

## OPENING REMARKS

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I am Lita Arnold, Team Leader for the Occupational Safety and Health Program, located within the Environment, Energy, and Employee Safety Division, AEE-200. I am pleased to welcome you to our first Safety Management Orientation for the Lines of Business' safety and workers' compensation points of contact. Let me take a moment to introduce you to the other members of the team. They worked hard to put this program together.

Please sign the roster as it comes around. We will be issuing Certificates at the end of the Orientation and will need a complete roster to be certain that no one is overlooked. Thank you.

Each one of you should have a binder. In it is an agenda that provides the topics and projected times for each. We will do our best to adhere to the schedule, and have provided for breaks, an hour-long lunch period, and time at the end of the day for comments and questions.

Your binder also includes a list of the objectives of this orientation. Briefly they are:

- Introduction to safety concepts for LOB/OWCP POCs
- Promote a culture shift in the FAA toward support for employee safety
- Stimulate working relationships between the LOB safety and workers' compensation POCs, safety professionals, and the Aviation Medical staff
- Discuss strategies in other Federal agencies for handling worker injuries and illnesses in order to bring employees back to work and save costs

Now I would like to introduce you to the AEE-200 division manager, Dr. Tom Holloway, and to Ms. Jeanne Kosch, manager of the Environmental and Safety and Health Policy at the Department of Transportation.