



Langley Research Center Safety Alert

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Date: October 15, 1990

TO: All Facility Safety Heads
All Facility Coordinators
All Contractor Safety Representatives

FROM: 429/Safety Manager, Head, Safety Engineering Branch,
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SUBJECT: Lessons Learned Briefing on the 8-Foot High Temperature
Tunnel (8-Foot HTT) Contractor Mishap

On November 20, 1989, a mishap occurred at the 8-Foot HTT when a team of construction contractor personnel was preparing to perform a pneumatic flushing of debris from high pressure air lines by use of low pressure, high velocity air. The mishap resulted in serious personnel injury when a blank flange was removed from air lines perceived to have been unpressurized.

Mr. S. D. Joplin from the Facilities Engineering Division chaired the Mishap Review Board and will present a "Lessons Learned" briefing at the H. J. E. Reid Conference Center, Building 1222, on November 5, 1990, at 10 a.m. The briefing is open to all interested employees with special emphasis on attendance by Facility Safety Heads, Facility Coordinators and Contractor Safety Representatives.

Awareness briefings of this type are beneficial in preventing recurrence of mishaps such as these. If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

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