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NSLS 2004 Safety Stand-Down Summary

The NSLS, as well as all other BNL organizations, participated in a “Safety Stand-Down” during December 2004 to discuss the importance of safety in our daily activities. The meetings began on December 1 and extended through Friday, December 17. A recurring message in the meetings was to build a culture where everyone:

- plans and executes their work properly and safely
- doesn't take short cuts
- calls attention to things that are wrong or not as planned
- watches out for one another.

The initiative reflects the renewed emphasis the Department of Energy, BNL, and NSLS management have placed on safety within our facilities.

During this period, the NSLS held meetings for the following groups (click each link to see the PowerPoint presentation given during that meeting):

Wednesday, December 1

- The entire Lab was invited to hear a safety talk by motivational speaker Charlie Morecraft. For more information on Charlie, go to BNL's web training site, <http://training.bnl.gov/> (click on “Web Courses” and scroll down to “Charlie's Story – Safety Training Video Series”)

Thursday, December 2

- [NSLS All-Hands meeting](#) - a department-wide meeting for all NSLS staff
- [Work Control Coordinators](#)

Friday, December 3

- [Administrative Staff](#)

Wednesday, December 15

- [Scientists and Engineers](#)
- [Technicians and Technical Supervisors](#)

Friday, December 17

- [User community](#) – PRTs, including Spokespersons, Local Contacts, and resident beam line staff
- User Science Division
- [Operations and Engineering Division](#)
- [Accelerator Division](#)

There were vigorous discussions during and after each meeting, and many suggestions for improving the safety culture and environment at the NSLS were made. A document summarizing many of the comments made at these meetings is [here](#).

This document will be developed into a website that will show how each comment has been followed up on, allowing NSLS staff and users to track the comment from its initial suggestion to closure. A NSLS Safety Improvement Plan for FY 2005 is being prepared and will also be placed on the NSLS web pages in the near future.