

LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

February 4, 2002

FY 2002 - Civil Servants



() = Number of new occurrences

OSHA Recordable Cases = Fatalities, Lost Time, Incidents and Restricted Work Incidents
Incidents = Cases in which more than first aid treatment is required, but less than 8 hours of time is lost.
Restricted Work Incidents = Cases requiring first aid treatment, resulting in light duty restrictions.

Injury/Mishap Information

- The Center has been **98** days **without** a Civil Servant **Lost Time Injury**
- Restricted Work Incidents
 - On January 2, 2002, a SMC employee sustained a contusion to the right hip while pushing an instrument rack. The rack hit a crack in the floor causing it to turn over onto the employee's body. A work request was written to repair the floor.
 - On January 14, 2002, a SMC employee sustained a back strain while assisting in the loading of a workbench onto a cart. The employee was counseled on proper lifting techniques and instructed to acquire assistance of additional individuals in the future.
- The following first aid cases involving civil servants were reported:
 - An AAAC employee on official travel developed a skin irritation possibly caused by an insect/spider bite.
 - An AAAC employee sustained a puncture wound from a mechanical pencil point while reaching into his pants pocket. The pencil point required removal by the Clinic staff.



Building 1247E Cooling Tower Mishap - On Thursday, January 23, 2002, a fan blade inside cell #1 of Building 1247E cooling tower #1 failed. All nine blades were damaged and the gear housing was cracked. The Office of Safety and Facility Assurance is investigating the mishap.



Safety Topic of the Month - Materials Handling - Using the right method of moving materials reduces the risk of injury.

- Make sure you use the right equipment - handcart, pallet jack, forklift, etc.
- Do not stack materials too high or too deep.
- Make sure the load is secure.
- Inspect your path to make sure no hazards are present that may cause the load to shift (i.e., cracks in the floor, uneven surfaces).



Safety Posters - A poster concerning **Materials Handling** has been distributed to Facility Coordinators and Facility Safety Heads for posting during the month of February. The February Safety Awareness Newsletter will address Materials Handling.

