



◆ **The EHRS Project Update:** [EHRS Project](#) Medgate User Acceptance Testing (UAT) Training for the Medical and Industrial Hygiene modules was held at Kennedy Space Center January 6 – 9, 2009. Medical and IH representatives from the first few Centers scheduled to go live attended. The SSC, LaRC, GRC and KSC representatives participating in the training provided valuable feedback to the EHRS Project Team. The IT Security Plan is near completion and work continues to establish our initial demographic data feeds for all NASA badged employees. Test Plans are being written in preparation for functional testing of the application modules. On the February 2 Agency EHRS Task Force ViTS, Medgate will be demonstrating the Clinic Visit module.



◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth 2009:** The 2009 Campaign will run through 12/15/2009. The engagement data reflects employee participation since 12/29/2008 when the 2009 Campaign began. The global email was released on 1/26/09. Total number of completed Health Assessments:

- 2,381 total Health Assessments completed:
- 641 Civil Service Employees
- 1,697 Contract Employees
- 43 Other, Spouse, Children



We will hold two Mayo Clinic associated Campaigns in 2009, *My Weight Solution* in Spring and *Walk to Wellness* in September. Several Webex presentations will be held with Mayo Clinic to learn about the two online modules. For access information to the EmbodyHealth Report Suite please contact [Mae Hafizi](#).

◆ **Nursing Spectrum:** Gannette Healthcare Group is now the parent company for Nursing Spectrum. If you need Continuing Education Gift Cards please contact [Mae Hafizi](#).

◆ **2009 Occupational Health (OH) Meeting Update:** The OH Meeting originally scheduled to take place in San Antonio in July is being re-worked so that it is not classified as a conference under the NASA Interim Directive 9312.1 and PIC 09-01. To this end, we have canceled plans to have the meeting in San Antonio and are researching the NASA Safety Center in Cleveland, OH as a venue. We understand the concerns of NASA Centers and are taking the measures necessary to ensure that it meets the criteria of a NASA internal meeting. Continuing education credits and points associated with professional development courses will still be offered as part of the meeting. A survey has been circulated to determine potential attendance in light of budget concerns. We will provide periodic updates about the OH meeting via the NASA OH website.

◆ **2008 OH Meeting Summary Published:** The [2008 Summary](#) from the Baltimore Meeting is now available online, an email was distributed in January regarding access.

◆ **OSHA Issues Revised Field Operations Manual (FOM):** OSHA has issued a new version of their manual that is used as a guide for OSHA compliance officers. The [FOM](#) is a revision of OSHA's enforcement policies and procedures manual that provides the field offices a reference document for identifying the responsibilities associated with the majority of their inspection duties. This Instruction constitutes OSHA's general enforcement policies and procedures manual for use by the field offices in conducting inspections, issuing citations and proposing penalties. This document contains practical information regarding determining compliance with OSHA regulations.



◆ **NASA Occupational Health Program Loses a Long Time Friend:** Emmett B. "Bud" Ferguson, Jr., passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Dr. Ferguson was born in Augusta, Arkansas and attended the University of Oklahoma for undergraduate and medical school (class of 58). Dr. Ferguson joined the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for 23 years before returning to Florida's Space Coast in 1983. Dr. Ferguson worked as the KSC Medical Director in the 1980s and 1990s and was instrumental during the movement of the Agency OH program from NASA HQ to KSC in 1997. Bud Ferguson remained active in the medical field right up until his passing most recently serving as the medical director for the Antarctica National Science Foundation Program. Bud will be missed by family, friends and colleagues.

◆ **Health Physics Update:** Three NASA Health Physicists have applied to take Part-I of the American Board of Health Physics certification exam this summer. Best of luck for success to Philip Brown (MSFC), Andy Greif (JSC), and Eric Packard (ARC). Also, Andy recently passed the exam for the Associate Safety Professional (ASP) designation. Way to go! The next Health Physics ViTS will be held February 4, from 11-12 EDT.



Mr. Joseph Carigan, a private consultant specializing in decommissioning of nuclear facilities, will provide information on Decommissioning Fund Planning. We will also be discussing tritium exit signs and other generally licensed devices.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- March 17 - 19 White Sands Test Facility

◆ **Upcoming Occupational Health ViTS:**

- Health Physics – February 4, 11:00-12:00 PM EST
- Environmental Health – February 11, 11:00-12:00 PM EST
- EAP – March 3, 11:00-12:00 PM EST

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