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TO: All Facility Safety Head
All Facility Coordinators

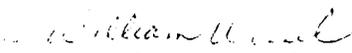
FROM: 429/Safety Manager, Head, Safety Engineering Branch,
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SUBJECT: Red Tag Safety Awareness Training

One of the key elements in the LaRC Safety Program is our Safety Clearance Procedure (RED TAG) defined in LHB 1710.10. Basically, the Red Tag is the mechanism used to assure personnel or equipment safety during installation, maintenance, or in any situation where an equipment configuration must be maintained for the protection of personnel or equipment.

Safety Operators are the only personnel trained and authorized to either install or remove the Red Tag. Strict adherence to the Red Tag procedures is mandatory since unauthorized removal of the tag, or operation of equipment bearing a Red Tag, can potentially lead to the death or serious injury of workers. In an emergency situation a Facility Safety Head may empower personnel deemed qualified to administer the Red Tag. These must be true emergencies, such as securing an accident site, and not acts of convenience. No exceptions to the rules are permitted and violations will result in disciplinary action. If your facility does not possess a qualified Safety Operator for Red Tag application, you may obtain this service through the Operations Support Division which has individuals qualified as Safety Operators Center-wide.

Your Safety Office has developed an awareness training program covering our Red Tag system. Contact Mr. John Lee, Head, Safety and Environmental Management Section, extension 43342, to schedule this vital training. Your continued support of the LaRC Safety Program is appreciated.


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