

Safety & Environmental Newsletter



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New Propane System at WFF

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Some of the new construction at WFF over the summer is related to a new underground propane distribution system. This system will be used to heat individual buildings and eventually remove the steam heat system that has exceeded its useful life. This system is very safe and will provide WFF with a more efficient energy source for our future. With any new system comes a new set of benefits and risks. This will now also require new boiler systems to be installed in some building mechanical rooms. We will also have training in place for maintenance, response personnel, and FOMs for these new systems. We will begin activating these systems soon. For most employees this will not result in any changes to the work environment, however, if you hear, see or smell something that may be related to a gas leak or you have any concerns related to these systems, please call the Facilities Help Desk at X-4357 (HELP).

~Updates~

Safety Awareness Campaign Update

Please block your calendars for the 2010 WFF Safety Awareness Campaign scheduled for September 22, 23, and 24th. This year we have a professional safety motivational speaker presenting twice on the 22nd, several sessions regarding the implementation of the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program at WFF, and many other informational sessions addressing multiple items. We encourage all employees to attend at least a couple of these sessions since this is the only time of the year we set aside a few hours to focus on working safely at work and at home. It is time well spent!



Hurricane Awareness Update

Hurricane Earl graced us with his passing on Friday the 10th. While we saw minimal impacts from this system, it was a reminder of just how much difference a few miles can make. The photo below was taken on Wallops Island about 2:00 PM as the system made its closest pass. At this time the system was a degrading Category 2 storm nearly 200 miles away. While we were outside the wind field for even the Tropical Storm winds, as you can see the wave action was impressive and minor beach erosion was detected. We still have a month of the active hurricane season ahead of us and with two storms currently in the Atlantic basin we need to be aware.



2010 Atlantic Hurricane Names

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What Have You Done for Safety Lately??

Highlights from Code 810, Sounding Rockets Program Office, Philip Eberspaker, Chief

Monthly this organization has what is called “safety moments” where safety topics are discussed that are taken from the Employee Safety Committee or other sources. When discussion is not possible, copies of these safety topics are distributed to each person in the organization. In addition, information from the Executive Safety Committee is shared with everyone.

Walk-throughs of their offices are routinely conducted to identify any safety hazards, or adjustments that need to be made; and Job Hazard Analyses for the office are publicly posted. This organization’s practice of safety is evident in the practices they have adopted.

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It's that time of year again...

Come participate in the Wallops Island Beach Cleanup!!



Saturday
September 25th
from
9 am until noon

Meet at the Island Gate.

Bring your badge and your family!

To sign-up contact Marianne Simko at x 2127
Or
Marianne.F.Simko@nasa.gov



Energy Conservation



October is Energy Awareness Month. By developing renewable resources and using efficient technologies, we can protect the environment, stimulate the economy, and increase energy security. To reach the federal goal requiring 3% energy reduction per year by 2011 (compared to 2003), we all must do our part.

Make a habit of using these simple tips to save energy around your office:

- Combine trips, share rides, or walk to meetings and the cafeteria.
- Use natural lighting and task lighting when possible.
- Wear a sweater instead of turning on personal heaters to warm-up in the mornings.
- In summer, reduce cooling needs by closing window blinds to block direct sunlight.
- In winter, reduce heating needs by opening blinds on south facing windows during the day.
- Turn off computers and monitors at the end of the day.
- Turn off office, kitchen, bathroom, and hall lights when not in use.
- Unplug energy draining equipment when not in use (i.e. cell phone chargers and coffee makers).
- Select duplex printing.
- Purchase Energy Star and EPEAT products. Go to <http://www.energystar.gov> or <http://www.epeat.net> for information on required energy efficient product purchases.

Your actions have a ripple effect.

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