



Langley Research Center Safety Alert

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

SUBJECT: Safety Operators Permit

The Office of Safety, Environment and Mission Assurance (SEMA) will begin implementation of new procedures involving the appointment of safety operator candidates. A new form, SEMA-N-201, and procedure must be used by all new and renewing safety operator candidates.

The supervisor of the candidate safety operator is to complete the form and instruct the candidate per the instructions on the back of the form. Candidates requiring electrical field certification shall contact extension 44086 and candidates for mechanical/vacuum/pressure field certification shall contact extension 49066. After the required field certifications have been completed, the form is to be approved and signed by the candidate's Division Chief before forwarding to the Office of Safety and Facility Assurance (OSFA), Mail Stop 429.

The OSFA will contact the candidate's supervisor to schedule the written safety operator test. Please note, the Operations Support Division (OSD) is no longer giving the written safety operator test. The OSFA is now conducting all written tests and retests as needed. When the candidate has passed all field and written tests the OSFA will issue the candidate their Safety Operator card.

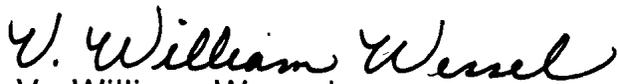
It is the responsibility of the safety operators and their supervisors to see that all the steps have been carried out as outlined above. It is also their responsibility to see that the card is renewed every four years.

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Facility Coordinators need to keep an up-to-date copy of the safety operator cards in their red tag log book. The OSFA will no longer be notifying safety operators prior to the expiration of their card.

The LHB 1710.10, "Safety Clearance Procedures," (Red Tag) is currently under review for revision. We would like all persons who have had problems with or have any comments on the red tagging procedures in LHB 1710.10 to please send a memo (it can be a handwritten note, no names are required) to the OSFA, Mail Stop 429. We would like to make this update of the LHB 1710.10 work for you, our customer, as well as continue the quality of safety we have all enjoyed at LaRC.


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