



◆ **The EHR Project Update:** The [EHR Project](#) base tables have been loaded into the NASA test site for the Medical and Industrial Hygiene modules. Training will be provided at Kennedy Space Center January 6 – 9, 2009 for the first few sites scheduled to go live in 2009. A Critical Design Review has been completed and the Project has moved into Phase D, System Integration and Testing. The Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) has been completed and was signed by the NASA CIO in December. The IT Security Plan is near completion and work continues to establish our initial demographic data feeds for all NASA badged employees. The initial rollout is scheduled for Stennis Space Center in February.



◆ **Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth 2008](#):** Final data 2008:
 2,184 total Health Assessments completed:
 980 Civil Service Employees
 1,131 Contract Employees
 73 Other, Spouse, Children

The 2008 Health Assessment data analysis was presented at the HPW ViTS on 12/11/08; [slides](#) are posted on the OH website. On 12/15/08, the Health Assessment closed signaling the end of the 2008 Campaign. The EmbodyHealth portal remains accessible 24/7. If you are having any issues, please contact [Mae Hafizi](#).

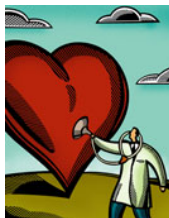


◆ **Mayo Clinic [EmbodyHealth 2009](#):** The 2009 Health Assessment will include the 8-question Work Life Questionnaire (WLQ) set to assess the impact of health impairment on productivity. The global email announcement is scheduled for release on January 26, 2009. The two announcement posters are in print with a January release date. You have complete access to the [Mayo Clinic Report Suite](#) to keep track of your Center's employee engagement data and their health profile. Contact [Mae Hafizi](#) with any issues.

◆ **2009 [HealthierYou](#) Calendar:** Hopefully, all of you have received a [2009 HealthierYou Calendar](#). Please help us improve future offerings by completing the [online evaluation](#) and encouraging other employees to do the same.



◆ **Successful Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation at NASA Stennis:** In November, the NASA Stennis Clinic staff and the Center EMS successfully carried out a full cardiac resuscitation event inside the Clinic Parameters. The employee has recovered well in a nearby hospital and is undergoing a standard cardiac rehabilitation cycle with no residuals. Deputy Medical Director Lucius “Clay” Andrews said “A good job was done by all.”



◆ **The Impact of a Changing Administration:** There still is no definitive information on who might be heading the Department of Labor's Occupational Health and Safety Administration ([OSHA](#)). The American Industrial Hygiene Association ([AIHA](#)) has been an active participant in the process of selecting the new Administration's key posts. AIHA earlier sent a letter to Emily Spieler, identified as one of those who was leading the transition for [OSHA](#). AIHA provided some of the minimum qualifications it feels are necessary for anyone assuming the position of Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA. At the January 14 EH ViTS Aaron Trippler, AIHA government affairs representative, will be discussing Occupational Health aspects of the new Administration.



◆ **National Summit Urges Action to Improve Workforce Health and Productivity:** A group of more than 30 national experts in workforce health and productivity issued a call for action today to U.S. employers, urging them to adopt health prevention measures for their employees to avert the “dire consequences” of chronic disease and changing demographic trends in the workplace. As a follow-up to its first-ever [Workforce Health and Productivity Summit](#), held earlier this month in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, the group has issued 10 consensus statements, accompanied by a list of recommendations intended to enhance worker health, strengthen the health care system, and benefit the nation's economy by focusing attention on the unique relationship between workforce health and productivity.



◆ **Health Physics Update:** OCHMO continues to support professional certification efforts. Resources are available to help qualified individuals prepare for Part-I of the [American Board of Health Physics](#) certification exam. Contact [Kurt Geber](#) for information about exam prep software (containing 1,100 practice questions and answers with explanations and reference documents) or a radiation protection technology self-study course on audio CD. The registration deadline for the 2009 exam is Jan. 15. The [42nd Annual Midyear Meeting](#) of the Health Physics Society will focus on recent advances in Planning and Response to Radiation Emergencies. The meeting, which will be held in San Antonio, TX Jan. 31- Feb. 3, will provide health physicists with valuable information and training.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- January 26 - 29 Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- ◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**
- Environmental Health – January 14, 11:00-12:00 PM EST
- Health Physics – February 4, 11:00-12:00 PM EST

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