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## **SYSTEMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Functions and Responsibilities**

The Langley Safety Program requires that new and/or modified facilities, equipment or research apparatus be subjected to a safety review. There are three categories of items requiring such a review:

1. Major projects
2. Minor facility and/or equipment modifications
3. Building mechanical and safety equipment

Major projects are subject to a series of reviews in accord with LMI 7000.2. An example of such a project is the present addition to Building 1268.

The Systems Operations Committee (SOC) provides an operations safety review for minor facility modifications and equipment not scheduled for review by the project review system. This committee provides guidance on integrated facility operations and advice regarding facility and equipment interfaces. The SOC is also responsible for the approval of pressure vessels/systems for experimental systems of limited lifetime (approximately 2 years or less) that may depend on protective barriers or enclosures and remote operation to provide an acceptable degree of safety in lieu of complying with LaRC pressure systems regulations.

Other duties of the SOC include:

1. Recommend requirements, standards and practices for standard and acceptable interim operating procedures
2. Maintain an overview of development in operations safety.
3. Provide systems operations information for the LaRC Safety Manual.

If you have a system and/or equipment that should be reviewed by the SOC, please contact the Committee Chairman, Jim Osborne at 46958 or the Committee Secretary, Alan Phillips at extension 47233 if you have any questions about the operations of the SOC.

## **GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

Good housekeeping is an important safety issue. That shouldn't be a surprise if you consider that many of the potentially dangerous materials, tools, and substances we work with are lying in wait to make trouble in the work area. Even items that aren't really hazardous can become so when they're left lying around where people can trip over them or bump into them.

Good housekeeping has other virtues. When your work area is clean and neat, it's a lot easier to find what you need and do your job efficiently. It also makes it easier to find what you need and do your job efficiently. It also makes it easier to respond or get out fast in an emergency.

Good housekeeping is everyone's responsibility. While the support contractors handle tasks that involve working in many different facilities, these workers don't know where all your tools and materials are kept. They may not have had the training you or other workers in your area have had on the hazardous substances or operations in your area. In addition, it is not their job to pick up after you. Good housekeeping has to be constant and ongoing to prevent and eliminate hazards in your work area.

Most people would never let any part of their own homes, including home workshops, (but maybe excluding teenagers' bedrooms), get as cluttered and dirty as their work areas become. That's not just unpleasant; it can be dangerous!