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TO: CB/All Astronauts

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SUBJECT: Spouse Tour of Launch Pad During Launch Count

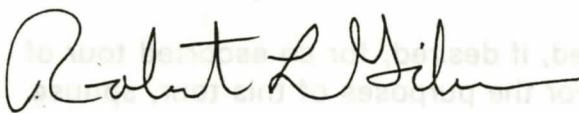
The spouses of each crew will be scheduled, if desired, for an escorted tour of the launch pad during the launch count. For the purposes of this tour, spouse is defined as either a crew member's spouse or, for an unwed crew member, a designated individual who possesses a primary contact badge. The escort will be an immediate family escort and will conduct the tour per the following procedures:

- a. The tour will be scheduled after the rotating service structure rollback (if possible) for a period of no more than 30 minutes to be completed no later than L-11 hours. The tour may be scheduled with or without the flight crew.
- b. Within one hour of the start of the tour, the escort will call the Vehicle Integration Test Office (VITO) at 867-4792 to verify that there are no hazardous activities underway that would prevent the tour and to notify the VITO of the time frame of the tour and the number of people involved. The escort should also request that the VITO notify NASA/Lockheed Safety and KSC Security.
- c. The escort will ensure that all individuals are wearing acceptable clothing. This includes:
 1. Shoes that cover the entire foot (no open toed shoes or sandals). Shoes must be flat bottom (no high or extended heels).
 2. Long slacks (no shorts, skirts).

3. Short or long sleeve shirts and jackets are acceptable (no tank tops or mesh shirts)
4. No loose items that could be inadvertently dropped and left on the pad

The tour will be conducted as a group at the pad level only (i.e., the tour will neither go up the elevator/gantry nor onto the mobile launch platform). The escort will ensure that no one in the group crosses any ropes/barriers or activates any levers/switches.

KSC management has agreed to allow the spouses this privilege. By following the guidelines above, we hope to make this tour a unique experience for the spouses of many crews in the future.



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