



# Langley Research Center Safety Alert

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**TO:** All Facility Safety Heads  
All Facility Coordinators

**FROM:** 429/Chief, Office of Safety and Facility Assurance, SEMA

**SUBJECT:** Annual Self Assessment of the Safety and Facility Assurance Program

It is a NASA regulation that all field site Operational Safety functions receive an annual audit to evaluate its competency. In years past this was accomplished by a Headquarters Team or Center Team on alternating years. This policy has not been followed throughout the Agency for a number of years. The LaRC SR&Q function received its last formal audit via a Headquarters Team in FY 1991.

Over the last year the Agency has established a program for self-assessment and the Operational Safety Program has been included. A specific set of questions has been established by Headquarters and all Center Safety Directors for consistency of review. The Team selected for the FY 1994 LaRC Safety and Facility Assurance self-assessment scheduled for the week of April 18-22, 1994, is listed below with their organizational affiliation and area of responsibility for the assessment.

Tom Pope, Regional OSHA Officer-Safety Management

Bob Brown, SEMA-Hazardous Materials

Jon Mullin, NASA Headquarters, Code QS -Fire Protection  
-Explosives, Propellants and  
Pyrotechnics  
-Emergency Preparedness

Mike Hudson, FENG D-Pressure System Safety

Bob Graham, OSD-Lifting Devices and Materials Handling

Warren Nichols, SEMA

Ed Yarrington, OSD

Research/Test Operations

Jim Smith, OSD

\*Jim Osborn, FENG D-Safety in Contracts  
-Safety in Facilities Construction Repair

Jeff Hill, Facility Safety Head-Facility Assurance

\* Jim Osborn-Chairperson for Self-Assessment

As Facility Safety Heads and Facility Coordinators you will become an integral part of the assessment process. The Self-Assessment Team will certainly be contacting you as they evaluate the various elements of the Center's Safety and Facility Assurance Program. I appreciate your support of this effort, especially when recognizing that your work schedules are already overflowing. Your input into this process is vital if we are to continue to enjoy the safe and effective work environment we now enjoy. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the subject Self-Assessment.

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Contractor Safety Reps.

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