Chapter 3.3 Process Safety Management

3.3.1 Applicability of this chapter

JSC organizations shall determine whether new or modified systems or processes they introduce at JSC are subject to the criteria in 29 CFR 1910.119, “Process safety management of highly hazardous chemicals,” the process safety management (PSM) standard. This standard applies when a chemical listed in the standard is present in quantities at or above the threshold quantity stated in the standard.

3.3.2 PSM at JSC

a. The intent of PSM is to prevent unwanted releases of hazardous chemicals, especially into locations which could expose employees and others to serious hazards.

b. JSC in Houston presently has no processes subject to PSM. JSC’s White Sands Test Facility has processes subject to PSM and shall follow OSHA and internal White Sands Test Facility requirements.

3.3.3 Requirements

Reviews of new or modified processes shall include an assessment of whether the change will cause JSC to implement PSM requirements.

3.3.4 Responsibilities for process safety management

3.3.4.1 JSC managers are responsible for:

a. Evaluating new or modified processes to determine whether they meet the PSM criteria. Always avoid changes that invoke PSM criteria unless there is no feasible alternative.

b. Completing a hazard analysis when implementing a new or modified process. The hazard analysis should be sent to Occupational Health for review. Submit a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) to the JSC SDS coordinator for any new chemical to be used in the process when it is ordered. When the chemical is brought on site, it must be entered into the JSC Hazardous Materials Inventory.

c. Reporting to the JSC Safety and Test Operations Division and Occupational Health any processes meeting the PSM criteria. Implement PSM requirements where applicable.

3.3.5 Safety and health records for process safety management

a. Center-level records – Chemical inventory to show which processes are required to meet PSM requirements. JSC will review the chemical inventory yearly to determine whether PSM threshold quantities have been reached.

b. Any processes meeting the PSM criteria shall include any records required by the standard.

NOTE: See Appendix F, Attachment 1.1A for details on records and documentation required by this chapter.