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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: Implementation of the NASA Safety Reporting System
(NSRS) at LaRC

One of the recommendations resulting from the Challenger Mishap Investigation called for the establishment of an Agency wide safety reporting system. This system was developed and first implemented at those field installations involved in and responsible for manned space flight. It is now being extended for use at the remaining NASA Centers and is intended to provide employees a mechanism for reporting safety concerns.

For many years the LaRC has depended upon an internal system for the reporting of safety problems. Employees have been instructed to report their concerns to either Facility Safety Heads, Coordinators or directly to the Systems Safety, Quality and Reliability Division. Further, any employee could submit a LaRC Form 174 to the Executive Safety Board, and hence assure management review of the concern. This system will remain in place for the foreseeable future and will now be enhanced by implementation of the NSRS.

You are requested to attend a briefing on this NSRS system on April 24, 1990, at 1:30 p.m. in the H. J. E. Reid Auditorium, Building 1222. Headquarters personnel responsible for the system will conduct the discussion and be available to answer questions. As the vital link in the LaRC Safety Program, you are to be a spokesperson for the system and will serve to communicate its purpose.

If you are unable to attend this briefing, it is requested that you appoint someone to attend in your behalf. The success of this program depends on employee participation and acceptance.

Your continued support of the LaRC Safety Function is appreciated.

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