



Expedition 11 crew nears end of stay on ISS

▲ **ISS Update:** NASA and Russian flight controllers outside Moscow are in control of the International Space Station, after mission control in Houston was evacuated ahead of Hurricane Rita. Aboard the station, Expedition 11 Commander Sergei Krikalev and Flight Engineer John Phillips activated the repaired Elektron oxygen generator last week. Krikalev and Phillips repaired the Elektron with a new liquids unit that was brought up on a recent Progress spacecraft. Krikalev and Phillips also worked on an experiment designed to test the effects of certain compounds on kidney stones, and they collected water samples to be analyzed once they return to Earth.

The Expedition 11 crew is nearing the end of its six-month stay on the station, and crew members spent part of the week packing up their return spacecraft, the same Russian Soyuz that brought them to the station in April. They also tested out their shock-absorbing seats for their landing, scheduled for Oct. 10, U.S. time.



▲ **CFC Kickoff:**

The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff is being held at 9 a.m. Oct. 4 in the

KSC Training Auditorium. This year's theme is "Launching Dreams of Those in Need." Invited speakers are Janet Bryant, Executive Director

and CEO of American Red Cross Brevard County Chapter, and Major Jack Owens, Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army in North/Central Brevard.



■ **Hurricane Rita Aftermath at Houston**

— This is the latest information

about NASA facilities affected by Hurricane Rita. At **Johnson Space Flight Center**, there were no injuries. Facility surveys show only minor building and ground damage. One minor roll-up door was blown off its tracks and a few trees were blown down. Facilities are on utility power. Potable water is restored. Air conditioning systems are being brought on line as needed. Employees are on admin leave until today since they may experience problems getting back into the Houston area.

At **Michoud Assembly Facility**, the potable water issue is still being worked by Marshall Space Flight Center. The facility won't have water from utility for some time.

■ **Bridge Maintenance** —

Tomorrow the Banana River bridge will be under repair. From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the east bound lane will be closed, and from 12:30 to 2:30

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p.m. the west bound lane will be closed. Affected traffic will be diverted to another lane. Also, on Thursday and Friday, the Indian River bridge will be closed for maintenance from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., east bound on Thursday and westbound on Friday. Traffic will be diverted to other lanes. If using either bridge during the stated hours, please drive with caution and be on the lookout for workers with flags directing the flow of traffic.



■ **Reminder**

— KSC's Fitness Centers Intercenter "Return To Run" at the

SLF takes place at 5 p.m. **today** at the Shuttle Landing Facility. The 2-mile walk/run, 5K run or 10K run are **free** for all spaceport employees. Late registration is available at the race.

■ **Did You Know?** NASA has established a public Web site to convey important contact information to NASA employees and contractors impacted by Katrina and for general public information at <http://www.nasa.gov/eoc> Please see the "For Employees" section for information on NASA hotlines, employee check-in procedures, payroll, housing and the NASA Family Assistance Fund. For updates about relief operations, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/hurricane>.