

LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

September 30, 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 **245** days **without** a Civil Servant **Lost Time Injury**.
- Close Call - On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, a close call occurred while facility personnel were proceeding to close the south hangar doors in Building 1244 using the electric motor-driven door closer. The manual hand wheel flew off the shaft at a high rate of speed, hit the hangar floor, and exploded into several pieces. No injuries were sustained. It was concluded that the manual hand wheel had been previously left on the shaft by contractor personnel who placed it onto the shaft to paint it. The system is not designed to have the manual hand shaft in place while closing the doors with the electric drive. To prevent reoccurrence, the hand wheel is now considered a tool and is stored in the tool room, and a sign has been placed warning personnel to verify the hand wheel is not in place prior to operating the electric motor door closer.
- No first aid cases involving civil servants were reported.

Fracture points



Safety Topic of the Month - Eye Protection - Any individual working in an environment where they are exposed to eye or face hazards from flying particles, molten metal, liquid chemicals, acids or caustic liquids, chemical gases or vapors, or potentially injurious light radiation shall wear eye protection. Eye protection may be a face shield, goggles or safety glasses with protective side shields. Safety glasses without side shields are not considered eye protection. Side shields are now available from the LaRC Stockroom as Eyeglasses, Side Shields, Stock No. 4240-01-L00-2412.



Safety Posters - A poster concerning **Eye Protection** was distributed to Facility Coordinators and Facility Safety Heads for posting during the month of October.