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1. POLICY

a. Safety and Health Policy:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) is committed to the philosophy that safety and health program performance is dependent upon the pursuit of continuous improvement. It is for this reason that the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is placed in high regard. Protection of our workforce and visitors remains our highest priority. Safety shall be both an individual and organizational responsibility for all who work at NASA SSC. It shall be our charter to strive to achieve a Safety and Health program that prevents mishaps and meets or exceeds NASA, Federal, and OSHA VPP requirements.

- b. The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) shall be established and utilized as the core foundation for the NASA SSC Safety and Health Program.
- c. NASA SSC's written safety and health program shall be organized around the following elements of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP):
 - 1. Management Leadership
 - 2. Employee Involvement
 - 3. Worksite Analysis
 - 4. Hazard Prevention and Control
 - 5. Safety and Health Training.

2. APPLICABILITY

- a. This directive applies to all NASA SSC personnel.
- b. This directive applies to NASA contractors and construction contractors to the extent specified by their respective contracts.

3. AUTHORITY

- a. 29 U.S.C. 668, Section 19 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended
- b. 29 CFR 1960, Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs and Related Matters
- c. Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees, dated February 26, 1980, 3 CFR (1980 Compilation), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 7902 (note)
- d. NPR 8715.3, NASA General Safety Program Requirements

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4. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- a. SPR 8715.1, SSC Safety and Health Program Requirements.
- b. CSP 03-01-005, Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP): Policies and Procedures Manual.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Center Director shall be responsible to ensure the responsibilities described in SPR 8715.1, SSC Safety and Health Program Requirements are being managed and achieved to meet this Safety and Health Policy.
- b. The Center Director shall delegate the NASA SSC Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate (SMA) and Center Operations Directorate to work jointly to perform an Annual Safety and Health Evaluation in accordance with CSP-03-01-005, Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP): Policies and Procedures Manual.
- c. SMA shall lead the Annual Safety and Health Evaluation and provide a summary report to the Center Director, the Deputy Director, and Associate Director.
- d. The Center Director shall approve the safety and health goals and communicate them to the organization.

6. MEASUREMENT/VERIFICATION

The primary method of measurement of the Safety and Health Program shall be the Annual Safety and Health Evaluation performed by SMA and the Center Operations Directorate. This evaluation shall:

- a. Determine the effectiveness of safety and health compliance of NASA SSC, its contractors and construction contractors through a review of their Safety and Health programs.
- b. Evaluate trends of incidents and inspection findings.
- c. Summarize safety opinion survey results.
- d. Communicate achievements and accomplishments.
- e. Validate completion of the previous years' recommendations.
- f. Develop or modify goals, policies, and procedures to meet the requirements of this policy.

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7. CANCELLATION

SPD 8715.4, Rev. A, Safety and Health Policy dated October 2010.

Signature on file

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