

Circular Letter No 874

January 15, 2013

TO: Printing and Publishing Officials of the Federal Government

SUBJECT: Rider Requisitions for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) "*Breaking the Mishap Chain*" book.

The Government Printing Office (GPO) is now accepting rider orders for NASA's publication "*Breaking the Mishap Chain*" book.

This 244 page book is 6 1/4 x 9 1/2" with perfect binding. It contains a collection of case studies of mishaps involving experimental aircraft, aerospace vehicles, and spacecraft in which human factors played a significant role. In all cases the engineers involved, the leaders and managers, and the operators (i.e., pilots and astronauts) were supremely qualified and by all accounts superior performers. Such accidents and incidents rarely resulted from a single cause but were the outcome of a chain of events in which altering at least one element might have prevented disaster. As such, this work is most certainly not an anthology of blame. It is offered as a learning tool so that future organizations, programs, and projects may not be destined to repeat the mistakes of the past. These lessons were learned at high material and personal costs and should not be lost to the pages of history. A printable version of the "*Breaking for Mishap Chain*" is available at

[http://www.nasa.gov/connect/ebooks/break\\_mishap\\_chain\\_detail.html](http://www.nasa.gov/connect/ebooks/break_mishap_chain_detail.html)

The estimated rider rate for this book is \$4.00 each, which applies to single destination, local delivery. Mailing charges, if incurred, will be added to your account. Requisitions should be e-mailed to [requisition@gpo.gov](mailto:requisition@gpo.gov) with the Jacket Number in the Subject line by **January 23, 2013**. Please be sure to indicate Requisition No. 3-00016 and GPO Jacket No. 378-574 on your requisitions.

Alternatively, requisitions can be faxed to 202-512-1260 or mailed to Agency Publishing Services COMSTAT, Stop CSA, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20401. Field or regional activities should coordinate their requirements with their Washington, DC area headquarters' printing officers before submitting any paperwork.

If you have any questions, please contact your GPO Agency Publishing Specialist or call Agency Publishing Services on 202-512-1164.

Sincerely,

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