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◆ **Annual Occupational Health Meeting:** Mark your calendars now for the week of August 27 when the Annual Occupational Health Meeting will be held at the Kennedy Space Center. The theme is **Maintaining Occupational Health Focus in Changing Times**. As in the past, the meeting offers great opportunities for networking with colleagues, breakout sessions and professional development courses with continuing education credits available. Additional details, such as online registration and hotel information will be posted on the OH website (ohp.nasa.gov) very soon.

◆ **Renewed OSHA Alliance:** A renewed Alliance between OSHA and the [Society for Chemical Hazard Communication \(SCHC\)](#) will promote best practices to reduce worker exposure to hazardous chemicals and help ensure worker awareness of the chemical hazards to which they may be exposed. The partnership will continue to address hazard communication and increase awareness of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). For more information on GHS, visit OSHA's [Hazard Communication](#) page. More details about the Alliance are available in the [news release](#).



◆ **In Memoriam: Bette Davis, 1951-2012**



Former NASA lead for Industrial Hygiene Programs, Radiation Safety, and Food Sanitation at the Dryden Space Flight Center, Bette Davis, passed away peacefully in her home on March 11th. Bette served NASA faithfully for 13 years, first at Ames and then at Dryden where she was lured in 1996 by her love of aircraft. Bette had a zest for life and always a positive outlook. She became a pilot in the mid-70's and jumped free-fall over 400 times. Giving up was not in her vocabulary. Bette will be remembered.

◆ **Certification Recognition:** Andy Grief, a health physicist at JSC recently passed the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Exam. Congratulations on accomplishing this professional accomplishment.



◆ **May is Exercise is Medicine® Month:** Since 2008, almost all 50 states, many cities, organizations and a few military bases have celebrated *Exercise is Medicine Month* by hosting a variety of organized events requiring physical activity to get people moving. If you would like more information about this initiative and to download the **2012 Exercise is Medicine Month Toolkit** or the **Exercise is Medicine® Health and Fitness Professionals' Action Guide**, check out ExerciseisMedicine.Org.



◆ **EHR Update:** The Electronic Health Record System (EHR) has gone live at our 8th Center, Dryden Research Flight Center (DFRC)! We had a successful training and launch for both Medical and Industrial Hygiene. Preparations are now underway for the Medgate GX training at Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) the week of June 11, 2012. The Medical Health Unit and the IH staff will both be attending the training at MSFC.

◆ **SAARIS Training for Self Reviews:** The second WebEx training session for Center POCs on using SAARIS for Center Self Reviews was given on April 23. It covered using the Audit Program Management Function to create the audit shell and assign audit coordinators, points of contact, and start and end dates; the Individual Audit Function for assigning the review team members and recording review findings;

and the Corrective Action Function for assigning the CAP auditors, inputting corrective action plans, and tracking corrective action implementations to closure. If you missed this training, you will have another opportunity in late July when another session will be scheduled. If you have any further questions as you navigate through SAARIS for Self Assessments, please do not hesitate to contact [Guy Camomilli](#) or [Linda Cooper](#) (for access/OCHMO process questions) or [Thuykien Nguyen](#) (for system functionality questions).

◆ **Don't Fry Day:** Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S. More people will get skin cancer this year than breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancer combined. The good news is: it is simple to protect skin and reduce the risk of getting skin cancer. It's as easy as Slip, Slop, Slap®...and Wrap — slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher, slap on a hat, and wrap on sunglasses. It is especially important to protect children from harmful effects of the sun because sunburns during childhood increase the risk of getting skin cancer later in life. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "*Don't Fry Day*" to raise awareness of skin cancer prevention and to encourage everyone to protect their skin as they head outdoors to kick off the summer season. The National Council is comprised of over 40 private organizations and associations in addition to numerous Federal Agencies active in skin cancer prevention efforts.



◆ **New ASHRAE Standard 188P:** A new standard has been published by ASHRAE requiring risk assessment for Legionella and other bacteria in all building water systems including potable water, hot water, cold water, cooling towers, humidifiers, evaporative coolers, and air washers. The standard requires building owners, operators and management companies to develop a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) for building water systems based on existing science and regulations for Legionella and other bacteria. The Standard can be found in "[Worldwide Exposure Standards for Mold and Bacteria, 9th edition](#)".

◆ **OOPs!** Thanks to feedback from many of you, we realized the February OH Newsletter had incorrectly listed the journal containing the NASA OH article entitled "Development of Occupational Health at NASA: Five Decades of Progress". It was published in the Journal of Occupational & Environmental Medicine, March 2012, Volume 54, Issue 3, p. 336-344. Please accept the editor's apologies for this mistake and any inconvenience the error may have caused.



◆ **NASA OH Center Review Calendar:**

- Johnson Space Center, May 21-25
- Wallops Flight Facility, June 4-8



◆ **Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:**

- EAP Quarterly ViTS – May 2, 2:30-3:30 EST
- Environmental Health Quarterly ViTS – May 2, 11:00-12:00 EST
- Fitness Quarterly ViTS – May 22, 1:00-2:00 EST
- Fitness & Nutrition ViTS Series – May 7, 2:30-3:30 pm EST
- Fitness & Nutrition ViTS Series – May 14, 1:00-2:00 pm EST
- Fitness Quarterly ViTS – May 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m. EST
- Fitness & Nutrition ViTS Series – May 31, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST
- Federal Workers Compensation ViTS – May 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m. EST

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