industrial Hygiene with a record **161 personnel** participating in the survey. We will use this information to plan many different educational events and offerings throughout FY 2009.

◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- January 26 -29 Jet Propulsion Laboratory

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- EHRS Task Force – November 4, 1:00-2:00 PM EST
- Occupational Medicine – November 4, 2:30-3:30 PM EST
- Health Physics – November 5, 11:00-12:00 PM EST
- Environmental Health – November 13, 11:00-12:00 PM EST
- Workers' Comp – November 25, 1:00-2:00 PM EST
- Fitness – December 2, 3:00-4:00 PM EST
- Health Promotion – December 11, 11:00-12:00 PM EST

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