



Employees can help victims of Hurricane Katrina

Atlantis to demate from ET, return to OPF

▲ **Note from the Administrator:** In the coming days and weeks of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we want to make certain our colleagues and their families get the help they need. While there is considerable federal and state assistance on the way, NASA employees can get involved by contributing to the NASA Family Assistance Fund at <http://www.feea.org>. The NASA Family Assistance Fund will provide a grant of up to \$400 and an interest-free loan of up to \$600 for people living in declared disaster areas.

▲ **Shuttle Update:** Orbiter Atlantis remains in the Vehicle Assembly Building attached to its External Tank (ET-120) and Solid Rocket Boosters. Preparations are under way to demate, or remove, Atlantis from its ET. Atlantis has been lowered into the transfer aisle and will be rolled back to Orbiter Processing Facility Bay 1 in early September. ET-120, the first redesigned ET to arrive at KSC, will eventually be sent back to the Michoud Assembly Facility for further testing.

In the Vehicle Assembly Building, the Solid Rocket Boosters will be destacked and sent back to ATK Thiokol in Utah for refurbishment. In December, the booster segments will have reached the end of the time allowable for segments to be stacked prior to a launch. A new booster stack will be built for Atlantis' launch.

■ **The Thermal and Fluid Analysis Workshop** — TFAWS originated at NASA Lewis Research Center and was held there from 1989-1996. This year, it was hosted by NASA KSC for the first time and held at the

University of Central Florida Aug. 8-12. The event was organized by engineers from different KSC organizations and supported by ASRC Aerospace Corp. Workshop participants were exposed to industry- and government-developed analysis tools during demonstrations with training sessions and four different paper sessions. Special events featured guest speakers and a tour of KSC, where attendees were welcomed by KSC Deputy Director Dr. Woodrow Whitlow Jr.

■ **Webster University Seminar** — Webster University is offering a seminar at its Merritt Island Campus entitled "Networking. It Really is Who You Know and What You Say." The seminar, which will meet 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sept. 10, can be taken for graduate credit or may be audited for \$100. Participants do not have to be Webster University students to attend. For further information about Webster University, go to the Web site at www.webster.edu/spacecoast or call 321-449-4500.

■ **Reminder** — You can help KSC/CCAFS save energy dollars this upcoming holiday! Please remember when you leave to:

- Turn off your computer, monitor and printer (if not required to remain on).
- Turn off the lights in your office when you are the last person to leave.
- Turn off the hall and hall closet lights on your way out, if you are the last person to leave your area in the building.
- Turn off displays and decorative lights.
- Turn off or unplug any appliances in the office, such as coffee makers, desk lamps, fans, radios, etc.
- Turn off the copier machines (including hallways) and scanners.
- Close the blinds on all windows.

■ **Did You Know?** The burning of candles and the use of candle warmers is prohibited on KSC and CCAFS. Candle safety has been declared the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign.