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As Director of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility, I want to thank each of you for your dedicated service to NASA. The safety of our personnel and of the public is our foremost priority in all that we do here at Wallops. The prevention of accidents and injuries takes precedence over any schedule or activity. In the conduct of our operations, every attempt will be made to provide a safe working environment for our employees.

For all NASA employees, contractors, tenants, and customers, the Chief of Wallops Safety Office (Code 803) is our primary contact for safety-related matters that cannot be resolved within the work organization. All personnel at Wallops should bring any unsafe condition or practice to the attention of their immediate supervisor, and can expect a timely resolution. Supervisors will communicate these concerns to the appropriate organization, who will respond promptly.

At Wallops, we continually strive toward creating and maintaining a safe work environment, and I, along with the Wallops management team, am actively involved with employees in our safety and health program activities.

Our safety goal is to provide outstanding program support for all of our missions with no accidents or injuries. In order to reach this goal, we will need the full support of all personnel. Please promptly report any unsafe conditions or processes. For unsafe facility conditions, call the HELP Desk at extension 4357. For information regarding the reporting of a close call or mishaps, please go to the Code 803 Web site at http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code803/mishap.php.

These are exciting times for Wallops. Our priorities in 2014 are to facilitate safe, reliable, and cost-effective access to space for our customers, and commercial access to low-Earth orbit for cargo resupply to the International Space Station. As always, I would be interested in your thoughts and feedback to help make Wallops a safer place to work. Please send them to WFF-Director@mail.nasa.gov.

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Director of Wallops Flight Facility

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Tornado Drill Exercise

On **Tuesday, March 11**, Wallops Flight Facility will join a million or more Virginians participating in the statewide Tornado Drill. The drill will begin at 9:45 AM. Statewide media outlets may scroll/announce an EXERCISE EAS (Emergency Alert System) message and NOAA National Weather Service radios will issue an EXERCISE tornado warning alert. At Wallops, EXERCISE Tornado Warning EWS (Emergency Warning System) sirens, ECHO emails and ECHO texts will be issued. Emails containing further information regarding Wallop's Tornado Drill will be issued as the date nears.

Get ECHO Alerts by e-mail or text!

Although Punxsutawney Phil and the local weather rock both say that spring is nowhere near, the National Weather Service, along with Mother Nature, the sun and moon all guarantee that it WILL arrive soon (officially March 20)! And, with spring weather comes the possibility of increased stormy weather events. So now is a great time to sign up to receive or update your ECHO weather alerts if you have not already done so.

While Wallops community site-wide severe weather alerts via the Emergency Warning System and Intercom system will continue as always, individual severe weather notifications are available via ECHO Weather Alert text/e-mail messages. Weather events announced include Tornado Watches & Warnings, Lightning Advisories & Warnings, Severe Thunderstorm Watches & Warnings, and High Wind Advisories. To receive ECHO Weather Alert e-mails and/or texts you must be signed up in ECHO's Weather Notifications Group. CLICK HERE for details on how to sign up for these alerts.

SAFETY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES		
Course	Date	Building and Room Number
ICS 300 *Pre-requisite Training	March 12-13	Building E-104 Room 116
NFPA 101 Life Safety Code	June 16-18	Building E-104 Room 116
Cryogenic Safety	July 22-23	Building E-104 Room 214
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* Completion of four FEMA on-line courses is required before the ICS 300 course can be taken. Details can be found on the WFF Safety website's Emergency Management Training page.		