



## Administrator O'Keefe addresses Agency Friday

## Inspection notes error, delays Deep Impact launch

### ▲ Special Address by Administrator O'Keefe Friday

In his resignation letter to President George W. Bush, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said:

"NASA is the only agency in the world where its people are allowed to dream big and then work to make those dreams come true. Who wouldn't treasure the opportunity to be a part of pioneering history? I'm humbled by the dedication and determination of the NASA Family and their commitment to the future of exploration. I wish each of them the very best. I am confident in their ability to carry out what we've started."

O'Keefe invites you to be a part of a special address to the entire NASA Family at 11 a.m. Friday from Headquarters in Washington. You're invited to watch the administrator's remarks live on NASA Television and on the Internet at <http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html>.

▲ **ELV Update:** The launch of the Deep Impact spacecraft has been rescheduled for no earlier than Jan. 12. During a review of launch vehicle hardware, it was discovered that some components of the inter-stage adapter did not receive proper heat treatment and must be removed and replaced.

The inter-stage adapter is located between the first and second stage of the rocket. A Boeing engineer reviewing an "as-built" drawing of the vehicle discovered the inter-stage had not been heat treated to a revised higher specification.

The second stage was removed from the vehicle Dec. 15, the inter-stage adapter is being removed today, a new inter-stage adapter will be installed tomorrow, and the second stage re-installed Saturday.

■ **Parking for the One NASA Leader-Led Workshop** — The morning session begins at 9:30 a.m. today and includes Center Director Jim Kennedy joining Deputy

Administrator Fred Gregory, Associate Administrator for Exploration Systems Rear Adm. Craig Steidle, and Deputy Associate Administrator for Space Operations Lynn Cline in IMAX II to provide you an update and to respond to any of your questions.

*For those attending at the Visitor Complex, please arrive early and park in Parking Area #5. Entrance tickets and the workshop agenda will be given out at that time. Also, be advised you will be entering through the main park entrance and will require the same security screening as other guests. Any electronic devices you bring will need to be activated as part of the screening.*

■ **Influenza Vaccine** — The Occupational Health Facility (OHF) has a limited supply of influenza vaccine. Because of the significant national shortage of flu vaccine, the OHF will be distributing this vaccine in strict adherence to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for high risk conditions.

Please note that KSC will be donating any remaining influenza vaccine to the Brevard County Health Department on Dec. 20. If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, please come to the OHF before that date.

■ **NASA Science** — Most machines don't improve with use. Old pickup trucks don't gradually become Ferraris just by driving them fast. The human body is different. Go to [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/10dec\\_muscles.htm?list550276](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/10dec_muscles.htm?list550276) to learn more.

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