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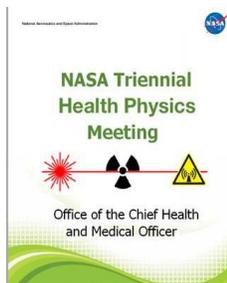
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◆ **EHRS Update - Stennis Goes Live!**: On February 4, 2011, NASA made history by being the first Agency without health care in its charter to [roll-out](#) an Electronic Health Records System (EHRS) at the Stennis Space Center (SSC). The EHRS originated as a concept brought forward by NASA Occupational Health in the 1980s, followed up in 2002 during an Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer (OCHMO) Strategic Planning effort, with reinforcement by the Academy of Sciences' recommendation to NASA in 2005. The SSC EHRS deployment kicked off an 18-month schedule to roll out the Agency EHRS to all 14 NASA Centers and Facilities. Dr. Richard Williams, Chief Health and Medical Officer, and Cathy Angotti, Director of Occupational Health were joined by Linda Cureton, NASA's Chief Information Officer, Gay Irby, Deputy Director for the Center Operations Directorate, and Clyde Dease, Lead, Institutional Division, and Medical Contracting Technical Representative, for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Dr. Williams acknowledged the hard work of the multidisciplinary team, including OCHMO's support contractor, which helped bring this event to fruition. Ms. Cureton voiced pride in this being both a medical and information technology accomplishment, while Catherine Angotti, a long standing champion of this initiative, expressed satisfaction that this moment had arrived. Check the [OH Webpage](#) for more information about EHRS developments.

◆ **NASA Health Physicists March on Washington:**

And by march we mean converge for an exclusive meeting focused on the training needs of NASA Civil Service and contractor radiation protection professionals at NASA Headquarters April 19-21. [Registration](#) is simple and free at [www.ohp.nasa.gov/hp2011/](http://www.ohp.nasa.gov/hp2011/). In addition to Center RSO and LSO presentations, the [agenda](#) includes technical talks by representatives from OSHA, NRC, DHS, NIST, NIH, CDRH, FAA, and EPA. OCHMO sponsors this meeting dedicated to the needs of the NASA health physics community every three years. A block of rooms at the government per diem rate are available at the [Holiday Inn-Capitol](#) through March 19th. Contact [Guy Camomilli](#) or [Kurt Geber](#) with questions or requests for more information.



◆ **Annual NASA OH Meeting to be Held in New Mexico:** Planning is fast moving forward for the annual OH Meeting which is scheduled for July 11-15. This year's [NASA OH Meeting](#) theme is "Portals to the Future: People, Partnerships and Prevention". Detailed information about hotel, agenda, travel, etc. is scheduled to be posted in April. Contact [Gail Bantugan](#) for more information.

◆ **HealthierYou Update:** Due to scheduling needs, Ms. Lucy Polk's presentation, from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), was postponed to June 7<sup>th</sup> [HPW ViTS](#). She will present on the topic of WellCheck, OPM's online assessment tool to analyze worksite wellness programs across the Federal government. The HPW Team's 2011 Action Plan was developed based on NASA's 2010 Well Check results. We have concluded our first year of online data collection for influenza vaccination. Thank you for your support. Please continue to monitor your emails regarding our upcoming Walk to Wellness Campaign and other Mayo Clinic activities.



◆ **New Agency International Medical Evacuation Vendor:**

Subsequent to OCHMO's evaluation of responses from a request for proposal in late January, a contract for international medical evacuation and travel assistance was awarded to Intensive Air. While traveling internationally on official government business, NASA Federal employees should use the vendor's designated toll free number for NASA (800-336-4079) or dial direct (and collect) from anywhere to 941-926-3949 for medical-related inquiries and assistance. Additional details will become available as OCHMO continues discussions with the new vendor. Please contact OCHMO at 321-867-2423 or 202-358-2390 with any questions. Note that this new contract does not supersede, but is in addition to, any other medical evacuation assistance contract that your Center may have with another vendor.



◆ **Recognizing a New Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH):**

Recently a Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) Center IH successfully completed the [CIH exam](#). Congratulations to *Jamie Schagene* from MSFC on this [noteworthy professional accomplishment](#).



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- May 2-6, Glenn Research Center

◆ **Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:**

- EAP ViTS – March 8, 11:00-12:00 EST
- EH ViTS – April 6, 11:00-12:00 EST
- Occupational Medicine ViTS – April 12, 11:00-12:00 EST
- Health Physics ViTS – April 27, 11:00-12:00 EST

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