

LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

August 4, 2003

FY 2003 - 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 **131** days **without** a Civil Servant **Lost Time Injury**. **(Record 433 days)**
- No first aid cases involving civil servants were reported.
- **Close Call** - On July 22, 2003, a researcher who needed to dry laboratory glassware, plugged an industrial heat gun into an outlet in a fume hood, and a short circuit occurred, causing the breaker to the fume hood to trip. Investigation determined the stainless steel cover plate of the fume hood outlet had a missing screw, causing the cover plate to slip down and contact the prongs of the three-prong plug causing the short. No injury was incurred and the screw has been replaced.



Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Presentation Ceremony - A ceremony to present the OSHA VPP STAR recertification plaque and flag to the Langley Research Center is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Reid Conference Center. All Center employees are welcome to attend.



Report Safety Concern Link - A link is now available from the @LaRC Quick Links, which gives employees information on how to report a safety concern. A concern is any situation an employee feels is a hazard or has the potential to be a hazard to personnel, equipment, or property.

Safety Topic of the Month - Heat Stress - If you work outdoors in the heat or work in a hot environment, you are at risk for heat illnesses. Take these precautions to avoid heat illness:

- Take frequent short breaks.
- Drink plenty of water, and drink it frequently. Avoid alcoholic beverages and drinks containing caffeine which can contribute to dehydration.
- Dress in lightweight fabrics that provide ventilation. Light colors are cooler than dark colors, which absorb the sun's heat.

